

# SOURCE

OF LIGHT CENTER

## Fall 2019 Course Catalog



*The SoL (Source of Light) Center at University Presbyterian Church is an interfaith education center for those who seek to encounter the full dimensions of life and faith in the spirit of respectful curiosity.*

COMPASSION

IN ACTION

A BREAKFAST  
TO CELEBRATE

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INTERFAITH WELCOME COALITION (IWC)  
AND  
SISTER MARTHA ANN KIRK, CCVI, Th.D.

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It's that time of year again—SoL Center fundraiser time. This year we are changing things up a bit with **a breakfast** to celebrate our past, present, and future work together. Join us at the Student Engagement Center Ballroom of The University of the Incarnate Word on Friday, September 20, 2019, from **7:30-9:30 in the morning**.

This year we will reflect on *SoL at 18: Compassion in Action*. Bishop Trevor Alexander, Protestant Chaplain at the UIW and Senior Pastor of True Vine Church, will offer a reflection.

We will honor the Interfaith Welcome Coalition (IWC), for their work with asylum seekers, refugees, and at-risk immigrants; and honor Sister Martha Ann Kirk, CCVI, Th.D., tireless advocate for interfaith and intercultural understanding. Lively musical selections from Emmanuel AME Men's Chorus and meaningful conversation will also mark our time together.

Our fundraising target of \$20,000 enables the SoL Center to continue its tradition of providing insightful learning experiences that deepen interfaith awareness and strengthen relationships within our diverse San Antonio community.

We earnestly hope that each of you will support this event.

Please plan to attend the breakfast and enjoy the wonderful music and delicious meal. Individual tickets will be sold this year at \$36 each.

There are also several levels of giving in support of the SoL Center as you register for the event.

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| Friend     | \$125   | includes 2 tickets and 3 SoL courses*   |
| Patron     | \$350   | includes 4 tickets and 4 SoL courses*   |
| Table      | \$500   | includes 10 tickets and listing in program  |
| Sponsor    | \$1,000 | includes 4 tickets, one full semester of SoL courses*, and recognition in the program and SoL webpage |
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Electronic donations and reservations can be made at <https://sourceoflightsa.org/classes-and-events> or checks made payable to The SoL Center. (Please include the registration form on the back page.)

\*Fundraiser levels may not apply to all collaborative courses or special events.

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## Note from the Director

It's almost Fall! Before long cooler temperatures, color-turned leaves, and pumpkin-flavored everything will spill across our daily routines. These markers of Fall are welcome reminders that while seasons come and go there are familiar patterns that drape new beginnings in warm consistency.

And, of course, with Fall comes the SoL Center Fundraiser! This year we are trying something a little different—a breakfast celebration. We will honor the work of Interfaith Welcome Coalition (IWC) and Sister Martha Ann Kirk, CCVI, Th.D., a tireless advocate for social justice, and hear a reflection from Bishop Trevor Alexander, Protestant Chaplain at University of the Incarnate Word and Senior Pastor of True Vine Church. We invite you to join us.

Another difference you will notice is in our catalog layout! For the Fall, we are highlighting pictures of the prayer flags (see page 6) hand-crafted to support the work of IWC—one of our honorees committed to *Compassion in Action*. In the Spring, we'll surprise you with other snaps. Changing things up, we want to zoom in on the themes, events, and programs offered by SoL, rather than the standard instructor headshot. We hope through these “live-action” shots to highlight the vitality of our community connections and events. Such events contribute to our long tradition of providing insightful (and fun!) learning experiences that deepen interfaith awareness and build meaningful, lasting relationships.

