

Dear friends,

I am excited to announce the appointment of Anthony Cruz Pantojas as Tufts University's new Humanist Chaplain. In this role, Anthony will provide support for student leaders of the Humanist Community at Tufts (HCAT); create and facilitate opportunities for all community members interested in practicing and exploring what Humanism looks like in a diverse community of students, scholars, and staff; offer pastoral care; and work alongside the University Chaplaincy team and campus partners on various interfaith, intercultural, social justice, and anti-racism initiatives. They will begin their role on August 23, 2021.



*Anthony Cruz Pantojas, M.T.S.
Humanist Chaplain*

Anthony earned a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School and is currently pursuing both a Master of Arts in Leadership and Humanist Studies from Meadville Lombard Theological School and a doctoral degree in Cultural Studies at Universidad Ana G. Méndez-Gurabo in Puerto Rico. They serve as Leadership Council Co-Chair of the Latinx Humanist Alliance and as a Board member with the Spiritual Directors of Color Network, LTD. Anthony is a Certified Humanist Celebrant and Associate Chaplain through The Humanist Society. You can [read Anthony's full biography on our website.](#)

Anthony currently works with the Covid-19 Faith in the Vaccine Ambassador Program, an initiative sponsored by the Interfaith Youth Core and Hebrew College's Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership. They also serve as a Dignity Project Mentor with the Miller Center. Anthony was an intern minister at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of New York, where they developed digital ministries and worked with its Young Adult ministry and completed Clinical Pastoral Education training at the University of California, Davis Medical Center.

I am certain that Anthony's visionary approach to Humanism, commitment to community building across disciplines, identities, and worldviews, and expertise in decolonial Humanist thought and Afro-Caribbean spiritualities will deepen, challenge, and expand the University Chaplaincy's mission to serve and support the entire Tufts community. I am thankful to the search committee, including HCAT student leaders, Zoe Bair, A22 and Audrey McGlothlen, A22, for their thoughtfulness and vision throughout the process, as well as the students, University Chaplaincy team members, and campus partners who were vital participants in this competitive search.

Please join me in welcoming Anthony to their new role as Humanist Chaplain at Tufts University!

Pax et lux,

Reverend Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain

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