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From The Desk of The Chaplain



I am very pleased to announce our 2009-2010 Goddard Chapel Forum. This year we will be having a Goddard Chapel Forum on Religion and Media. Many folks from different types of media -- books, newspapers, television, cable and movies -- will be coming to Goddard Chapel this year. Our final speaker in April for the 2010 Russell Lecturer will be Tufts grad, Michael Flaherty, of Walden Media. Please see the fall schedule in this issue. The Goddard Chapel Forum on Religion and Media will be on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. and is free and open to the public at large.

Greetings!

Hope everyone had a restful summer. Many events to share and report in this fall edition of Goddard Talk Newsletter. First, our Interfaith Center continues to win awards. Thanks to the great work of Johnson Roberts Associates, Architects, the Tufts University Interfaith Center won the 2009 SCUP/AIA-CAE Excellence in Architecture Renovation/Adaptive Reuse Design Merit Award. This is now the third award the building has won. Many thanks to Karla Johnson and her team from Johnson Roberts Associates, for their work beautifying this section of Medford Hillside. The Interfaith Center shines as a light on the hill.

A very fond good-bye was said to Reverend Jeff VonWald our Protestant Chaplain. All the chaplains were at a farewell dinner at Il Faro Ristorante in Medford Square. Jeff has faithfully served the Protestant community here at Tufts for the last two years. He will be missed. Our prayers go with him as he discerns the next step in his ministerial journey.

Please join me in welcoming Reverend Kerrie Harthan as our new Protestant Chaplain. Kerrie comes from the same tradition as Jeff, United Church of Christ. She is part of the team ministry at First Church Somerville. Do read more about her in this issue.

Our very popular Noontime Concert series is also free and open to the public. See the fall schedule in this Newsletter.

Last spring, during Reunion/Commencement weekend, we set a new record for the numbers of couples who renewed their marriage vows in Goddard Chapel. Please know this is possible on most first Saturdays of the month or any time by arrangement.

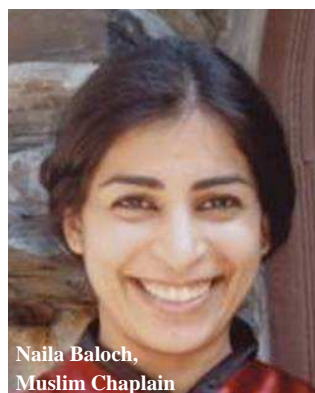
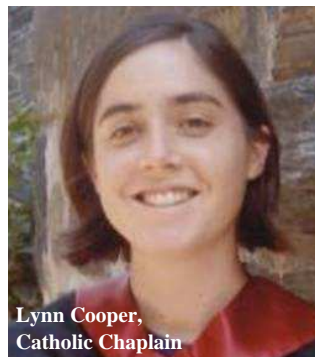
Please know I am at your service as University Chaplain. I would be happy to give a presentation or a talk to your group on various topics, or in any way serve your religious or spiritual needs. It is just a matter of scheduling. Please call Goddard Chapel at 617-627-3427.

Pax et Lux,

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**CHAPLAIN'S TABLE
"LIVING FAITH AT TUFTS"**

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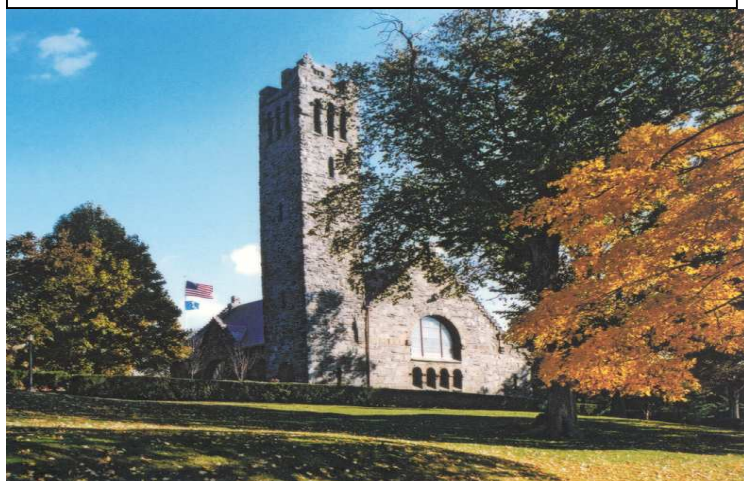
MacPhie Conference Room

Thursdays, 5-7 PM

- October 1st Introducing Tufts New Interfaith Group
C.A.F.E.
(Conversations, Action, Faith and Education)
Katie Vogel, LA'10, and
Kasey Mitchell, LA'11
- October 8th Buddhist Sangha at Tufts
Nicholas Matiasz, E'10 and
David Arond, Buddhist Advisor
- October 15th Catholic Community at Tufts
Lou Tanyu, LA'10 and
Stephanie Gomez, LA'11
- October 22nd Tufts Christian Fellowship
Rachel Wenger (Alum)
- October 29th Hillel
Rachel Finn, LA'11 and
Zachary Abramson, LA'11
- November 5th Hindu Student Council
Priyanka Kancheela, LA'12
- November 12th Muslim Student Association
Samina Hossein, LA'11
- November 19th Christian Scientists at Tufts
Dan Schoening

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**GODDARD CHAPEL FORUM ON
RELIGION & MEDIA**

FALL/WINTER - 2009

6 PM

- October 7th Reverend Robert Reed, Director
Boston Catholic Television
Pioneer in Religious Cable and Website Presence
- November 4th Reverend Scotty McLennan
Dean for Religious Life, Stanford University
Discussing his new book:
"Jesus was a Liberal:
Reclaiming Christianity for All"
- December 2nd Associate Professor Marla F. Frederick
African American Studies and
The Study of Religion, Harvard University
"The Influence of Television Ministries on
Constructions of Race and Gender in the
African Diaspora"