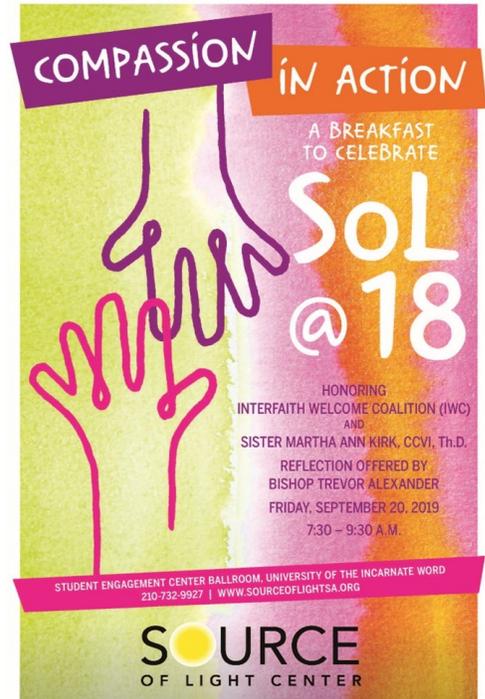
Some highlights of our Fall calendar include:

- 1) a series—that will continue into the Spring—“LGBTQ+ and the Spiritual Journey.” The series will include panel discussions with members and allies of LGBTQ+ communities, along with informational and advocacy sessions.
- 2) GREEN '19—our yearlong collaboration with Sinkin Eco Centro—continues with a September potluck, a sustainability tour in October, and in November, a Fall festival, where we will celebrate what it means to live in vibrant relationship with the earth and the diversity of communities that call the San Antonio area home.



We look forward to seeing you at one or more of our events!

*Dawn Martin*



**SoL Green '19 Pollinator Garden  
with University Presbyterian Children's Center  
(Summer 2019)**

## Fall 2019 Course Offerings

### **LGBTQ+ and the Spiritual Journey Series (Sept. 16 and Nov. 4, 2019, Feb. 10 and Mar. 20, 2020)**

*The topic, or more often than not, the “problem,” of sexuality continues to challenge religious communities across traditions and generations. If not discussed in open and affirming ways the “problem” of sexuality can become even more problematic, with silence, evolving into fear and prejudice. Through the four events of this series, we will explore the spiritual journeys of LGBTQ+ people of faith learning more about the lived experiences, what sustains and nurtures their faith journey, and explore what it means to be an ally.*

#### **From Problem to Gift to Transformation:**

#### **Exploring the LGBTQ+ Spiritual Journey with Brian Halderman**

**Schedule:** Monday, Sept. 16; 7-9 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$10 before Sept. 9, \$15 after

**Enrollment:** 10 min./35 max.

See page 13  
for info on the  
Nov. 4 discussion.

**LGBTQ+ people of faith struggle to integrate a faith tradition or spirituality that labels them as a problem with their experience of the Divine.** Journey with LGBTQ+ individuals as they learn to embrace the problem and transform it into a gift. There will be a powerpoint/multimedia style presentation, interspersed with question and answer periods. We will also have individual and group reflection and conversation.

**Brian Halderman** serves as the Director of Community Engagement and Success with GivePulse, a civic tech firm that supports volunteer and event management software for nonprofits, higher education, municipalities and corporate partners. He has served as Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at The University of Texas at San Antonio and as the University Minister for Social Justice at St. Mary’s University. Brian is an adjunct faculty member in the department of Sociology at St. Mary’s. He is active with the peaceCENTER San Antonio, Compassionate San Antonio, the San Antonio LGBT Chamber of Commerce, and the City of San Antonio’s Faith Based Initiative. He earned a BA in Religious Studies from the University of Dayton and a Master’s in Social Work from Washington University in Saint Louis.

### **GREEN ’19—Eco Potluck**

**Schedule:** Tuesday, Sept. 17; 5:45-8 p.m.

**Tuition:** Free, register by Sept. 10. Bring a plant-based dish to share.

**Enrolment:** Open

**Location:** The SoL Center at University Presbyterian Church

**Join Eco Centro and the SoL Center in this time of community, food, fun, and reflection.** Green ’19 is hosting a casual potluck and gathering to share individual actions and ideas in support of the City of San Antonio’s Climate Action and

Adaptation Plan. Join us for an evening of food and conversation. Learn practical, easy steps you can take to become more “climate resilient” and simple ways to support the City’s efforts to plan for climate change. Bring your favorite plant-based dish to share!



