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# UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

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*Seniors at the rainy Illumination Ceremony on Saturday, May 20. Photo by Alonso Nichols.*

## A Greeting From Your University Chaplain

Dear Tufts Community,

As we continue to savor the energy and joy of Commencement Weekend, we are also relishing the new rhythms of summer. These are days to reflect back on the learning, service, and growth of the academic year and to also dream about what is to come. These are days to dive deep into paused and new projects and time to connect with colleagues and students outside of the more rigorous pace of Fall and Spring semesters.

I hope that you will take your own time, wherever you are with work, life, and school, to re-charge, connect, and serve in ways that are life-giving and meaningful for you. And I hope that you will join us throughout the summer for walks, talks, and conferences as described below and that you will reach out to us to collaborate or just to check in! Our [Contact a Chaplain](#) form is active, and you are also welcome to reach out to any of our chaplains for conversation or spiritual care throughout these summer weeks.

Cordially,

Elyse Nelson Winger  
University Chaplain

# Scenes from Baccalaureate Ceremony for the Class of 2023

*All photos by Alonso Nichols*



*Jane Romp, A23 and Faizah Wulandana, E23 carry the class banner*



*University Chaplain Elyse Nelson Winger opens the Baccalaureate Ceremony*





*Wendell Phillips Award winner Isabelle Charles, A23 thanks Dean Lizarribar on stage*



*Seniors embrace each other after the Baccalaureate Ceremony*



*Senior poses with University President Anthony P. Monaco after the ceremony*

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## **Summer Programming with the University Chaplaincy**



# Chaplaincy

## Summer Programs

### Chill with the Chaplaincy: Ice Cream Social

Monday June 5th from 5-6:30pm, Tisch Roof

Meet some new friends and connect with chaplains while enjoying ice cream and popsicles! All are welcome.

### Summer Book Club

Tuesdays from 6-7pm in Goddard Chapel

First Meeting Tuesday June 6th

Join a fun bookclub to read John Green's *The Anthropocene Reviewed*, with Graduate Chaplaincy Intern Francesca.

### Weekly Decompression Walk

Thursdays at 12pm, meet at Tisch Roof

First Walk Thursday June 8th

If you are remote or local and need a quick break, come enjoy the summer weather. Every Thursday at 12pm in June!

### Salem Series: Women, Power, and Religion in 1692 Massachussetts

First session: Wednesday June 14, 6-7:30pm in Goddard Chapel

Join Chaplaincy Staff for a series of conversations about the Salem Witch Trials, plus an optional upcoming field trip to Salem, MA in July.

### Queerness & Faith Movie Night

During Pride Month! More information coming soon

Reach out to [chaplaincy@tufts.edu](mailto:chaplaincy@tufts.edu) with any questions!

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### Summer Programs with the University Chaplaincy

Are you local to Medford this summer? Want to learn, eat, be outside, and enjoy time together? Check out our summer programs for current graduate and undergraduate students! See descriptions below:

#### Chaplaincy Summer Book Club: The Anthropocene Reviewed

First meeting Tuesday June 6, 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel

Join a laid-back book club to read selections from John Green's book of essays *The Anthropocene Reviewed*, with graduate intern Francesca. The book club will meet on Tuesdays from 6-7pm for five weeks and is open to undergraduate and graduate students. Free books will be provided to those who RSVP for our first meeting and commit to our gatherings.

RSVP for Book Club

Weekly Decompression Walks

First walk Thursday June 8, 12:00 p.m., Tisch Roof

If you are remote or local and need a quick break, come join graduate intern Francesca for a Medford/Somerville campus walk and a chance to enjoy the summer weather. All are welcome - students, staff, and faculty!

#### Salem Series: Women, Power, and Religion in 1692 Massachusetts

First session Wednesday June 14, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Goddard Chapel

Join University Chaplaincy program manager Nora Bond and graduate intern Francesca for a series of conversations about the Salem Witch Trials, a brief but captivating time in local history that still offers lessons about gender, authority, and belief systems for us today. Sessions are scheduled in-person at Goddard Chapel for Wednesday June 14, June 28, and July 19 from 6:00pm-7:30pm; there will be an optional field-trip on Saturday, July 15 to Salem, MA. Brief readings and content will be provided before each session to support our conversations. Refreshments will be provided on Wednesday sessions, some scholarships available for field trip transportation cost (via public transportation). For more information, please contact program manager [Nora Bond](#). Students, staff, and faculty are welcome!

Register for Salem Series

Stay tuned for more details about our Pride Month programming! You can email University Chaplaincy Graduate Intern Francesa Rubin with any questions and accessibility needs, and sign up with links below.

