

Spring 2021 Lowell Lecture featuring Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, PhD

Thanks to the generous support of the Lowell Institute, BU School of Theology (STH) is able to host our bi-annual Lowell Lecture which features a renowned speaker in a field related to theological studies. This semester, we're pleased to welcome **Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, PhD** whose lecture is titled, **"Composting Supremacy Culture: Stewarding Life-Affirming Systems in the Face of Today's Norms."** This special event will take place on Zoom only on **Tuesday, April 20 at 6pm EDT. Click here to register today!**

About our guest speaker:

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BU Giving Day 2021, Another Huge Success!

This year's Giving Day theme was resilience, and with the help of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends, on April 7, the BU School of Theology (STH) raised over \$34,546 from 145 donors in just 27 hours!

Among BU's 17 schools and colleges, STH ranked 9th in donor count and 13th in dollars earned, which is excellent given STH is one of the smallest schools in terms of student, alumni, faculty, and staff populations. Overall, BU concluded the one-day campaign with nearly \$3M in revenue from more than 8,800 unique donors and over 11,000 gifts!

An enormous thanks to all who participated, to **Dean G. Sujin Pak** for providing bonus funds, and to **Rev. Tom Sears (STH'59)** for giving \$1,000 for every 50 STH donors.

Click here to view the Giving Day Leaderboard for additional information!

Boston Globe Article on Chaplaincy features Prof. Shelly Rambo, STH Student, and Recent Alumni

On March 9, *The Boston Globe* published an article on "Chaplains and the rise of on-demand support," which details the changing lanscape of religious practice and how spiritual care is provided today.

This timely article features the paths and impacts of current STH student **Martin Mugerwa (STH'21)**, and alums **Yulia Kazakova Hatton (STH'14)**, **Ylisse Bess-Washington (STH'17)**, and **Roger Gordon (STH'19)**.

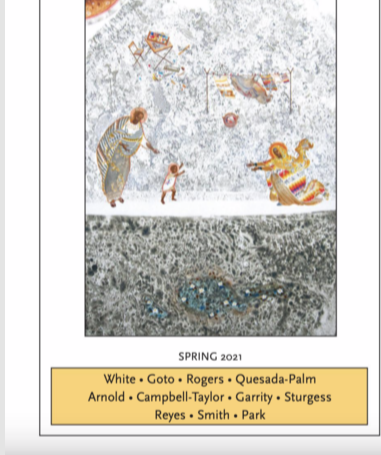
Click here to access the full article.

More STH News

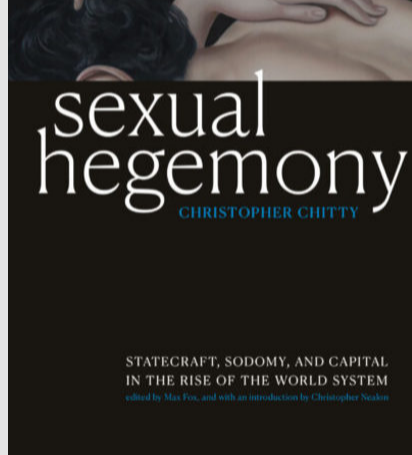
- **Boston University's Info on Reopening Campus**
- **An Easter Message from Dean Pak**
- **Prof. Wesley Wildman's Op-Ed Article Published in *The Christian Post***
- **Prof. Choi Hee An featured in BU Event "Invisible No More: Asian American Responses to Atlanta"**
- **Prof. Nicolette Manglos-Weber Quoted in *Washington Post* Article**
- **Associate Dean Bryan Stone Mentioned in *Sojourners* Article of *Christian Financial Advice***

Check out the **STH News Section** on the STH website for exciting announcements and timely reflections. Please take advantage of the **Online Lifelong Learning program** by registering for a Late Spring mini-course or spirituality group. Lastly, visit the **STH Livestream** page to watch sermons from recent STH worship services and other recorded events.

Two Recent Faculty Publications

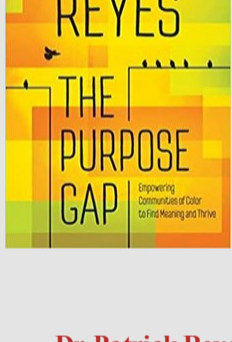


Prof. Courtney Goto, "Create an Altar at Home: A Pandemic Invitation." in *Insights: The Faculty Journal of Austin Seminary*. Austin, TX: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2021.

