

# Association for College and University Religious Affairs (ACURA) Annual Meeting October 26-28, 2014 Tufts University, Medford/Somerville, Massachusetts

# Borders, Frontiers, and Intersections in Higher Education Spiritual Life

### **SCHEDULE**

# Sunday, October 26, 2014

# 3:00 p.m.

Check-in to hotel

Hilton Homewood Suites Hotel, Arlington, Massachusetts

### 3:30 p.m.

Transportation from hotel to Goddard Chapel, Tufts University

### 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Registration and Welcome Reception

Goddard Chapel, Tufts University

- Wine, cheese, and other beverages served
- Greetings from Anthony P. Monaco, President, Tufts University
- Hook and Hastings Organ Demonstration, Music Director Dr. Janet Hunt

### 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Opening Dinner, Greetings, and Presentation

Coolidge Room, Ballou Hall Tufts University

Greetings

The Reverend <u>Greg McGonigle</u>, University Chaplain, Tufts University <u>Michael Baenen</u>, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Tufts University The Reverend <u>Sam Speers</u>, Assistant Dean of the College for Campus Life and Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, Vassar College; ACURA President

The Reverend <u>Lucy A. Forster-Smith</u>, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in The Memorial Church, Harvard University; ACURA Treasurer

- Musical Performance by the Tufts University Beelzebubs
- Presentation: <u>Jessica Martínez</u>, Research Associate, Pew Research Center Religion and Public Life Project

### 9:00 p.m.

Transportation back to hotel



# Monday, October 27, 2014

# 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Complimentary breakfast offered at hotel

### 8:15 a.m.

Transportation from hotel to Goddard Chapel, Tufts University

### 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Coffee and Gathering

Goddard Chapel, Tufts University

# 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Active Citizenship, Global Learning, and Spirituality

Goddard Chapel Tufts University

Welcome from The Reverend Greg McGonigle, University Chaplain, Tufts University

- The Reverend <u>Janet Cooper Nelson</u> AG72, University Chaplain, Brown University – Moderator
- <u>Chanta Bhan</u>, Protestant Chaplain, Tufts University
- Heather Curtis, Associate Professor of Religion, Tufts University
- Alan Solomont A70, Dean, Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University; Former U.S. Ambassador to Spain and Andorra
- Varun Soni A96, Dean of Religious Life, University of Southern California
- <u>Sherman Teichman</u>, Founding Director, Institute for Global Leadership, Tufts University

### 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Break and walk to Granoff Family Hillel Center

# 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Granoff Family Hillel Center, Tufts University

Reflections on Intersections in Practice

Case Studies: Tufts Hillel and the Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village in Rwanda, Delicious Peace Project in Uganda

• Presentation: Rabbi <u>Jeffrey A. Summit</u> AG88, AG95, Jewish Chaplain, Tufts University, and Neubauer Executive Director, Tufts Hillel

# 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Break and walk to Interfaith Center



# 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Sacred Spaces: Restoration, Renovation, and Construction

Interfaith Center Tufts University

- Goddard Chapel: Wendall Kalsow, McGinley Kalsow and Associates, Inc.
- Granoff Family Hillel Center: <u>Fred Babcock</u>, Babcock Design Group, and Rabbi Jeffrey A. Summit, Tufts University
- Interfaith Center: Karla Johnson, Johnson Roberts Associates Inc.

\*1:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Spiritual Spaces Database Project - Information table set up in the Interfaith Center. Website: http://omeka.wellesley.edu/spiritualspaces

### 2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Break** 

# 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**ACURA Conversations** 

Interfaith Center, Tufts University

- Updates from home campuses, addressing important issues
- What dilemmas are you facing on your campuses and how are you addressing them?
- What is the current state of the religious and spiritual communities on your campuses--thriving, declining, reconstituting themselves, something else entirely, etc.?
- What is most satisfying about your work right now?

