

**Pastoral & Prophetic:
Care Across Differences, Care within Systems of Power**

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 | 8AM-3PM
California Endowment Center, Los Angeles, CA 90012

What do caregivers need to stay in relationship across difference?

Cultural competency requires context-responsive chaplains—people with the capacity to connect to those who are different than themselves and who recognize the role of identity, contexts, and systems of power impacting the lives of care-seekers and care-giving environments. Our day will focus on the skills we need to meet people where they are— beginning with ourselves.

What to expect from our day together...

Opening Panel (Morning):

**“Pastor and Prophet: Caring for Each Other and Resourcing Ourselves in the
Midst of Challenge”**

Our morning storytelling panel will include five leading interfaith clergy-organizers who work together on social advocacy efforts in Los Angeles. The panel will feature their stories of utilizing spiritual care practice in their collaborative efforts to address systemic inequalities and the ways they negotiate differences between them to address the issues that impact their communities. The panelists will remain during our morning break for informal dialogue and resource sharing about the possible role of chaplains in local organizing efforts. (*See additional pages for panelist biographies.*)

Experiential Learning Process (Mid-Morning and Afternoon):

“Identities and Systems of Power” and “Identities in the Clinical Encounter”

Our morning and afternoon experiential learning process will feature both personal and small group reflection on our multiple social identities. We will reflect on our experience of the multiple and intersecting social identities we each carry, and the impacts these identities may have in our pastoral care within institutions. We will explore the ways these identities relate to power and access in our interpersonal and institutional settings. In the afternoon, we will build on our morning reflection to understand the ways intersecting identities inform our clinical care encounters. Through vignettes of care encounters and small group reflection, we will identify ways we embody the role of caregiver in moments of social difference and power within institutions. We will reflect on the strengths we already have and the skills we need to cultivate to be more *affective* and *effective* in our care practice—as pastors *and* prophets. Samantha Gupta, a former CPE student, candidate for Unitarian Universalist ministry, and current doctoral candidate in Community, Liberation, and Ecological Psychologies, will facilitate us. (*See additional pages for facilitator biography.*)

ACPE Objectives Addressed in this Workshop:

Pastoral formation (309.1, 309.2, 311.2), Pastoral Competence (309.4, 309.5, 309.6, 309.8, 311.5, 311.6, 311.7), Pastoral Reflection (309.9, 309.10), Pastoral Care Specialties (310.1, 310.2)

Meet some of our presenters...

Panelists:



Rev. Francisco Garcia, Rector of Holy Faith Episcopal Church, Inglewood

Francisco was born and raised in the San Gabriel Valley in a working-class, Roman Catholic, Mexican immigrant household. Francisco completed his M.Div. from the joint program at the Claremont School of Theology and the Episcopal Theological School at Claremont (Bloy House) and attended UCLA where he received a BA in Latin American Studies and Public Policy (2001), and concurrent Masters degrees in Urban Planning and Latin American Studies (2004). Prior to ordination, Francisco worked in the labor movement for a decade in various organizing, negotiating, and leadership

capacities with workers in both the public and private sectors. He has over fifteen years of experience in faith and community organizing, advocacy, and leadership development, particularly in the labor/economic justice and immigrant rights movements. Learn more at

<http://www.holyfaithla.org/clergy>.



Dr. Najeeba Syeed, Associate Professor of Interreligious Studies, Claremont School of Theology

Professor Syeed is recognized as a leader in peacebuilding, healing, and scholarship. She has twice received the Jon Anson Ford Award for reducing violence in schools and in the area of interracial gang conflicts and was named Southern California Mediation Association's "Peacemaker of the Year" in 2007. She has chaired national conferences on Muslim and Interfaith Peacebuilding, served as a mediator in many cases, started mediation programs in many institutions including University of Southern California and several middle and high schools. Her research articles have focused on: (1) mediation between law enforcement and communities, (2) intersections of law with religious minority communities, (3) Interfaith just

peacemaking. Learn more at <http://najeeba.com/>.



Rabbi Jonathan Klein, Executive Director of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE-LA)

Rabbi Jonathan Klein serves as the Executive Director at CLUE-LA. Prior to his ordination in 1997 from Hebrew Union College, Jonathan served congregations in Flagstaff, Arizona and Rye, New York. Upon receiving his rabbinical degree, he served three years as Director of KESHER, the Reform Movement's College Department and then eight years as the Allen and Ruth Ziegler Rabbinic Director of USC Hillel, in Los Angeles. He is a songleader, music enthusiast, and lover of Jewish mysticism. An ardent environmentalist, he promotes sustainability with his communal involvements as a member of the board of the Coalition on the

Environment in Jewish Life (COEJL-SC), as a member of the Environmental Commission of Speaker of the Assembly Karen Bass' district, and by serving on the Environmental Initiatives Committee of the Tel Aviv/Los Angeles Partnership. Learn more at www.cluejustice.org.



Rev. Allison Mark, Holman United Methodist, Los Angeles

Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, Rev. Allison is 3.5 generation Chinese American and 5th generation Japanese American Pastor's Kid. Graduating from University of Washington in Seattle in 2000, with degrees in Sociology, American Ethnic Studies, and Communications, she answered a call to ministry and entered seminary at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley in 2004. She has a longtime passion for peace, justice, and mission ministries, having served on the East Bay's Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (ICWJ) in Oakland and worked on socio-economic issues with Rev. James Lawson's brother, Rev. Phil Lawson, and the Cal-Nevada Philippine Human Rights Work, and the Kairos Response in the Holy Land. She is heavily influenced by Rev. James, and his brother Phil Lawsons' non-violent justice

work during the Civil Rights Movement, and has committed acts of Civil Disobedience in the name of worker justice and immigration reform. Learn more at <http://www.holmanumc.com/about-us/rev-allison-mark/>.

...and more to be announced!

Facilitator:



Samantha Gupta (M.Div, MA) is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist living in Los Angeles as an interfaith spiritual care provider and faith-rooted organizer dedicated to dismantling systems of racial hierarchy alongside the Movement for Black Lives. She works as a restorative justice facilitator in California prisons as well as a co-facilitator of Rural Race Dialogues: a faith-based experiential learning program that instigates and facilitates white/white-majority Christian congregations in rural Wyoming on dialogues and strategic action for racial justice. Her previous projects include international youth-led community organizing in the United States

and India, community-based research design for the University of California, and curriculum development for UU young adult spiritual activist leadership trainings. She is a candidate for Unitarian Universalist ministry and a doctoral candidate of Community, Liberation, and Ecological Depth Psychology at Pacifica Graduate Institute. Samantha has completed three units of CPE at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care. Learn more at www.decentered.org.

Our hosts...

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