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 Greg McGonigle, University Chaplain, Tufts University
  Michael Baenen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Tufts University
  The Reverend Sam Speers, Assistant Dean of the College for Campus Life and Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, Vassar College; ACURA President
  The Reverend Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in The Memorial Church, Harvard University; ACURA Treasurer
- Musical Performance by the Tufts University Beelzebubs
- Presentation: Jessica Martinez, 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 Janet Cooper Nelson AG72, University Chaplain, Brown University – Moderator
• Chanta Bhan, 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
• Sherman Teichman, 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 Jeffrey A. Summit 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

- Granoff Family Hillel Center: Fred Babcock, 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: David L. Carrasco, 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
Guy Mendilow Ensemble “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. **Graduate Student Day** – 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 Jonathan L. Walton, 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 Emily Click, Assistant Dean for Ministry Studies and Field Education and Lecturer on Ministry, Harvard Divinity School – Moderator
- Cheryl Giles, Francis Greenwood Peabody Senior Lecturer on Pastoral Care and Counseling and core faculty member of the Buddhist Ministry Program, Harvard Divinity School
- Celene Ibrahim-Lizzio, 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 Or Rose, 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
- Neelima Shukla-Bhatt, Associate Professor of South Asia Studies and former Hindu Chaplain, Wellesley College
- Chris Stedman, 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

- Tahera Ahmad, Associate University Chaplain, Northwestern University - Moderator
- Rabbi Patricia Karlin-Neumann, 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

Noon
Check out of hotel and departure