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Black Muslim Narratives in Boston: Perspectives of Leaders

Saturday, February 22, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Curtis Hall Multipurpose Room

The Tufts Muslim Student Association in conjunction with the University Chaplaincy, Fletcher Islamic Society, and the Africana Center presents “Black Muslim Narratives in Boston: Perspectives of Leaders” on Saturday, February 22. This event focuses on highlighting Black Muslim narratives and intersectionality through featuring perspectives of various community leaders. The event will have a panel featuring Chaplain Imam Abdul-Malik, Nasteho Ali, and Dr. Tahirah Abdullah all of which will discuss their work with the Black Muslim community in the Boston area as well as their experiences as Black Muslims in America. Dinner and refreshments will be served. Facebook event is here.

Holy Doubt: On the Utility of Uncertainty in the Faithful Life with Rabbi Dr. Erin Leib Smokler

Thursday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., Granoff Family Hillel Center

Please join us for the upcoming Susan J. Feignbaum J76 Lecture Series. All are welcome, so invite a friend to join in this amazing discussion. Dr. Erin Leib Smokler is the Director of Spiritual Development at Yeshivat Maharat, where she teaches Hasidism and Pastoral Theology.

Tufts Interfaith Awareness Series

Starting with United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week **from February 1 – 7, Tufts Interfaith Student Council invites all to engage in our fourth-annual Interfaith Awareness Series.**

Join us for a multi-week initiative for learning about and engaging with the diverse religious and philosophical traditions that compose the Tufts community. The Interfaith Student Council, the religious and philosophical student organizations, and University Chaplains will be hosting events, such as field trips to off-campus religious sites,

interfaith dialogue over dinner, visiting local art exhibits, and more. Regardless of your own religious or philosophical identity, please join us at any or all of the following open programs. All are welcome.

Fourth-Annual Interfaith Field Trip to Downtown Boston
Friday, February 21, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., meet outside Upper Campus Center at 11:50 a.m. or at St. Paul's Cathedral at 1:00 p.m.

Come experience interfaith partnership in action. For over 15 years, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral has hosted a Muslim congregation every Friday for Jumu'ah Prayers. Protestant Chaplain Dan Bell and Muslim Chaplain Abdul-Malik Merchant are hosting a field trip to the cathedral (located at 138 Tremont Street, just across from the Park Street T stop). We will join the Muslim congregation for Jumu'ah Prayers, together with students and chaplains from other Boston-area universities. Muslim and Christian faith leaders will then meet with us for lunch and conversation. Students from all religious and philosophical backgrounds are welcome to participate. This event is being sponsored by the Protestant Chaplaincy, Muslim Chaplaincy, and the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by signing up here. Please email Chaplain Dan at Daniel.Bell@tufts.edu or Abdul-malik Merchant at am.merchant@tufts.edu for more information. For updates, check out the Facebook event here.

Religious and Philosophical Life Programs

Zen on Wednesdays
Wednesday, February 19, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Miner Hall Room 221

This event is a dedication to the reading and discussion of Zen or Chan Buddhist texts. There will be interesting Koans to read, which are naturally very enigmatic and confusing, but that is the appeal. We will discuss the history of Zen Buddhism and its impact as well. This event is hosted by The Tufts Buddhist Mindfulness Sangha.

Rescheduled: HCAT Stargazing
The HCAT Stargazing at the BU Observatory will be rescheduled; please no longer plan for Wednesday February 19. Stay tuned for the new date and contact Humanist Chaplain Walker Bristol at Walker.Bristol@tufts.edu with any questions.

Korean Mahāyāna Buddhism – A Discussion with Venerable Hyun Se-Dun Shin
Friday, February 21, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., Goddard Chapel

Join the Tufts Buddhist Chaplaincy and the Tufts Mindfulness Buddhist Sangha for the first talk of our Buddhist Traditions and Practices Series! We will have a discussion on Korean Mahayana Buddhism with Venerable Hyun Se Dun Shin from Mun Su Sa Buddhist Temple in Wakefield. Originally from South Korea, he finished Priesthood Seminary at Tongdosa Monastery, and currently serves as Grade 3 clergy of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism. He has a Master's degree in Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School.

