Chaplaincy for the 'Nones' Spiritual Care in an Increasingly Nonreligious America

Thursday, April 21, 6-8 pm (Dinner at 6:00, Panel at 6:45) Goddard Chapel

Americans identifying outside organized religion--atheists, Humanists, agnostics, the spiritual but not religious, the 'Nones'--are on the rise, and so is the use of chaplaincy services for existential and spiritual support. How can chaplaincies that have historically served particular religious communities respond to the needs of the growing nonreligious and the changing religious landscape in America at large? Join a panel of renowned experts in chaplaincy work in a number of settings--including prisons, hospitals, and universities--for a dinner and panel discussion on how we can give care, build community, and listen meaningfully in the work of spiritual life to nonreligious Americans and for their unique experiences. All are welcome and dinner will be provided.

FEATURING



Fleet Maull, MA

Fleet is an author and teacher who founded the Prison Mindfulness Institute in 1989 while serving a 14.5 year mandatory minimum sentence for drug trafficking. He is an Acharya (senior Dharma teacher) in the international Shambhala Buddhist Community.

Katrina Scott, MDiv

Katrina currently serves as Pallative Care Chaplaincy Liason and Oncology Chaplain in the Massachusetts General Hospital Chaplaincy Department. She is an Officiant of the Ethical Society of Boston and holds speciality certification in Hospice/Pallative Care with the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Chris Stedman, MAR

Chris Stedman is a Fellow of Davenport College at Yale University and Executive Director of the Yale Humanist Community. Previously a Humanist chaplain at Harvard University, he is the author of Faitheist: How an Atheist Found Common Ground with the Religious, and a committed Humanist and interfaith activist.

The Rev. Mary Martha Thiel, MDiv

The Rev. Thiel is Director of Clinical Pastoral Education at Hebrew SeniorLife, an ordained UCC minister, and a Board Certified Chaplain. A Pastoral Study Grant from The Louisville Institute allowed her to focus on her interest in spiritual care of secular persons.

