From The Desk of The Chaplain

Greetings & Blessings!

Hope the Spring and Summer has been good to you and your loved ones. Here at the Chaplaincy there are many new and exciting events to announce.

We give a very warm welcome on the Hill to our new President, Tony Monaco. Formal inauguration events will take place in October. A very special Sacred Music Concert will be offered by our Director of Music, Dr. Janet Hunt. Date and time on page 3.

Reverend Patricia Budd Kepler’s book “A Window on History: 150 years of Religion at Tufts University” has now come out in a 3rd Edition with new Forward and new Afterword to keep up with all the changes in the religious life at Tufts. It is for sale through the Office of the University Chaplain for $10 with all proceeds going to the Friends of Goddard Chapel. Please consider ordering one for your library.

This Spring we said good-bye to Reverend Kerrie Harthan, UCC, who was the Protestant Chaplain for two years here at Tufts. I thank Kerrie for all her efforts with our students. And I welcome back the relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and the appointment of Rachael Pettengill as our new Protestant Chaplain. Rachael did a great job as a volunteer last year and helped launch our latest student religious organization, the Interfaith Social Action Group. Rachael will be organizing two Episcopal services each month on Sunday nights at 7 PM and will be lining up area Ministers and Pastors to lead worship services in other Protestant traditions. Please read Rachael’s article on page 3.

As we go to print, there are still more exciting possibilities being worked out for the Chaplaincy. We are actively exploring new avenues for enriching the ministries of the Chaplaincy and serving all of our students. More to come . . . .

The 2011 “A Guide Book of Promising Practices – Facilitating College Students’ Spiritual Development” published by the Regents of the University of California, has listed The Office of University Chaplain at Tufts in their work. Our CAFE program for interfaith dialogue, our Chaplain’s Table and The Giving Camp at Tufts were all listed in the section on “Promising Practices”.

In conjunction with Tufts Hillel, The Office of the University Chaplain submitted a proposal to President Obama’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge. The Chaplaincy has a very long history of sponsoring interfaith and inter-religious dialogue events and projects. We hope to hear about official White House recognition very soon.

This year our year-long program will be a “Goddard Chapel Forum on Religion and Moral Courage”. We have a full list of noted speakers on page 2. All forums are open to the public. Our first semester Chaplain’s Table will be on “Religion and Pop Culture”. Full schedule of speakers is on page 2.

Please know I am at your service as University Chaplain. I would be very glad to give a presentation to your group or organization on any number of topics. It is just a matter of scheduling. My fall courses for the Department of Religion are: REL 1 Introduction to Religion and REL 156 Catholicism in Crisis.

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University Chaplain & Senior Lecturer in Religion & Medical Ethics
CHAPLAIN’S TABLE
“RELIGION AND POP CULTURE”
FALL 2011
MacPhie Conference Room—Thursdays, 5-7 PM

September 29  Professor Emeritus Sol Gittleman
“Baseball and Faith”

October 6  Professor George Scarlett, Child Study
“How I Met Your Mother: Faith in Being Human”

October 13  Reverend David O’Leary, University Chaplain
“Making Saints Today”

October 27  Professor Anne Mahoney
Classics Department
“Ancient Popular Culture”

November 3  Associate Professor Jeff Taliaferro
“Mad Men (and Mad Women): Christian Ethics vs. the Will to Power in 1960’s Madison Avenue”

November 10  Jeff Pietrantoni
Fares Center Administrator
“God Steps Onto the Stage”

November 17  Rachael Pettengill, Protestant Chaplain
“Faith and Personality Testing”

December 8  Professor Heather Curtis, Religion Department
“Religion, Politics, and Popular Culture”

No Meal Points Needed
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GODDARD CHAPEL FORUM ON
RELIGION AND MORAL COURAGE
FALL 2011
6 PM

October 5  Shareda Hosein, Lt. Col. USAR
“Muslim and Military Perspectives On Religion and Moral Courage”

November 2  Carl Sciortino, A’99
Mass. State Representative
“Transgender Issues”

December 7  Dr. Joyce Barsam, J’62, G’89
“Armenian Genocide”

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MONTHLY INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS
Interfaith Center—58 Winthrop Street
FALL 2011—12 PM

October 6  Akua Abrah, A’12
Campus Hope (Adventists)
At Tufts

November 13  Barrett Sparkman, A’13
Christian Scientists at Tufts

December 1  Duncan MacLaury, A’13
Unitarian Universalists
At Tufts

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GODDARD CHAPEL
NOONTIME CONCERTS
FALL 2011
Thursdays, 12:30 PM

September 29—Janet Hunt, organ
October 13—David Heighington, violin
October 27-Pei-Yeh Tsai, piano
November 3-Sarah Takagi, piano
November 17-Brandon Santini, organ
December 1-David Brittan, piano

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My name is **Rachael Pettengill** and I’m excited to join the Chaplaincy Team here at Tufts as the new Protestant Chaplain!

I’m originally from Haverhill, MA but lived in New York for nine years where I got my Bachelors in Comparative Religion from Nyack College and my Masters in Divinity from Alliance Theological Seminary. I returned to the Boston area in 2009 as an intern at Grace Episcopal Church in Medford where I still serve on staff. I’m also in the ordination process with the Episcopal Diocese of MA.

This past year I have helped out with the Chaplaincy Office, worked with an amazing group of students interested in Interfaith Social Action as well as with Protestant Worship on Sundays and Noonday Prayers on Wednesdays. I also spent much of my time in conversation with many Protestant students to learn what it is that you all want from a Protestant Chaplaincy. Based on these conversations, we have come up with a new vision for the Chaplaincy that includes focusing on five different areas: worship, spiritual formation, fellowship, social justice outreach, and leadership development. And since it is an inter-denominational chaplaincy, we will have a rotation of local clergy each Sunday including Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, United Church of Christ, Universal Unitarian, and Evangelical.

I’m very much looking forward to 2011-2012 academic year meeting new students and seeing some of the wonderful students I met last year!

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**GODDARD CHAPEL**

**9-11 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

10th ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, September 11, 2011

4 PM

Goddard Chapel

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**Sacred Music Concert**

In Honor of the Inauguration of

President Tony Monaco

Thursday, October 20, 2011

6 PM

Goddard Chapel

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**Reverend Patricia Budd Kepler**

Former Interim University Chaplain

3rd Edition Publication Celebration of

“A Window On History: 150 Years of Religion at Tufts University”

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

6 PM

Goddard Chapel

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**New University Chaplaincy Postcards**

Available at Goddard Chapel
Here at the Chapel, we’d like to wish Larry Bacow a fond farewell. And we welcome new President Tony Monaco to Tufts. All the best to both Presidents.