**Prayer flags are based on the ancient Tibetan tradition in which prayers are printed on rectangular pieces of paper then strung across the mountains of Tibet.**

**The belief is that the printed prayers for *peace, compassion and wisdom* would be released into the universe.**

**In that Tibetan tradition, the makers of these flags offer prayers for the hundreds of refugee women and children served by IWC (Interfaith Welcome Coalition.)**

## Navigating Life with the Prayer Wheel with Patton Dodd, Ph.D.

**Schedule:** Monday, Sept. 23; 7-9 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$15 before Sept. 16, \$20 after

**Enrollment:** 10 min./30 max.

**The Prayer Wheel is the name of a recently rediscovered medieval diagram that served as the frontispiece for a gospels manuscript in a monastery in Liesborn, Germany.** In a series of concentric circles and criss-crossing spokes within the wheel, are presented all the big ideas of the Christian faith: the Lord's Prayer, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Beatitudes, and scenes from the story of Christ. On the outside of the wheel is an inscription: "The Order of the Diagram Written Here Teaches the Return Home." What is this mysterious diagram? How was it used? And what does it have to teach modern seekers about exploring faith? Three religion journalists—Patton Dodd, Jana Riess, and David van Biema—spent a year researching the Prayer Wheel. Then they wrote a book that tells the story of the Wheel and suggests a way to use it in daily life. Patton Dodd will walk us through the Wheel, showing us how it has altered his own approach to prayer and how it might inform and inspire each of us in a rich exploration of an old-new path on the journey toward home.

**Dr. Patton Dodd** is the executive director of media and communications for the H. E. Butt Foundation. He oversees messaging strategy for programs and building storytelling platforms that drive awareness and action on behalf of vulnerable families and children. In 2017, he ran Folo Media, the Foundation's yearlong reporting project that focused on the gaps in opportunity across neighborhoods in San Antonio. Dodd has served as editor of multiple national publications, including *On Faith*, a religion news and commentary publication spun off from the *Washington Post*. Dodd's writing on religion and American culture has been widely published including in the *Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *TheAtlantic.com*, *CNN.com*, and *Christianity Today*. He holds a doctorate in religion and literature from Boston University. Dodd is the author of *The Prayer Wheel: A Daily Guide to Renewing Your Faith with a Rediscovered Spiritual Practice* (Convergent), *The Tebow Mystique: The Faith and Fans of Football's Most Polarizing Player* (Patheos Press), and *My Faith So Far: A Story of Conversion and Confusion* (Jossey-Bass).

## Mormonism 101: Demystifying the Tradition with Leisa Parsons

**Schedule:** Tuesday, Sept. 24; 7-9 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$10 before Sept. 17, \$15 after

**Enrollment:** 10 min./30 max.

**Few religions have been more misunderstood than The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, since its founding in 1830 in upstate New York.** From its origins, with the gold plates revealed to and translated by Joseph Smith for what became the *Book of Mormon*, angels, visions, and a unique doctrine on the Godhead, the early Church was persecuted, ultimately resulting in its expulsion from four states and from a country founded upon religious liberty. Today, while persecution no longer persists, there is still a curiosity about the Church as evidenced by the Broadway musical "The Book of Mormon" and Mitt Romney's candidacy for president.

**Leisa Parsons** has taught seminary and in the Institute of Religion classes for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on both the high school and college levels for 18 years. She is a former TV newscaster. She is a seventh generation Latter-day Saint on both sides of her family. She and her husband have three children and seven grandchildren.



