

HUMANIST CHAPLAINCY

2022-2023 newsletter



Humanist Chaplain
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Bienvenides a todos! Welcome to all!

I am Anthony Cruz Pantojas and I am excited to welcome you to the Tufts Humanist Chaplaincy! I support a community of mutual support and exploration, inclusion and care, and we have been gearing up for another exciting year ahead. Together with the student-led Humanist Community at Tufts (HCAT) we will invite the campus community to take up bold responses for the ethical challenges we face as a society. We will hold them as a community, caring for each other along the way. As such, we will take on the following questions together:

What does meaningful social activism look like? How might we forge strong coalitions? How might it feel to create the world(s) we long for?

As we consider and respond to these questions together, I hope that wonder, imagination and the expansive perspectives of Humanist and freethought traditions guide us into becoming the community we need and want to be. I welcome you to engage and contribute to this ongoing conversation and evolving community, and hope that you will contact me if you would like to schedule an introductory meeting over coffee or tea.

En conjunto,

Anthony Cruz Pantojas, MATS, MALS

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Humanist Chaplain

The Tufts Humanist Chaplaincy creates space on campus for everyone to come into connection and collaboration about life's big questions, especially those who consider themselves nonreligious or outside of traditional religion and might not have that space otherwise.

Regular Programming

- Weekly reflection meetings
- Reading group
- HCAT student led meetings
- Potluck meals
- Candle-making
- Dinners around challenging conversations
- Fall and spring retreats
- Speakers and panel discussions on modern spirituality
- Community hiking

Freedom Making: A Fellowship for Emerging Interreligious Leaders

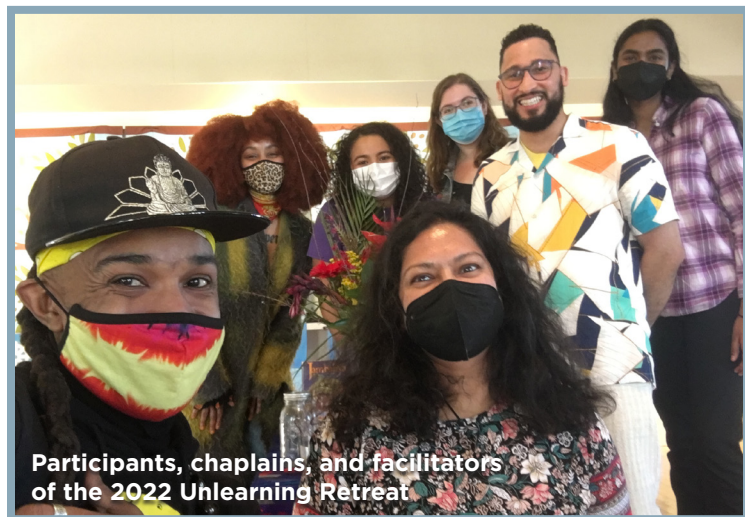
This initiative will build community among first-generation students. The program will serve as a hub by providing learning opportunities in an experiential and cooperative setting. Contact Humanist Chaplain Anthony Cruz Pantojas for more information.



HCAT hike in the Middlesex Fells reservation

Program Spotlight: The Unlearning Retreat

The second annual Unlearning Retreat was hosted this year by the Tufts Humanist Chaplaincy and the Tufts Hindu Chaplaincy. This year's theme *the way we be* brought storæ michele and Jé Hooper to the campus to ask what your truth is. The gathering included mini-workshops featuring storytelling through poetry, film, song, folklore, communal soundscapes and participant's creation of rituals. This is a retreat for any spectrum of individuals who identify as BI-POC and are undergrad or master students. This experience is a bridge between community-based commitment and the serious exploration, understanding, and critical analysis of human flourishing within meaning-making and spirituality.



"I feel immensely lucky to have found a collection of peers and mentors at Tufts who were, and continue to be, committed to an expansive notion of philosophical community oriented through the ethos of humanism and free-thought. This community offered me a space to explore my own values and beliefs—especially when they felt uncertain or unexpected. To me, HCAT has always been a space-apart in my weeks, a time to gather with friends and strangers, to ask open-ended questions and shape how I engage with the world."

John Cioci Lazur, A22

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A vital portion of our programs are made possible by community donations. Here are some suggestions for how you can help make a difference in students' lives:

- **\$25** contributes to meals at a community social event for nonreligious students at Tufts
- **\$75** contributes to an evening of candle-making for the Humanist community
- **\$150** brings a guest speaker to a community event, to share about modern spirituality and Humanism

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