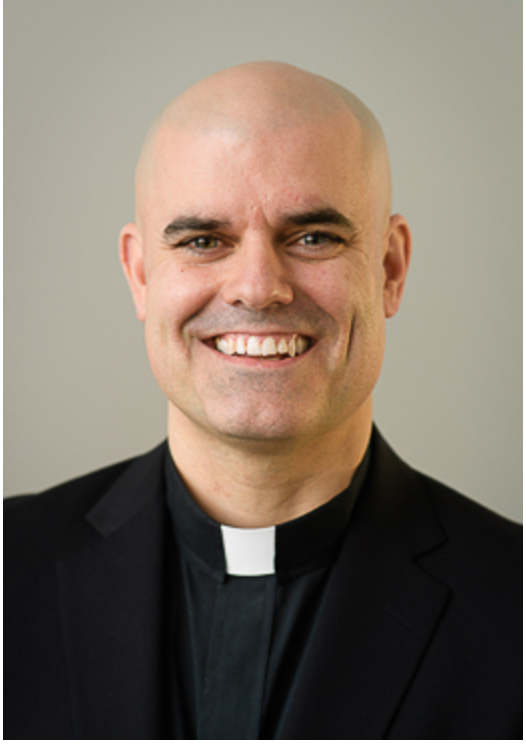
The discussion will take place after the usual Friday meditation at 12pm. Light snacks will be provided! All are welcome. Facebook event can be found here.

Roman Catholic Mass
Sunday, February 23, 5:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel

Each week we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at our 5:00 p.m. liturgy. Join us as we gather to sing, pray and just be together in community. All are welcome and as always, come as you are. For more information, please contact Catholic Chaplain, Lynn Cooper at Lynn.Cooper@tufts.edu.

Leading Mass This Week: Fr. Pat Nolan, S.J.
A Long Island, NY native, Fr. Pat Nolan attended Loyola University Maryland. After several years working in the sports marketing industry, he began searching for greater meaning in

his life and started discerning a vocation to the Jesuits. As a Jesuit he has taught high school in the Pacific islands of Micronesia and studied at Loyola University Chicago and Boston College. Currently, he teaches at Boston College High School and serves as the Jesuit vocation promoter.



Protestant Evening Worship
Sunday, February 23, 7:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel

There is always room for you in the PEW. Please join us at Protestant Evening Worship on Sundays at 7 p.m. in Goddard Chapel. All are welcome, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of life and faith. Following the service, please stay for refreshments and an opportunity to connect with folks from the Protestant Students Association.

This week, Audra Franley will be preaching. She is a native of northeast Ohio, and joined the staff of University Lutheran Church in Cambridge in fall of 2018 as the Harvard Divinity School ministry intern. She continues to serve as the worship leader for the Bread ✠ Belonging service. She is currently a third-year master of divinity student at Harvard Divinity School, focusing academically in early Christian studies and Christian sexual ethics. She is also pursuing ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Audra received her B.A. from Thiel College in 2017, where she majored in religion and parish education, and minored in psychology and pre-ministry. Audra enjoys coffee, memoirs, and learning people's stories.

Learn more about the Protestant community at Tufts by visiting chaplaincy.tufts.edu/protestant. Email Chaplain Dan Bell at daniel.bell@tufts.edu to find out how to get involved. Dan is available to meet on Wednesdays and Fridays and is always happy to get a coffee or tea with you.

Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) Pancake Party
Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Interfaith Center

Come celebrate Mardi Gras, also known as Shrove Tuesday, at a pancake party provided by Protestant Students Association (PSA) and Catholic Community at Tufts (CCT). All are welcome. Feel free to bring your favorite toppings and sides. Join the Facebook event here.

Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Services: Liturgy of the Word with the Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday, February 26, 12:10 p.m. and 5:10 p.m., Goddard Chapel

Join Protestant Chaplain Dan Bell and Catholic Chaplain Lynn Cooper in services for Ash Wednesday, as we gather to remember our finite lives and God's infinite love. This is an opportunity to prepare our hearts for Lent, a

holy season of renewal and repentance. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time when we honor the ancient call to be rooted in our truest selves through prayer, reflection, and acts of self-discipline. It is a call to journey through the wilderness as we move towards the Cross and the Empty Tomb. All are invited to join in this time of prayer, singing, reflection, and the imposition of ashes. You are also welcome to receive ashes between the services at Goddard Chapel. For more information, please contact chaplaincy@tufts.edu. This event is sponsored by the University Chaplaincy.

Spring Retreat for the Catholic Community at Tufts
Friday, February 28 - March 1, Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod

This year, Catholic Comunity at Tufts (CCT) will be having an annual spring retreat from February 28-March 1 (Friday through Sunday) at the Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod. Participants will be staying in fully-equipped, cozy cottages (with access to WiFi!). This is a great opportunity to get to know new people, relax off campus, and grow together spiritually as a community. Please fill out this Google form if you are interested in attending. Feel free to reach out to catholic.tufts@gmail.com with any questions.

Partner Programs

Tufts Women's Center 2020 Symposium
Friday, February 21, 2020

The 9th annual Women's Center Symposium on Gender and Culture will take place on February 21, 2020, and for our theme we will explore how we access sexuality and information about sex. Given the many barriers to access, from geography to ability to class and race, who is allowed to explore or express their sexuality and who is limited? And how do we break down these barriers? For more information on the event and proposal submissions please visit the symposium's website.

Make the Most of Your Mentoring Relationships
Tuesday, February 25, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Cabot Hall Room 702

Join the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences for an interactive workshop to explore the idea of what mentorship is and can be in graduate school. The panel will include Tufts faculty members including Tim Atherton (Physics and Astronomy), Laura Rogers (Education), Kim Ruane (Mathematics), and Ayanna Thomas (Psychology). Participants and panelists will consider how their own identities as mentors and mentees inform and shape these important relationships. Through self-reflection and a panel discussion, participants will:

- learn strategies for finding mentors
- identify what questions to ask to optimize their own learning in mentorship relationships
- how to self-assess their own needs
- learn tools to help strategically and authentically negotiate your constellation of mentors.

A light meal will be served. This is a Notation of Development (NOD) workshop. To RSVP, click here.

Off Campus Programs

Heart-Smile New 8-Week Course
February 25 2020 - April 14 2020

Heart-Smile Training (HST) is an 8-week compassion-based program, focused on kindness and compassion-based practices and skill-building. This unique 8-week course, being offered through the Cambridge Health Alliance Center for Mindfulness & Compassion, includes sound and movement meditations and guided sitting practices. For more information please email cmc@challiance.org or find the website here.

"Visible and Invisible:" Exploring our Identities - 3rd Annual Boston Interfaith Leadership Initiative Student

Retreat
Saturday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, February 23, 5:00 p.m., MIT Endicott House 80 Haven Street, Dedham, MA

Through workshops, speakers, case studies and more, the retreat will give you the opportunity to have real conversations with students from other campuses about the multiple identities we hold - both those that are visible and those that aren't. The retreat runs from Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon (Feb 22-23rd) and it is free. Please register here.

Resources, Scholarships, and Opportunities

Internships with CAIR-Massachusetts

Are you a college or graduate student who wants to make a real impact this summer? Come intern with CAIR-Massachusetts! CAIR-MA is pleased to offer opportunities for two competitive, paid summer internships in our Boston office, in the fields of Government Affairs and Community Advocacy and Education.

We welcome applications from individuals of all backgrounds. Internships require a full-time commitment for a substantial part of the summer. Interns can earn community service hours or academic credit through their university, pending institutional approval. Applications consist of a resume and contact information for two references, and will be accepted on a rolling basis. Please direct applications for the Government Affairs position to Nazia Ashraful at nashraful@cair.com, and applications for the Community Advocacy and Education position to Sumaiya Zama at szama@cair.com. Select applicants will receive a request for an interview. For more information here.

Tufts Civic Impact

Tufts Civic Impact is your gateway to service opportunities in the community. It's easy: log in with your Tufts ID to find opportunities to volunteer in the area and connect with the community. You can also post your own opportunities and track your own service hours, your service-learning courses, and any donations you give.