## Voice & Power: How Your Voice Can Shape Community Dialogue and Public Policy with Maria Luisa Cesar

**Schedule:** Thursday, Sept. 26; 7-9 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$15 before Sept. 19, \$20 after

**Enrollment:** 10 min./30 max.

**More people are more afraid to speak in public than they are of dying.** And yet, community dialogue and public policy are shaped by those who have the courage to speak. Understand how your voice can shape these conversations and why it's important to our community discourse and governance. Learn how local media operates and why your opinion is important in upholding or deconstructing popular beliefs, public narratives, and deeply-held assumptions. Government, too, needs your input in order to function the way it should. **But what keeps people from participating in the conversation?** The belief that we don't have much to contribute? The perception that someone else will step up to the plate? The reality is that each of us has a lived experience that is unique and powerful. We will examine how to override the internal systems that hold us back and understand the platforms we have for engagement so our voices can have the maximum impact and power.

**Maria Luisa Cesar** is the founder of Greater Good, a communications consulting firm rooted in storytelling. She has worked in the office of Mayor Ron Nirenberg as a senior policy advisor and deputy communications director. Cesar began her professional career as a journalist for the San Antonio Express-News. She's an alumna of the New Leaders Council, a nonprofit organization that works to recruit, train and promote young progressive leaders, and is a volunteer at OWL Radio, where she reads newspapers to the visually impaired. Maria Luisa was born in Caracas, Venezuela, and received a B.A. in print journalism from the University of Texas at Austin.

## Enneagram Workshop I & II with Beth Mueller and Rob Mueller

**Workshop I Schedule:** Saturday, Sept. 28; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$45; Enroll by Sept. 19;

(If enroll and pay for both workshops at the same time, the fee is \$80 for both dates.)

**Enrollment:** 12 min./25 max.

**The Enneagram is a dynamic system for understanding ourselves (and others).** Unlike many personality models, the Enneagram leads us to deep self-awareness and personal transformation. The Enneagram doesn't put us in a box, but helps us see the box we already inhabit (and offers ways to get out)! The nine ways of experiencing the world, as articulated by the Enneagram, help us live beyond our default reactions and behaviors, in order to engage the world (and ourselves!) with more compassion.

### Enneagram Workshop I: What's Your Number?

In Enneagram I, participants will gain an understanding of the entire Enneagram system, and find their primary type. Lunch included.

**See page 14  
for info on  
Workshop II.**



**Beth Mueller** currently serves Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church as the Senior Director of Worship Arts. She has been a student of the Enneagram for 20 years, and has studied in a variety of contexts with a number of teachers. She has been teaching Enneagram wisdom for several years, with an in-depth, conversational approach. She is funny, approachable and knowledgeable. Join her and husband Pastor **Rob Mueller** for these days of discovery!

## Awaken to Your Life as a Spiritual Journey—Inspired by Mystical Baha’i Teachings with Jacqueline Claire

**Schedule:** Monday, Sept. 30; 7-9 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$20 before Sept. 23, \$25 after

**Enrollment:** 10 min./30 max.

Explore the *The Seven Valleys* - or seven stages of spiritual growth - described in the mystical Baha’i writings. Using a series of artworks Jacqueline Claire introduces the profound concepts of *The Seven Valleys* in a lively, interactive and down to earth approach. Participants are encouraged to correlate text with artwork, creating an opportunity for imaginative thought, conversation and new insights. See your life path in a new way. Individual and group learning is facilitated through sharing, imaginative analysis of the artwork and discussion of practical applications of the mystical to everyday life.

**Jacqueline Claire** is a storyteller, fine artist and illustrator with a background in film and television. She grew up in San Antonio and is a member of the Baha'i Faith, a religion founded on the principles of love, unity and the oneness of humankind. She is third generation American Baha'i - her grandmother discovered the Faith in San Antonio in 1964. As a teenager she completed a formative Baha'i-inspired academic curriculum The World Peace Programme, at an international school in the Czech Republic. The Programme gave her a foundation in the *Spiritual Heritage of the Human Race*, grounded in the current state of the world and with training in tools for compassionate consultation. Her passion is blending spirituality and art into uplifting opportunities for community engagement and meaningful conversation. She recently returned from a multi-state tour of her show, *Awaken to Your Life as a Spiritual Journey* and lives and creates in New Braunfels, Texas.