# 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Break and walk to dinner

# 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dinner and Presentation

51 Winthrop Street, Tufts University

- Musical Performance by the Guy Mendilow Ensemble
- Presentation: <u>Davíd L. Carrasco</u>, Neil L. Rudenstine Professor of the Study of Latin America, Harvard University

### 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Break and walk to concert venue

### 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Evening Concert Goddard Chapel, Tufts University

<u>Guy Mendilow Ensemble</u> "Tales from the Forgotten Kingdom: Ladino Songs
Renewed"

### 10:00 p.m.

Transportation back to hotel



# Tuesday, October 28, 2014

### 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Complimentary breakfast offered at hotel

### 8:00 a.m.

Transportation from hotel to The Memorial Church, Harvard University

8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. <u>Graduate Student Day</u> – ACURA welcomes students from local theological and graduate schools

# 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**Morning Prayers** 

Appleton Chapel, The Memorial Church, Harvard University

• The Reverend <u>Jonathan L. Walton</u>, Pusey Minister and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, The Memorial Church, Harvard University

# 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Refreshments with visiting graduate students, Boston Theological Institute

# 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Theological Education for Changing Chaplaincies

The Memorial Church Harvard University

- The Reverend <u>Emily Click</u>, Assistant Dean for Ministry Studies and Field Education and Lecturer on Ministry, Harvard Divinity School Moderator
- <u>Cheryl Giles</u>, Francis Greenwood Peabody Senior Lecturer on Pastoral Care and Counseling and core faculty member of the Buddhist Ministry Program, Harvard Divinity School
- <u>Celene Ibrahim-Lizzio</u>, Muslim Chaplain, Tufts University; Co-Director of the Center for Inter-Religious and Communal Leadership Education (CIRCLE) and Scholar-in-Residence, Andover Newton Theological School and Hebrew College
- Rabbi <u>Or Rose</u>, Co-Director of the Center for Inter-Religious and Communal Leadership Education (CIRCLE) and Director of the Center for Global Judaism, Hebrew College and Andover Newton Theological School
- <u>Neelima Shukla-Bhatt</u>, Associate Professor of South Asia Studies and former Hindu Chaplain, Wellesley College
- <u>Chris Stedman</u>, Executive Director and Coordinator of Humanist Life, Yale Humanist Community

# 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Break and walk to Harvard Divinity School



# 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lunch and ACURA Business Meeting

Braun Room, Andover Hall Harvard Divinity School

Among the topics to be discussed include:

- Discussion regarding relationships with other professional associations (e.g., NACUC; Muslim, Hindu, Humanist Chaplains; Ivy Chaplains, NASPA, AAR)
- What is ACURA for you? What would you like it to be?
- What current and future needs of "college and university religious affairs" would you like to see ACURA engage?
- Who and what is missing from the ACURA landscape?

# 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Intersectionality of Politics and Spirituality: Challenges in Interfaith Dialogue Sperry Room, Andover Hall Harvard Divinity School

- <u>Tahera Ahmad</u>, Associate University Chaplain, Northwestern University -Moderator
- Rabbi <u>Patricia Karlin-Neumann</u>, Senior Associate Dean for Religious Life, Stanford University
- The Reverend Kurt Nelson, Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life, Colby College
- Imam Adeel Zeb, Muslim Chaplain and Director of Muslim Life, Duke University

# 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Excursion to Historic Concord** 

- Leave for Concord 3:30 p.m.
- North Bridge Self-Tour 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
- Old Manse Tour 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
- Meeting time for ride to dinner 6:30 p.m.

# 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Closing Banquet** 

Trinitarian Congregational Church, Concord, MA

- Musical Performance by Pauline Yang F15, Tufts University
- Closing Remarks
   The Reverend Greg McGonigle, University Chaplain, Tufts University
   The Reverend Sam Speers, ACURA President

# 9:00 p.m.

Transportation back to hotel



# Wednesday, October 29, 2014

**6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** Complimentary breakfast offered at hotel

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Check out of hotel and departure