Tufts Civic Impact is open to the entire Tufts community, including students, faculty members, staff and community partners, to publicize and track civic and community engagement opportunities! You can use Tufts Civic Impact to: create applications, track service hours and reflections, produce reports on your impact, and communicate about events or activities. Tisch College is here to help everyone make the most of this tool. If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Sklarwitz, Associate Director of Programs at Tisch College, at sherri.sklarwitz@tufts.edu.

Middlebury College seeks Interfaith Fellow

Middlebury College seeks a one-year, full-time Interfaith Fellow to work under the supervision of the multi-faith staff of the Scott Center for Spiritual and Religious Life at Middlebury College. The Fellowship is a graduate-level (pre-professional) position whose major responsibilities are to plan and implement interfaith programming and religious literacy projects across campus. The position is grant-funded with full salary and benefits, and the college will help secure housing on or near campus. Review of applications will begin February 21, 2020. To apply, please complete the application for the AVDF Interfaith Fellow position.

The Watershed Project

Looking for a fresh start? Interested in learning about a queer, inclusive take on a Jewish tradition? The Watershed Project is a trans-informed, gender-inclusive ritual for people who are transgender, nonbinary, or gender-questioning and who self-identify as Jewish, to any extent. The project brings together small groups for a one-time visit to the mikveh, a Jewish ritual bath for renewal and transformation. The goal is for participants to experience the grounding, clarifying benefits of immersion in a way that respects the integrity of identities that have been historically excluded from the tradition. Visits are ongoing and will be scheduled around participant availability. For more information, click here.

BlacQrunch

Friday, February 21, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., LGBT Center

Join the LGBT Center for a discussion over lunch on building community, utilizing resources, responding to microaggressions, and thriving as trans or queer Black students, staff, and faculty at Tufts. Food will be provided.

CAFE 2020 Peer Leader Applications
Apply by Friday, February 21, 12:00 p.m.

Apply this week to be a peer leader for the Conversation, Action, Faith, and Engagement (CAFE) Pre-Orientation Program. The mission of CAFE is to welcome, gather, equip, and network the religious, spiritual, ethical, and interfaith leaders of the incoming class–leaders who are committed both to mutual inspiration and to making positive change in the world. The program involves:

- exploration of self and others;
- identifying strengths in religious and philosophical literacy and room to grow;
- consciousness-raising about issues of social justice on campus and in the wider community;
- and training on how to make a positive change through community organizing and activism.

The CAFE Peer Leaders will serve as the primary student leaders for incoming students during the CAFE Pre-Orientation program and will participate in 2-3 days of training prior to the program. Peer Leaders can move back into their residence halls early and have their meals covered during the pre-orientation dates. See the full position description here.

To apply, please complete this application form by noon on Friday, February 21: Application Form.

Spiritual Activism: Changing the World from the Inside Out
Friday, February 21, 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m., LGBT Center

Come learn about the intersection of Jewish spiritual practice and social justice work at this 6 series class with Rabbinic Fellow Mimi Micner. Please be in touch with Mimi at mimi.micner@tufts.edu if you would like to attend any of these sessions!

LGBT Center intern Hiring

Apply by March 2, 2020

Looking for work for Fall 2020? Interested in becoming more involved with the Tufts LGBT Center? Consider applying to be an intern and peer leader. Priority applications are due March 2 and decisions will come out in early April.

My Tufts Story Video Contest
Applications due March 8, 2020

Tell us your story! What passions and interests and what personalized path have you taken to fulfill them since coming to Tufts? The My Tufts Story video contest aims to showcase your unique interests and personalized paths through student-created videos. Entries will be reviewed by a panel of Tufts faculty, staff, and students. One grand prize winner will receive $1,000. More details including contest guidelines, how to enter, and example videos can be found on our website.

Summer Job New Scholarship from Hillel International
Apply before March 15, 2020

Check out this new scholarship for current Jewish-identifying college students who are exemplary leaders. Please note that the deadline to apply is March 15, 2020. Find more information here.