## Islam in New York: Oral Histories of Muslims in Brooklyn with Habiba Noor

**Schedule:** Tuesday, Oct. 1; 7-9 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$10 before Sept. 24; \$15 after

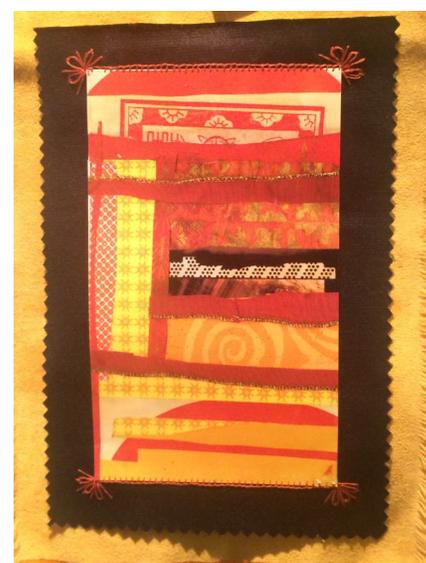
**Enrollment:** 10 min./30 max.

For well over a century, Muslims have lived, worked, and prayed in Brooklyn, making it a major center of Muslim life for New York City and the nation. As such, the histories and experiences of Brooklyn’s Muslim communities hold great resonance for national conversations on religious diversity and pluralism. In 2017, the Brooklyn Historical Society launched *Muslims in Brooklyn*, a multi-year, public arts and history project to amplify stories of Brooklyn’s diverse Muslim communities. *Muslims in Brooklyn* centers on the following three premises:

1. Muslim communities have been a part of American life since before the nation’s founding; and established Muslim communities have been in Brooklyn for over a century.
1. Muslims in Brooklyn are a diverse people. The lives and work of Muslims in Brooklyn span many ethnicities, cultures, and nationalities.
1. Muslims in Brooklyn are Brooklynites. Muslims have both shaped and been shaped by life in Brooklyn.

Participants will be introduced to an oral history collection that draws on interviews between 2017-2018, and engage with curated clips from the oral history archive to appreciate the cultural diversity of Muslim life.

**Habiba Noor** is an independent scholar based in San Antonio, Texas. She is the co-author of the play *To Be Honest: Voices on Islam in an American City*. She has been working with the Brooklyn Historical Society to develop a curriculum from their Muslims in Brooklyn Oral History project. She teaches a course called Social Justice to first-year students at Trinity University.



## Introduction to Digital Culture with OATS—Older Adults Technology Services

**Schedule:** Five Wednesdays and Fridays, Oct. 2 - Nov. 1; 10-11:30 a.m.

**Tuition:** Free; register by Sept. 23

**Enrollment:** 9 min./11 max.

Designed for folks aged 60+, this course meets two times a week for five weeks. You will explore the growing role of the internet in everyday life. You'll learn about social media, how to avoid scams and fraud, identify reliable health resources, find events in your community, save money by searching for benefits programs, learn about online banking, see how you can interact with your government representatives online, and so much more. **Prerequisites:** You must already have an email address, be somewhat comfortable using a computer, and know how to navigate the internet.

## Stewardship of Planet Earth with David Young, Ph.D.

**Schedule:** Four Mondays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28; 7-9 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$40 before Sept. 30, \$45 after

**Enrollment:** 10 min./30 max.

Science has shown that Earth is unique among the 4000-plus extra-solar planets discovered so far. Our planet's biosphere evolved over billions of years, creating the vast web of life we know today. Although humans arrived late on the scene, in the past few hundred years we and our technologies have endangered much of that web, putting future generations and the planet at risk, primarily through climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss, all driven by growing economies and population. In religious and cultural traditions we have long celebrated ourselves as stewards of the Earth. Sustainable solutions to our environmental crises are possible, but only by understanding and applying science to planetary stewardship.

