



# GODDARD TALK

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## From The Chaplain

Greetings from the Hill! September is a very exciting time of the year at Tufts; it is our "new year." Last spring's "Celebrity" speaker, Irshad Manji, continues to be in the news. She wrote a very moving piece on the London bombings in the July 25th issue of Time Magazine. She is indeed a modern voice of reason. Our prayers go out to all who have suffered tragic loss and suffering from terrorists acts.

Over the spring and summer many couples came to Goddard Chapel to renew their wedding vows. This can be done on the first Saturday of every month, except May, when it is done over graduation weekend.



**The Reverend Barbara Asinger**

It is my honor and joy to have been called as the Associate Protestant Chaplain for Tufts University. In my life I have witnessed the power of community—community found in church, on a campus, and within a group. Working with the homeless I observed how the

This year's Goddard Chapel Forum will be on Religion and Medicine. We are very excited about the full range of speakers from many religious traditions, who will be speaking on this topic.

This semester's newsletter is highlighting the great people who make up the Chaplaincy at Tufts University; all the Associate Chaplains, our new Director of Music, and our new Associate Protestant Chaplain.

As always, please know of my willingness to serve your needs as University Chaplain and of my prayers for you. If I can be of assistance—a chat, talk, or presentation, please call

me at Goddard Chapel.

Enjoy the fall issue of "Goddard Talk." You are most welcome to all events listed.

Pax et Lux,

Rev. David M. O'Leary  
S.T.L., D.Phil



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### MEETING THE NEW ASSOCIATE PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN

love and compassion exhibited by churches and community service groups offered hope and renewal to someone who may never have experienced unconditional love. Renewal found not only in physical and mental healing but also through spiritual connection. For me the sunlight of the spirit radiates from this connection. Believing in the

power of this connection to transform lives motivated me to enter the ministry.

Prior to my ordination, I spent over ten years working for the homeless. I served as a member of the Governor's Task Force on Homelessness and Co-founded and chaired the Massa-

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## Upcoming Chapel Events

### GODDARD CHAPEL FORUM ON RELIGION AND MEDICINE

All lectures take place at 6:00 p.m.

#### October 19 —

Reverend Jon Fuller, S.J., M. D., Attending Physician, Center for Infectious Diseases, Associate Professor, Boston University School of Medicine  
“The HIV/AIDS Epidemic”

#### November 16 —

Dr. David Freeman, Rheumatologist and Lecturer in Clinical Medicine, Carney Hospital and Lahey Clinic  
“Can Judaism and Medicine Be Conjoined?”

#### December 7 —

Lance D. Laird, Ph.D., Senior Consultant Boston Healing Landscape Project Department of Pediatrics, Boston Medical Center  
“Muslims, Culture, Health and Healing”

#### January 18 —

Phil Davis, Christian Science Practitioner and Teacher, Committee on Publication for The First Church of Christ, Scientist  
“Christian Science and Medicine”

#### February 15 —

Dana Moore, MAR, OSB, Oblate, Yoga Instructor  
“Yoga and Self-Care: The Cultivation of Will Power”

#### March 15 —

Reverend Gloria White-Hammond, M. D. Bethel AME Church, Roxbury  
2006 Russell Lecturer  
“Religion and Medicine: Local and International”

### REFLECTIONS

12:00 — 1:00 P. M.

September 28, The Reverend David M. O’Leary, S.T.L., D.Phil., University Chaplain  
“Civility”

October 12, The Reverend Barbara Asinger Associate Protestant Chaplain  
“And Justice for All”

November 9, Rabbi Jeffrey Summit Associate Jewish Chaplain  
“Why Do We Teach and Study the Holocaust?”

December 7, Professor Mohammed Mahmoud, Department of Comparative Religion  
Topic to be Announced

### CHAPLAIN’S TABLE—THE BEST OF..... CHAPLAIN’S TABLES

5 — 7 P. M., MacPhie Conference Room

September 29, The Reverend David M. O’Leary, S.T.L., D.Phil., University Chaplain  
“Teaching Ethics in the Academy”

October 6, Ben Tousley, Folksinger & Storyteller, “Music and Healing”

October 13, Margot E. Abels, Director, Alcohol & Drug Prevention Services and Elaine Theodore, Coordinator, Campus Violence Prevention Program  
“The Spiritual Aspect of Wellness: Exploring Substance Use, Sexual Assault & Risk”

October 20, Women’s Center Student Panel  
“The Importance of Friendships and Connections for Women”

October 27, Reverend Heather Hinton, United Church of Christ, “Listening for the Spirit: Prayer Practices for the 21st Century”

November 3, Asian American Student Panel  
“Interracial Dating: Perspectives from Asian American Students”