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## Partner Programs



# Frontiers of Democracy 2023

## RELIGIOUS PLURALISM AND ROBUST DEMOCRACY IN MULTIRACIAL SOCIETIES

**July 13, 2023 • 5:00–7:00 p.m. to  
July 15, 2023 • 12:00 p.m.**

**Tufts University's Medford, MA campus near the  
Medford/Tufts Station on the Boston Green Line**



**Register and purchase tickets**

Deadline for ticket sales is July 9

**Propose a session for the  
conference**

Deadline for proposals is May 1

**Frontiers of Democracy** is an annual conference at Tufts University's Tisch College of Civic Life that convenes practitioners and scholars for intensive discussions. In 2023, thanks to generous funding from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, the special theme of the conference is religious pluralism and its relationship to democracy in multiracial societies.

The religious pluralism theme is not exclusive. Most of the conference will be devoted to breakout sessions on a range of topics related to Tisch College's 'North Star': building robust, inclusive democracy for an increasingly multiracial society. While we will consider proposals for presentations or panels of presentations, we actively seek proposals for other formats, such as moderated discussions, meetings devoted to strategy or design, trainings and workshops, case study discussions, debates, and other creative formats.



Jonathan M. Tisch  
College of Civic Life



University  
Chaplaincy

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Register and purchase tickets by Sunday, July 9

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Register for Conference

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## Resources, Scholarships, and Opportunities



# The Rise of Humanist Chaplains:

Exploring the Emergence and Impact of Secular Chaplains

MODERATOR: Vanesa Gomez-Brake

INTRODUCTION: Greg Epstein



**Marie-Claire Khadij**  
MILITARY CHAPLAIN



**Elisa Rosoff**  
PRISON CHAPLAIN



**Srishti Hukku**  
UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN



**Joshua Berg**  
HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN



**Free Tickets!**

## The Rise of Humanist Chaplains: Exploring the Emergence and Impact of Secular Chaplains

Sunday, June 25, 6:00 p.m. Eastern, held virtually

Join the University of Southern California Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and co-hosts for a panel hosting four groundbreaking Humanist chaplains. They will discuss their experiences as the first secular chaplains to work in prisons, hospitals, universities, and the military. The event is in-person and virtual You can [learn more and register for this free event here](#).



### Community Fridge Now Open

Jumbos Community Fridge and pantry is available to students experiencing food insecurity. The fridge and pantry are located on the east side of Dewick-MacPhie Dining Center on Talbot Avenue and are accessible 24/7, year-round. Jumbos Community Fridge serves as a place for excess items to be shared, helping to reduce food waste on campus. You can [find more information about food resources on campus here](#).



## Research on Student Design Thinking

### Earn \$25 by participating in a focus group!

**We invite first- and second-year students to participate in focus groups.**

- Time Commitment: 1 – 2 Hours
- Requirements:
  - First- or Second-Year Arts & Sciences STEM Student
  - Must be 18 or older
  - Currently enrolled at Tufts.
- Sign up with friends, teammates, or alone!



Register for a focus group at the link below, or scan the QR Code:

[bit.ly/STEMDesignStudy](https://bit.ly/STEMDesignStudy)

Have Questions? Contact Dr. Trevion Henderson at [Trevion.Henderson@Tufts.edu](mailto:Trevion.Henderson@Tufts.edu)

#### Research on Student Design Thinking

Study open now

The Henderson Lab We is conducting research on epistemologies in engineering education and are currently seeking to recruit students majoring in STEM fields in the school of Arts & Sciences to be a part of our study. Please contact [Dr. Trevion Henderson](mailto:Dr. Trevion Henderson) with any questions.

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## Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances

These events are drawn from the multifaith calendar maintained by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Harvard Divinity School. To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, please follow the link to the [Harvard Divinity School calendar](#).

#### Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji

Fri., June 16, 2023

Tradition: Sikhism

(1563-1606) The fifth Guru, he built the Golden Temple of Amritsar to emphasize that the Sikh way was open to all, regardless of caste; the temple was constructed with doors facing all four directions. The first Sikh martyr, Arjan is also remembered for his contributions to and compilation of the Sikh Scriptures.

#### Litha

Wed., June 21, 2023

Tradition: Wicca/Paganism

Summer Solstice, celebrating the longest day and the blessings of light as well as the beginning of the sun god's death. Begins at sundown.

#### Eid al-Adha ('Id Al Adha)

Tue., June 27 – Sat., July 1, 2023

Tradition: Islam

(Festival of Sacrifice) One of the two main Islamic festivals (the other is Eid al-Fitr), this festival falls on the 10th day of the lunar month of Zul-Hijja and is the concluding act of pilgrimage to Mecca. In commemoration of Abraham's

faith, sheep, goats and camels are offered to God, and the meat is distributed to the poor and needy. Eid al-Adha is observed whether or not one is on pilgrimage.

### **Martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his Brother Hyrum**

Tue., June 27, 2023

Tradition: Latter Day Saints

The Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were assassinated in 1844 while incarcerated in Carthage, Illinois.

### **Ghambar Maidyoshem**

Thu., June 29 – Mon., July 3, 2023

Tradition: Zoroastrianism

Celebrates the creation of water, the sowing of the summer crop, and the harvesting of grain.

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## **ABOUT US**

The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. We provide pastoral care, support religious and philosophical communities, educate about spiritual and ethical issues in society and the world, and promote multifaith engagement.

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