This course explores these issues in four classes:

- **Earth as Eden** examines the origin and evolution of the biosphere.
- **Earth Today** summarizes the current issues of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.
- **Earth Tomorrow** employs studies of the current environment to project future consequences and solutions.
- **Restoring Earth** will address mitigation and remediation of the global environment. Back by popular demand, David Young shares his brilliant—and urgent—insights into this topic.



Early in his career **David Young** fought forest fires in Oregon to pay for college. This led him to take up mountaineering and marathons and contributed to his abiding interest in nature. A Woodrow Wilson Fellowship gained him entry to Rice University and a Ph.D. in Space Science. His passion for teaching led to tenured professorships at the University of Bern, Switzerland and the University of Michigan. At Los Alamos National Laboratory and Southwest Research Institute he led international teams developing instruments for NASA missions to investigate the space environments of Saturn, comets, and the Earth. Dr. Young is the author or co-author of over 200 scientific publications and holds patents for Earth-based applications of his instruments. He retired as Director of Research and Development in Space Science at Southwest Research Institute. He is a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union and recipient of the \$25,000 Greinacher Foundation Prize awarded by the International Space Science Institute.

## Zen Buddhist Meditation with Thomas Bruner

**Schedule:** Tuesday, Oct. 8; 7-9 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$15 before Oct. 1, \$20 after

**Enrollment:** 10 min./30 max.

While there are many ways to meditate, Zen Buddhists follow instruction written in 1227 C.E. by Eihei Dogen, a renowned Japanese Buddhist priest, poet, and philosopher. **Come learn the fundamental principles of Zen meditation, and the 800-year old techniques still practiced today.** We will review Dogen's famous writing, discuss Zen's unique approach to meditation, and practice Zen meditation.

This workshop will be divided into 4 parts:

- A review of Fukanzazengi, Eihei Dogen's writing that explains how to do sitting meditation. (Fukanzazengi translates as "Universally Recommended Instructions for Zazen.")
- A 20-minute seated meditation
- A debrief of the meditation experience
- Any meditation-related comments or Q&A

A San Antonio native, **Thomas Bruner** has traveled from CEO of a start-up in Texas, to Vice President with the nation's largest humanitarian organization in Washington, D.C., to consultant helping businesses and organizations do great work in leadership and governance, diversity, equity and inclusion, and financial development through Bruner Strategies. He is a senior lay disciple at Dharma Rain Zen Center in Portland, Oregon – one of the country's leading Soto Zen Buddhist temples. He became a Buddhist in 2003 and took the late Kyogen Carlson, Sensei, as his teacher in 2006. Bruner spent 2014 living and working at Dharma Rain as a postulant while discerning the possibility of ordaining as a monk.

## GREEN '19—Sustainability Tour

**Schedule:** Saturday, Oct. 12; 9 a.m. - 12 Noon

**Tuition:** TBD, Register by Sept. 27

**Enrollment:** Open

**Location:** TBD

**Explore sustainable sites and features throughout the city using public transportation.** Learn about green building, low impact design, native plants and other sustainability initiatives in San Antonio. Bring your refillable water bottle. Healthy snacks made from local produce will be served. Tour stops will be announced soon at <https://green19.ecocentrosatx.org>.



## Lifestyles for Longevity: Tips from the “Blue Zones” of the World with Julie Little

**Schedule:** Two Wednesdays, Oct. 23 and 30; 7-9 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$30 before Oct. 16, \$35 after

**Enrollment:** 10 min./30 max.

**This class is for anyone who would like to dive into the secrets of “Blue Zones,” places across the globe where folks live long and healthy lives.** These Blue Zones teach us how lifestyle habits, our connections, and consumption choices hold the keys to living well. This class will give us a chance to discuss what we can do right here in San Antonio to bring these tips to life.

