The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. Our mission is to foster a diverse and inclusive community that values and respects the rich diversity of spiritual and cultural expressions. 

### Upcoming Religious Holidays and Festivals

- **Autumnal Equinox and the Second Harvest Festival (Mabon)**: Celebrating the equivalence of light and dark, the arrival of autumn.
- **Jewish High Holidays**: Rosh Hashanah (September 18-19), Yom Kippur (September 27-28). The theme of the retreat is Learning to Walk with God in the World and it will focus on helping participants reflect on the uses and limits of mysticism in shaping contemporary religious experience. This course is cross-listed between Judaic Studies and Religion.

### Tisch College Programs

- Tisch is expanding and enhancing two existing programs. Geraldine Knauf, Director of Tisch College, said, “I am thrilled to announce these new opportunities to support students and faculty, furthering Tisch’s commitment to innovation and excellence.”
- Students who secure an additional funding for projects that address racial injustice are offered Fall 2020 Campaign Fellowships to support their work.

### University Chaplaincy Team

- **Azmera Hammouri-Davis**, Africana Spirituality Advisor, received her Master’s of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School, is a scholar, teacher, and researcher at the intersection of spirituality, sustainable business, and the future of work. She spent over twenty years in academia, coaching, and consulting as an advocate, advisor at Tufts and look forward to connecting to the Tufts community in spiritual care.
- **Preeta Banerjee**, Ph.D., and **Azmera Hammouri-Davis** have joined the University Chaplaincy Team.

### Chaplaincy Offerings

- **Back by popular demand** - join University Chaplain* Dan Bell* at a retreat honoring “The Peace of Wild Things” on **Monday, September 14, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. ET**. We return to campus likely brings a full range of feelings and responses. If, like me, your anticipation is intermingled with anxiety, hear from all of us (and in some small measure this student) about what the chaplaincy can offer.

- **Islamic at Sea Level: Foundational, Practical Islamic Theology** is offered by **Venerable Priya Sraman**, Buddhist Chaplain. For the Zoom link to the offering listed above, please visit our website.

- **Hindu Advisor** and email.

- **Weekly Gathering - Maha Koshtha**: Created in response to the need for community during the pandemic, this series draws together devotees of the various Hindu paths, facilitated by **Nora Bond**, Hindu Advisor. For Zoom links to any offering listed above, please visit our website.

- **Antiracism Series**: Our first offering of the fall will be Friday, September 11. All are welcome.

- **Ask a Counselor** is back by popular demand. If you’re not sure about counseling and wonder what it’s like to speak with a counselor, or have specific questions about counseling, please contact Humanist Chaplain Lynn Cooper or Protestant chaplain Dan Bell for more information. You can also follow the link to learn more about Ask a Counselor and CMHS.

- **Sangha** will meet on **Mondays** for a discussion and meditation, and **Fridays** for various activities. For the Zoom link to the offering listed above, please visit our website.

- **Launch in October; dates and times to be determined** - **Africana Spirituality Advisor** led by **Azmera Hammouri-Davis** will be Friday, September 11. All are welcome.

- **Operating at the nexus of spirituality, creativity, and transformative justice**, she is a scholar, teacher, and researcher at the intersection of spirituality, sustainable business, and the future of work. She spent over twenty years in academia, coaching, and consulting as an advocate, advisor at Tufts and look forward to connecting to the Tufts community in spiritual care.

We are pleased to share the news that Preeta Banerjee, Ph.D. and Azmera Hammouri-Davis, Africana Spirituality Advisor have joined the University Chaplaincy Team.

Warmly,

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