November 10, Reverend Hilary Dahlberg, Storrs Memorial Church, Connecticut, “Religion and Pop Culture: The Da Vinci Code”

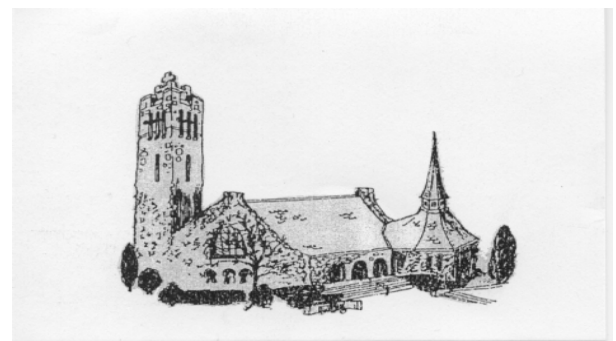
November 17, David Schwartz, A’02, Harvard Divinity School, “Matrix Revisited”

December 1, Margaret Gooch, Associate Librarian, Tisch Library Exhibit, “Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation”

### MONTHLY CONCERTS AT NOON IN GODDARD CHAPEL

For more information, call chapel office (617) 627-3427.

*The Reverend Jon Fuller,  
S.J., M. D., Attending  
Physician, Center for  
Infectious Diseases, Associate  
Professor, Boston University  
School of Medicine —  
Wednesday, October 19*



## THE GIVING CAMP

The Office of University Chaplain is very proud to be a major sponsor for the Giving Camp. This is a one-or two-day event for physically and mentally challenged children and adults which involves including them in community events. In the past, Giving Camp events have included picnics and Swan Boat rides at Boston Public Gardens, Duck Tours around Boston, dances and musical concerts. Check out their web site at [www.thegivingcamp.org](http://www.thegivingcamp.org)

## Special Selected Events

Christmas Concert (Date and time to be Announced)

## SERVICES

**Protestant Worship**  
Sundays, 7:30 p.m.

**Catholic Mass**  
Sundays, 10:00 p.m.

## A LOOK AT THE CHAPLAINCIES

### The Catholic Community at Tufts

Welcome to Tufts! I'm Ann Penick, the Associate Catholic Chaplain. This is my eighth year in campus ministry and my fourth year here at Tufts. I look forward to meeting you this fall.

The Catholic Center at Tufts University located at 58 Winthrop Street (one block down from Carmichael Hall) is the "home away from home" for the Catholic student organization, the Catholic Community at Tufts (CCT). The Center offers a student lounge space, as well as a full-service kitchen, laundry facilities, and internet service for our Catholic students and their guests.

We have a great year planned and we look forward to seeing you! You are invited to

our BBQ, Sunday, September 4th, 5 p.m.—7 p.m. at the Catholic Center. Our first Sunday night Mass of the Fall semester is also Sunday, September 4th, 10 p.m. at Goddard Chapel; 10 p.m. Mass sees between 200 and 300 students! There are opportunities to be involved in our Sunday night Mass: set-up for Mass, music ministry, Eucharistic and Lector ministry, and offertory collection.

Come on our fall retreat! Our Freshmen/Transfer Student Fall Retreat, "Called By Name," is Friday evening, September 16th at the Marist House Retreat Center in Framingham, MA.

Also, in September I will be facilitating "Essentials of the Catholic Faith." This special 6-week faith formation is open to any student who wants to learn more about Catholicism, for Catholics who just want to learn more about their faith, and a prerequisite for students looking into RCIA and Confirmation preparation.

We'll be offering student dinners at the Catholic Center, including our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We have special events planned for Parents' Weekend and a Halloween "Trick or Canning" outreach. Just before the Thanksgiving holidays and during the Advent season we sponsor the Giving Tree for the elementary students at one of the schools in Roxbury.

Consider becoming involved in CCT! We look forward to your coming this fall and meeting you.

### The Islamic Center at Tufts

The Islamic Center at Tufts, ICT, located at 176 Curtis St. in Medford, is committed to serving the needs of the Tufts community and neighboring areas. ICT provides guidance and counseling in religious, social, cultural, and personal affairs. Furthermore, it serves as an inclusive educational and knowledge resource that will encourage the interaction between all the societies at Tufts to promote awareness and tolerance. ICT endorses respect of all cultures, races, and religions. The Muslim Holy Book, The Qur'an says, "We have made you a plurality of races and tribes for you to know each other." Therefore, ICT sees the human family as a great tree, and it is worth knowing every branch of it. Our goals are to teach and spread the true values of Islam, especially in a time when enmity and hatred are being exploited. In our

days, we do feel that nothing is more important than eliminating the ground of hatred. Needless to say, ignorance has always served as the most fertile soil for the seeds of hatred.