As a retired public school teacher, a Wellness Coach, and a follower of spiritual leader Thich Nhat Hanh, **Julie Little** will share her perspective on how to bring more well-being and peace to our lives. She is a native Texan and has lived in many other parts of the country and the world. She offers classes in San Antonio on wellness, Tai Chi, mindfulness and now the Blue Zones: Lifestyles for Longevity.

## Intercultural Book Study with Sibi Aydelott

**Schedule:** Four Tuesdays, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12, and 19; 10:30 a.m.-12 noon

**Tuition:** \$40 before Oct. 22, \$45 after

**Enrollment:** 10 min./12max.

**Explore the topics of race and justice as depicted in three novels and a movie.** We will read and discuss *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, *The Dry Grass of August* by Anna Jean Mayhew, and *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. We will also watch the movie *The Hate U Give* during the last class.

**Sibi Aydelott** holds a doctoral degree in Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She has taught in the United States, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Egypt, and Qatar. She has also worked as a Curriculum Consultant. She moved to San Antonio in 2010.



## LGBTQ+ and Spirituality Panel

with **Maria Louisa Cesar, DeAnne Cuellar, Rev. Dr. William H. Knight, and Miguel Ochoa**

**Schedule:** Monday, Nov. 4; 7-9 p.m.

**Tuition:** Free, register by Oct. 28

**Enrollment:** Open

See page 6  
for info on the  
Sept. 16 discussion.

**Members of this panel will discuss the gifts and challenges of living a life of faith and spirituality as LGBTQ+ persons and community.** We will share stories and explore what it means to create communities of respect that honors diverse expressions of faith.

**Maria Luisa Cesar** bio information on page 8.

**DeAnne Cuellar** is a digital equity advocate and communications strategist from San Antonio, Texas. She is currently the Texas State Director of Older Adults Technology Services (OATS), and serves as Mayor Ron Nirenberg's digital inclusion appointee to the City of San Antonio's Innovation & Technology Committee. After an FCC localism hearing in 2004, she co-founded the Media Justice League with the Office of Communication, Inc., and grassroots organizations in San Antonio, advocating media justice and digital inclusion for historically underrepresented communities. As a young woman she actively organized within the independent music and media community for several years, challenging racist, sexist, homophobic, and classist representations of San Antonians and South Texas communities. DeAnne is a sought after advocate focused on fostering equitable Internet access for all, and specializes in using her media and advocacy experience to implement effective digital communications to improve the quality and quantity of media coverage representing Texans.

**Rev. Dr. William H. Knight**, the transition from actor, singer, producer, writer director to minister, teacher, and counselor began on a Wednesday night when William attended a class being held at the home of legendary singer/actress Della Reese. This first meeting was to become a working relationship that endured and prospered for over twenty-three years. In 2007, his spiritual path led him to the welcoming arms of MCC—Metropolitan Community Church. He has served MCC congregations in Tucson AZ, San Jose and San Francisco CA, Hawaii, and is now serving as Senior Pastor of MCC San Antonio. Rev. Knight is a national speaker and activist for the LGBTQ+ community, particularly relating to protecting students and employees from discrimination based on sexual and gender identity.

**Miguel Ochoa**, an active member in his Catholic community, is a graduate of the University of the Incarnate Word with a B.A. in Music and an M.A. in Teaching. Miguel has been involved in liturgical ministry since his early teens when he was an acolyte and sang in his church choir. He is currently a public school choir director and continues to serve his Catholic community through music leadership, retreat planning, and youth and young adult ministry. Miguel met his husband Jose while they were both serving in the US Air Force. They have been married for 3 1/2 years now and both continue serving and volunteering in various capacities within their church community.



## Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio: Tour and Discussion

**Schedule:** Wednesday, Nov. 6; 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

**Tuition:** Free, register by Oct. 30

**Enrollment:** Open

**Location:** The Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio (HMMSA)

at the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Jewish Campus (12500 NW Military Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78231)

**Join the HMMSA for a thought-provoking journey through an increasingly relevant history.** The guided tour will include survivor testimony. "The Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio is dedicated to educating our community about the dangers of hatred, prejudice, and apathy" (<http://hmmsa.org/>).

## Enneagram Workshop I & II with Beth Mueller and Rob Mueller

**Workshop II Schedule:** Saturday, Nov. 16; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$45; Enroll by Nov. 8

(If enroll and pay for both workshops at the same time, the fee is \$80 for both dates.)

**Enrollment:** 12 min./ 25 max.

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### Enneagram Workshop II: Digging Deeper with the Enneagram

In Enneagram II, participants explore additional groupings within the system, for example, the Harmony Triad, Harmonic groups, and subtypes based on instinctual biases. The workshop will further examine the workings of personality and ego and how they inform our unconscious behavior. The workshop illustrates how to integrate Enneagram wisdom into life. Lunch included.

See page 8  
for info on  
Workshop I  
and bios.



## GREEN '19—Eco Fall Festival

**Schedule:** Sunday, Nov. 17; Time TBD

**Tuition:** \$5; Register by Nov. 10

(Free tuition with 4 cans of food brought to donate to the SA Food Bank.)

**Enrollment:** 10 min./no max.

**Location:** Eco Centro, 1802 N. Main Ave, San Antonio, TX 78212

**There is so much to celebrate this November!** Join us for a different perspective on Autumn during [Native American Heritage Month](#). Learn more about Native American wisdom and traditions at this family-friendly event. Decorate pumpkins and meet the [Three Sisters](#), a sustainable planting strategy that centers on “corn, beans, and squash” (Sustainable Food Center). Sample wares from local farms, make sustainable arts and crafts, enjoy story-telling, cooking demonstrations and more. Tell your favorite family fable at our story-telling booth. Featuring local farmers, Native American musician and spiritual leader [Randy Granger](https://randygranger.net/) (<https://randygranger.net/>).

This event also coincides with [National Farm-City Week](#), a time to recognize the impact local farmers have on our health and well-being, [National Day of Listening](#), and [National Family Week](#).

## The Gospel of Peter with Ruben Dupertuis, Ph.D.

**Schedule:** Three Mondays, Dec. 2, 9, and 16; 7-9 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$35 before Nov. 25, \$40 after

**Enrollment:** 10 min./30 max.

**We'll take a close look at the Gospel of Peter and examine its place in the context of diverse forms of Christianity in the 2nd century.** Scholarly attention to the Gospel of Peter, discovered in 1887 in the tomb of an 11<sup>th</sup> century monk, has largely focused on the miraculous resurrection scene and on the differences between this text and the gospels now found in the New Testament canon. Scholars had known that a gospel attributed to Peter circulated in the 2nd century. This manuscript of about four pages describing part of Jesus' trial, his crucifixion, and his resurrection is today our only extant copy. Does this text have more to tell us?

**Ruben R. Dupertuis** is Associate Professor and Chair of the Religion Department at Trinity University. He is the author of essays and articles on education in the ancient world as well as on the Acts of the Apostles, ancient narrative, and Greek classical traditions. He is co-editor of *Reading Acts in the Second Century* (2012) and most recently, *Reading and Teaching Ancient Fiction* (2018). He is the Co-Director of Trinity University's Humanities Collective. He received a B.A in English Literature from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in Theological Studies from Claremont School of Theology, and a Ph.D. in New Testament and Early Christian Literature from Claremont Graduate University. He is also an avid cyclist and believes that the world would be a better place if people rode bikes more and drove cars less.



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