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GODDARD CHAPEL—NOONTIME CONCERTS

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Thursdays, 12:30 PM

- September 24th Margaret Angelini, organ
- October 8th Joyce Painter-Rice, organ
- October 22nd Janet Hunt, piano
- November 5th Todd Beckham, organ
- November 19th Travessada, Renaissance
flute ensemble
- December 3rd Christmas Concert with
organ, brass and voice
4 PM

Late Arrivals Welcome

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Dr. Janet E. Hunt, FAGO
Organ, Harpsichord,
Piano, Voice

CONCERTS AT GODDARD CHAPEL – by Dr. Janet E. Hunt, FAGO

The Goddard Chapel Thursday noontime concert series resumes this fall on September 24th. The free concerts, which take place on specific Thursdays at 12:30 pm, feature local musicians performing solo and chamber music. Over the past few semesters, audiences have enjoyed a wide variety of offerings, including solo piano, harpsichord, organ, string trio, woodwind trio, flute and piano, viol da gamba and harpsichord, and duos comprised of clarinet and piano, trumpet and organ, and violin and organ. This fall's line-up includes three solo organ performances which will illustrate the rich tonal palette of the chapel's historic Hook & Hastings pipe organ. Solo piano and a Renaissance flute ensemble round out the fall season, which concludes with the annual Christmas concert in early December. The Christmas concert includes music for brass and organ, choral selections, and a short carol sing-along outside as the Christmas tree is illuminated.

In addition to the concert series, as chapel organist, I will present a special organ demonstration on **Sunday, September 27th as part of Tufts' Community Day**. The demonstration appeals especially to children, as I will be performing a selection entitled "Dinosauria" which humorously depicts the different types of organ pipes. Children of all ages are invited to this event.

We hope to see many of you at this fall's Goddard Chapel concerts!

STUDENT REFLECTION ON CHAPLAIN'S TABLE—by Mary Langan, Tufts '09

As a practicing Catholic on campus I had listened to Father O'Leary mention Chaplain's Table at almost every Mass I have attended on campus and yet going into my senior year, I as yet had not attended a single one. Finally, this past year I didn't have a class or other scheduling conflict and decided this was an opportunity I couldn't pass up. I had always been drawn to Chaplain's Table as a forum that promised interesting and thoughtful dialogue on current issues and applications of religion in modern life. That in and of itself is enough, but to close the deal it all happens over a free meal at Dewick-MacPhie Dining Hall — that's not an offer many college seniors could pass up.

Attending the first event of the year, aptly focused on Religion and Politics during the heat of the presidential election, I realized what an undiscovered gem Chaplain's Table is. Peopled by a small but enthusiastic group of attendees, the night begins with time to enjoy a delicious meal while introducing yourself to others and chatting about whatever problem set, baseball game or campus event strikes your interest. Once settled, Father O'Leary, the University Chaplain and longtime Master of Ceremonies for Chaplain's Table, introduces the night's guest speaker. Ranging from professors to religious to professionals in the field, guest speakers provide a nuanced and insightful perspective on a specific subset on the semester's topic of interest. During the 2008-2009 school year, the fall semester was devoted to perspectives on Religion and Politics and the spring semester to Religion and Social Justice. The speaker explores the topic of their choice in a relaxed and respectful way and at an appropriate time the discussion is opened up for questions and dialogue — and of course, dessert.

Personally, I can't believe I hadn't come to Chaplain's Table sooner. The opportunity to discuss issues of religion and faith in a nonsectarian manner with fellow students and other members of the Tufts community is an occasion we are blessed to have. Chaplain's Table presented me with new perspectives and issues and while some challenged my own beliefs — much like any good discussion should — the Table always was a friendly and unifying experience. For me, Chaplain's Table is a sign of the vibrancy of student and campus life and of chaplaincy at Tufts and each week my sense of how wonderful an opportunity it is was renewed. If I were still at Tufts I know I would block off my Thursday night dinner time and leave it open for this blend of faith-filled and academic fellowship (and if I'm in the area I probably will). As it is, I hope that those students still on campus will take advantage of this under-reported event and find out a little bit more about what makes religion important in society, take an hour or two to slow down and reflect and of course experience a little bit more about what makes Tufts the community it is.

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INTRODUCING Reverend Kerrie Harthan, Protestant Chaplain

Kerrie is a native New Englander who grew up in Lynn and Ipswich, MA and Cape Elizabeth and Brunswick, ME.

She's had many ministry adventures: University and parish ministry, seminary admissions, maritime ministry, boat building ministry, urban environmental ministry with the MassReLeaf Ministry Project and other groups seeking to save endangered urbanwilds of the Charles River Basin.

To those who are looking for a faith community, she says "Every child needs a family. Every spiritual searcher needs spiritual kin. Every boat needs a safe harbor". Kerrie is thrilled to be coming to Tufts and to start her journey with the students.

We're on the Web!
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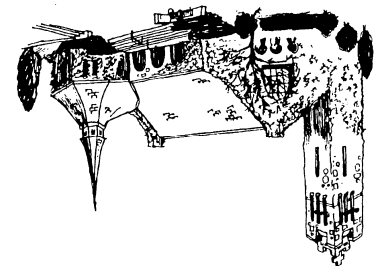
9-11 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Goddard Chapel

Reflection, Prayer and Song

ALL ARE WELCOME

Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, 12:30 PM



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