The Islamic Center at Tufts also enables the Muslims on campus to perform Friday prayers and their daily prayers. Friday prayers are held all year round at 1:30 p.m. and open to all. ICT also provides other services such as night prayers (Taraweeh) during the Muslim fasting month (Ramadan), and the morning prayers of the two Muslim holy celebrations (Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha). All are welcome.

To learn more about ICT and the Muslim Chaplain at Tufts, please visit the following address: <http://www.tufts.edu/chaplaincy/Hawat.htm> or send an e-mail to the Imam at [noureddine.hawat@tufts.edu](mailto:noureddine.hawat@tufts.edu)

### **The Reverend Barbara Asinger —** *Continued from Page 1*

achusetts Shelter Providers Organization. I was fortunate to design, develop, and administer shelters serving families and individuals in the Lowell, Boston, Medford, and Cape Cod areas. After moving to the Cape, I continued my work in the non-profit sector directing a Rape Crisis Center, working in public health education and counseling.

In addition to my duties at Tufts, I am also the Associate Minister for the Congregational Church of West Medford where I accepted a call last spring. At the church my work revolves around youth, program development, adult education, assisting the mission committee, facilitating outreach to the community and assisting with preaching and worship.

Before coming to the Medford church, I was the Chaplain for Newbury College in Brookline from September of 2002 to May 2005. At Newbury I was also blessed to be able to lecture, work with the honors students and teach in the Social Studies Department. My duties as Chaplain included working with all faith traditions as well as providing pastoral counseling and program development. My office conducted retreats, assisted with a speaker series, organized mission projects, and led worship and Bible discussions. My time at Newbury was wonderful and the students, staff and administration enhanced both my ministry and spirit as I am sure will be my experience at Tufts.

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### The Reverend Barbara Asinger

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I share my home and life with my husband, Rob, a minister in Watertown at Phillips Congregational Church and my daughters Kate and Colleen. My daughters live together in Washington, DC where Kate works at the Smithsonian and Colleen is just completing her graduate degree in Public Relations at American University. Our family also includes a 6 pound Italian Greyhound named Babe.

This fall for me, and perhaps for some students, will represent a time of new beginnings and some confusion. I come not yet knowing the name of every building on campus, the best place to get lunch or what the year will bring. As a minister for the United Church of Christ I come with a long tradition of mergers and change and perhaps this history will aid me as I maneuver my way through the twists and turns of the unknown here at Tufts. Reinhold Niebuhr, a founder of the United Church of Christ wrote a prayer of which many of you may be familiar. The first few lines read, "*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*" I, like many of you, have found the courage to say yes to an opportunity. I pray for knowledge as I journey forward and wisdom in my ministry. I have had the joy of meeting several members of the Tufts community and I am looking forward to meeting many more of you in the coming weeks and months. The Protestant Ministry office is located in Curtis Hall above the Brown & Brew and our service is on Sunday evenings at 7:30 P. M. in the Chapel. I ask that you hold me in prayer as I seek to serve this community and I will hold you all in prayer as you venture into this new and exciting semester.

Blessings and peace,  
Barbara

### MEETING THE NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC GODDARD CHAPEL

Doug has been active in liturgical music for fifteen years. In addition to his position at Goddard Chapel, Doug currently serves as Music Director at St. Peter Parish, Cambridge. A Certified Public Accountant, Doug has a local accounting practice and is entering his final year of study at Suffolk University Law School. Doug lives in Arlington with his wife, Anita, and daughter, Julia.

### New Book from Reverend O'Leary

University Chaplain David O'Leary has published a new book, "A Study of Josef Fuchs' Writings on Human Nature and Morality," published by University Press of America.

Josef Fuchs, S.J., was one of the most respected moral theologians in the Roman Catholic Church. He died in March, 2005. Fuchs spent a lifetime teaching future priests and laity at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and throughout the world.

This book is meant as an introduction to a new generation of people. Fuchs' perspective on human nature allows one to discover the rich history of Moral Theology in the Roman Catholic Church, past and present.

O'Leary's book is available at the Tufts University bookstore or directly from University Press of America, 1-800-462-6420 or [www.univpress.com](http://www.univpress.com)