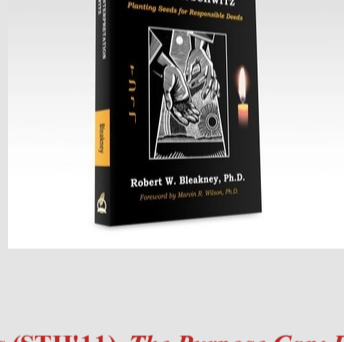


Prof. Luis Menendez-Antuna, "The Fags and the Cha-Ching." An editorial review of *Sexual Hegemony: Statecraft, Sodomy, and Capital in the Rise of the World System*.

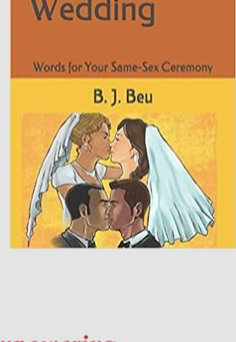
Three Recent Alumni Publications



Dr. Patrick Reyes (STH'11), *The Purpose Gap: Empowering Communities of Color to Find Meaning and Thrive*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2021.



Dr. Robert Bleakney (STH'92), *Evangelical Interpretation after Auschwitz: Planting Seeds for Responsible Deeds*. Atlanta, GA: Hebraic Heritage Press, 2021.



Rev. B. J. Beu (STH'90), *Planning Your LGBTQ Wedding: Words for Your Same-Sex Ceremony*. Independently published, 2019.

Upcoming Events

Faith in Isolation: A Multifaith Panel Discussion hosted by Hebrew College

Sunday, April 18, 2021 | 5 - 6:15PM EDT

In response to Brenda Bancel's new photographic tradition "Faith in Isolation Expressed," religious leaders from the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions will explore the ways in which they and their communities have expressed their spiritual commitments during the pandemic. The conversation will include discussion of prayer, meditation, study, and acts of service and advocacy. Panelists include Dr. Celine Ibrahim, Rev. Dr. Shively T.J. Smith, and Rabbi Or Rose.

Click here to register today!

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Lecture Title: "Composting Supremacy Culture: Stewarding Life-Affirming Systems in the Face of Today's Norms"

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 | 6 - 7:30PM EDT

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P.S. Lookout for events featuring Dean Sujin Pak in the coming months!

Donor Spotlight: Why I Give to STH?



"I give to STH out of deep gratitude to the incredible community that accepted and encouraged me for all that I am and shaped me as a person, as a religious leader, and as a Christian. I give to support the institution that supported me so generously during my three years of study with scholarships that made my education possible. And I give in order to do what I can to ensure that future students can rely on that same support and so that more scholarship funds can be available to students of all backgrounds, orientations, and beliefs who feel a call to theological education."

Rev. Tom Reid (STH'19) is Associate Director of the Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership at Hebrew College in Newton Centre, MA.

Contact Ray Joyce for more information about supporting Boston University School of Theology.

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Thank you!



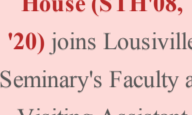
Alum News



Ben Hires (CAS'00, STH'03, MET'08) is "Opening Doors" as the CEO at the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center



Rev. Dr. Kathryn House (STH'08, '20) joins Louisville Seminary's Faculty as Visiting Assistant Professor of Practical Theology



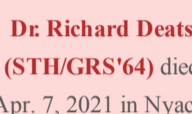
Rev. Mariama White-Hammond (STH'17) named among "Impactful Black Women in Boston"



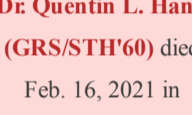
Dr. Richard Deats (STH/GRS'64) died Apr. 7, 2021 in Nyack, NY. He was 89.



Dr. Quentin L. Hand (GRS/STH'60) died Feb. 16, 2021 in Lawrenceville, GA. He was 96.



Rev. Dr. Darnell C. McCauley (STH'57) died Jan. 16, 2021 in New Haven, CT. He was 95.



Rev. Patricia P. Adams (STH'89) died Nov. 27, 2020 in Scarborough, ME. She was 94.

Alumni Links