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Islamic Scholarship Fund Scholarship

Applications are accepted until March 21

With the scholarship award (ranging from $3,000 - $10,000), you would also be joining a network if highly accomplished alumni from lawyers to journalists to activists. If you have any questions or concerns, you can send an e-mail to salma@islamicscholarshipfund.org.

Catholic Student Fellowship Opportunity
Applications due May 15, 2020

The Röpke-Wojtyła Fellowship is a program hosted by The Catholic University of America for Catholic undergraduate seniors from any institution across the United States. The Fellowship's purpose is also to encourage the next generation to critically engage intellectual traditions and authors they might not otherwise encounter during their studies. Röpke-Wojtyła Fellowships are awarded to outstanding senior-level undergraduate students majoring in a variety of disciplines. Fellows participate in three one-day colloquia in Washington, DC, with the fourth gathering in Rome. At all these events, students interact with exceptional and inspiring scholars.

Röpke-Wojtyła Fellows receive a stipend of $3,500 in two installments. Additionally, travel, lodging, and most meals for the colloquia are covered. Applications for the 2020-2021 cohort are open. Interested and qualified candidates should send an email to rw-fellowship@cua.edu that includes a resume, a current transcript, and a 500 word (max) personal statement explaining your academic career to date, your intellectual interests and career goals, your expectations for the fellowship, as well as how you see the relationship between religion, society, and the market.

Upcoming Religious Holidays and Festivals

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 click here.

Maha Shivaratri
Friday, February 21, 2020

A feast dedicated to the Hindu deity Shiva. The night before the feast fasting is observed, texts are recited, songs are sung, and stories told in honor of this God whose cosmic dance creates, preserves, destroys, and recreates the world.

Weekly Gatherings

For more information about Tufts religious and philosophical community weekly gathering times, please go to our website.

Mondays

- Guided Meditation and Tea led by Buddhist Chaplain Priya Sraman, Noon, Goddard Chapel
- COFFEE Interfaith Discussion Group, alternating Mondays 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel

Tuesdays

- No gatherings scheduled.

Wednesdays

- Faculty/Staff Spirituality Group: 8:00 a.m - 9:00 a.m., Goddard Chapel
- Protestant: Labyrinth and Bible Study: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Eaton 204
- Catholic Hour Spiritual Practice: 7:00p.m - 8:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel
- Tufts University Unitarian Universalists: Weekly Meeting, 8:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel

- Tufts Hindu Students Council: Puja, 9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., Goddard Chapel
- C. Stacey Woods: Bible Study, 9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., Campus Center 203

Thursdays

- C. Stacey Woods: Large Group Gathering, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Sophia Gordon

Fridays

- Guided Meditation and Tea led by Buddhist Chaplain Priya Sraman, Noon, Goddard Chapel
- Muslim Students Association: Jummah Prayer, 1:15 p.m., Interfaith Center
- Humanist Community at Tufts: Weekly Reflection Meetings, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Interfaith Center
- Tufts Hillel: Conservative and Reform Shabbat Services, 6:00 p.m., Granoff Family Hillel Center
- Tufts Hillel: Shabbat Dinner, 7:15 p.m., Granoff Family Hillel Center
- Chabad at Tufts University: Shabbat Dinner, 6:45 p.m., Rohr Chabad House
- Chabad at Tufts University: Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m., Rohr Chabad House

Saturdays

- Tufts Hillel: Shabbat Lunch and Discussions, Saturdays, Noon, Granoff Family Hillel Center

Sundays

- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before or After Sunday Liturgy
- Catholic Community at Tufts: Mass, 5:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel
- Humanist Community at Tufts: Open Creative Group Space: Sundays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Interfaith Center
- Protestant Students Association: Protestant Evening Worship Service, 7:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel

To learn meeting times for the following groups, please see our website for student leader contact information:

- Tufts Baha'i Students Association
- Tufts Black Christian Students Association
- Tufts Christian Scientists Student Association
- Tufts Latter-day Saints Students Association
- Tufts Non-Denominational Protestant Students Association
- Tufts Orthodox Christian Students Association
- Tufts Seventh Day Adventist Students Association
- Tufts Sikh Students Association

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