### MORAL VOICES AND GENOCIDE

By Rabbi Jeffrey A. Summit, Executive Director, Tufts Hillel

This summer, I taught a seminar on the Holocaust and contemporary anti-Semitism in France with twenty of our students at the Tufts European Center in Talloires. We examined the roots of anti-Semitism in Europe, the culpability of the Vichy government during the Holocaust, the role of righteous gentiles who risked their lives to help Jews and the dangerous increase in contemporary anti-Semitic attacks in France today. Faculty and students from other classes joined our seminar to hear the personal stories of men and women who lived in Annecy during WWII. Among the

many stories we heard, one stood out from the rest. We met Jeanne Brousse, a woman who when she was nineteen began to work in the city office that held the forms and official seals for identity ration cards. Hundreds of Jews began to pass through Annecy hoping to find refuge in nearby Switzerland and Jeanne Brousse began to forge papers for them during that dangerous time. For the Nazis, forging papers was one of the most serious crimes; those who were caught were often summarily executed. Yet, Madame Brousse continued her work and by the end of the war, had helped hundreds of families survive. She told our class how she was not a heroine, simply an "ordinary person living in extraordinary times." Yet listening to her speak, students were impressed by her extraordinary courage and conviction. We were all full of questions: What makes a person face danger

and take a moral stand? What would we have done were we in the same situation? What should we be doing now when genocide is still occurring in our world?

We must continue to raise and address these questions. This fall, as the first program in Hillel's Merrin Distinguished Lecture Series, Hillel will bring Paul Rusesabagina, the actual manager of the Hotel Rwanda, to speak at Tufts. If you haven't see the powerful film, we will be showing it on campus before his visit. During the genocide in Rwanda, Mr. Rusesabagina sheltered over 1,200 people, including his own wife and children, saving their lives at a time when

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## FRIENDS OF GODDARD CHAPEL SOCIETY

The Friends of Goddard Chapel Society continues to help support the programs of the Office of University Chaplain and the continued beautification of Goddard Chapel.

Thanks to many donations there is now a brand new bank of electric votive lights in the chapel. These votive lights can be lit in memory of a loved one or a special intention. The entire votive display can still be “named” for an individual or family. The entire cost for purchase was \$6,000.

Donations are still needed for new pew cushion seats and backs. The old pew cushions gave up their insides after many years of use. The cost for new seat and back cushions is \$16,000. This could also be a “named” donation with a very special plaque being placed in the chapel lounge memorializing the donation for all time.

Our ultimate wish and prayer is to some day see that the entire worship space of Goddard Chapel is air conditioned. There are many spring summer, and fall weddings, concerts, and lectures that greatly suffer due to heat. Air conditioning the entire chapel would be a major financial undertaking. A very special “naming plaque” would indeed be placed in the chapel to memorialize the individual or family for all time.

All donations to the Friends of Goddard Chapel Society are tax deductible and can also count as a donation to Tufts University.

For more information and to discuss a “Naming” donation, please call the University Chaplain, Reverend David O’Leary at (617) 627-3427.



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extremists massacred more than 800,000 members of the Tutsi and moderate Hutu tribes in just 100 days.

There are times when individuals and communities can have an extraordinary impact in the face of evil. In our seminar in France, we studied the town of LeChambon-sur-Lignon, a town of 5,000 Protestants who sheltered and saved more than 5,000 Jews during the Holocaust. You can read about this story in Paul Hallie’s amazing book *Lest Innocent Blood be Shed*. Inspired by the leadership of their pastor, Andre Trocme, the people of that village participated in a “conspiracy of goodness” hiding Jews in their homes and farms. Last summer, these stories got very personal. One of our Tufts students in seminar is only with us now because his grandfather was among those who were saved in Le Chambon.

Throughout the seminar in France, I kept asking, “Why do we study the Holocaust?” If we study this material to insure that genocide will never happen again, then we have clearly failed in our mission. While Hillel will be addressing this question throughout the year, here I offer two answers: I believe that we study the Holocaust not to transform the world: we study this difficult material to transform ourselves. History teaches that individuals did make a difference. When people had the courage to stand up to hatred, racism, and anti-Semitism, lives were saved. In this way, our study is a call to action. I believe that if one can listen to a speaker about the Holocaust and not be moved to action on the current genocide in Darfur, one has learned little from that exposure.

There is another reason why we study this material. We study the Holocaust to more fully understand

the means by which groups stereotype and vilify people as “the other.” It does not have to be this way. We can build productive alliances among diverse groups before conflicts rage out of control. In the seminar in France, we also learned how the Jewish community in Annecy has developed good relations with local Muslims and how that has both helped to prevent anti-Semitic violence in Annecy and to support the local Muslim population who are often the target of racism in France.

Throughout our seminar, I kept thinking how essential it is to stay committed to programs that bring Jews, Christians, Muslims, and students from all faith traditions together for productive dialogue, discussion and joint projects here at Tufts. If not here, where can we ever expect to have real conversations? The challenges before us will take creativity, commitment, strength, thoughtfulness, and humor. To paraphrase the rabbis in the Talmud, we don’t have to finish this work, but we have to engage in it with energy and dedication.

**Check out our new web site at [www.tufts.edu/chaplaincy](http://www.tufts.edu/chaplaincy). We are very pleased to be one of the first sites to use the new University image, settings, and designs. Many thanks to Teresa Loftin for all her help and work.**

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