

LUCAS DZMURA

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EDUCATION

- Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA
MA in Jewish Studies 2008
Thesis *Androgynous, Intersubjectivity and the Performance of Gender*
- University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Dallas, TX
MA in Biomedical Media Development with a concentration in Curriculum and Instruction 1990
Thesis *The Social Networks of Gay Men with AIDS*
- Miami University, Oxford, OH
BPh in Interdisciplinary Studies 1985
Area of Concentration: Biology, Communications
Thesis: *The Embryology of the Human Eye (Computer Animation)*

AWARDS

- Lambda Literary Award for Transgender Non-Fiction 2010
Haas-Koshland Memorial Award 2006 – 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Starr King School for the Ministry
Adjunct Faculty, Hybrid Course. *Elements of Transgender Theology* 2012
Developed syllabus and overall course structure and administered all grades. Hybrid course, employing Skype to allow distant students access to face-time with peers and instructor; Moodle as a resource repository and discussion venue; Weebly as online development tool for students to transmit their learning to the interested public via blog and website.
- Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice. University of San Francisco
Adjunct Faculty. *Jews, Judaisms and Jewish Identities* 2011
Used existing syllabus, developed lectures and classroom exercises.

INVITED LECTURES

- Chicago Theological Seminary, Casteneda Lecture in LGBTQ Studies
Chevrot Kadisha (Burial Societies), Sex-Changed and Gender Non-Conforming Bodies. April, 2013
- Divining Meaning: Meditations on Gender and Religion* 32nd Annual Symposium, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR.
Keynote Speaker. ***Queer Ritual: Jewish Burial for Transgender Bodies.*** March, 2013
- First National Gathering of Transgender Jews, Berkeley, CA. *Nehirim*
Trans-Theological concepts in Joy Ladin's work, "Psalms." Nov., 2012
- Pittsburgh *Chevra Kadisha* (Burial Society)
Summary and Continued Discussion of Workshop on Transgender *Tahara (Ritual Washing)*. Nov., 2011
- Pittsburgh *Hillel*
Inclusion of Transgender People in Jewish Communities. Nov., 2011
- Kavod v Nichum* (Honor and Comfort) Annual Conference, Chicago.
Workshop and Role Play on *Tahara (Ritual Washing)* for Gender Variant Bodies. Nov., 2011
- Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice, USF, Congregation Beth Sholom, SF. Shavuot Night of Learning
What Transgender Does to God June 2011
- Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA
Course: Ministerial Witness During Death and Dying
Lecture: Jewish Burial Traditions and the Gender Variant Jew March, 2011

- Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice. University of San Francisco
 Course: Jews, Judaisms and Jewish Identities
Lecture: *Modernity and Zionism* **May, 2010**
- Congregation *Kehilla*, Oakland, CA.
Trainer. *Tahara (Ritual Washing) for Gender Variant Bodies. Training for the Chevra Kadisha (Burial Society)* **April, 2010**
- Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice. University of San Francisco
 Course: Jews, Judaisms and Jewish Identities
Lecture: *Modernity and Hasidism* **March, 2010**
 Course: Jewish Social Justice and Activism
Role Play: *Kavod ha Meit: Rethinking the Ethics of Jewish Traditional Burial to Honor Gender Variant Lives.* **Oct., 2009**
 Course: Jews, Judaisms and Jewish Identities
Lecture: *Jewish Social Justice - Martin Buber and Abraham Joshua Heschel; Passover.* **Oct., 2009**
- Progressive Jewish Alliance*, El Cerrito, CA
Trainer. *Toward Awareness and Activism: The Emerging Community of Transgender Jews.* **March 2008**
- Keshet Ga'ava* Mini-Conference at 2006 World Pride in Jerusalem, Israel. Sponsored by the *World Congress of GLBT Jews*.
Text study facilitator. "Gender Variance in Mishnah." **Aug., 2006**

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- Does Gender Matter After Death?*
 In [Transgender and Jewish](#). An E-Book of the *Jewish Daily Forward*. 2014
- The Mezzuzah at the Threshold*
 In [Jewish Voices in Unitarian Universalism](#) edited by Rev. Marti Keller and Leah Hart-Landsberg. Skinner Press. 2014
- Intersexed Bodies in Mishnah: A Translation and an Activist's Reading of Mishnah Androgynos (and) An Ancient Strategy for Managing Gender Ambiguity*
 Reprinted in [Religion in Today's World: Global Issues, Sociological Perspectives](#). Edited by Melissa Wilcox. Routledge. 2012
- [Balancing on the Mechitza: Transgender in Jewish Community](#)
 Noach Dzmura, editor. North Atlantic Books. (Lambda Literary Award Winner.) 2010
- Parashat Tsav: Ha Ner Tamid, dos Pintele Yid v'ha Zohar Muzar* (The Eternal Flame, the Jewish Spark, and the Flaming Queer)
 In [Torah Queeries](#). Edited by Gregg Drinkwater and Rabbi Joshua Lesser. NY University Press. 2009

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

- November 2-4, 2012. **Organizer** (with Provost Ibrahim Farajaje of Starr King School for the Ministry and community leader Amir Rabiya of Oakland). Gathering of Gender Non-Conforming Muslims.
- November 2-4 2012. **Organizer** (with David Dunn Bauer of *Nehirim* and community leader Kadin Henningsen of LA). Gathering of Gender Non-Conforming Jews.
- July 24-29, 2010. **Mentor** in the *Human Rights Campaign LGBT Mentorship and Scholarship Summer Institute in Religion and Theology*. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
2010. **Member**, San Francisco Jewish Community Federation's Transgender Task Force.
- 2008-09 **Co-author**, *Kol Tzedek Transgender Inclusion Report to the SFJCF*. I am a member of *Kol Tzedek*, a coalition of Bay Area Jewish organizations united to advocate for marriage equality and transgender inclusion. In the spring of 2009 we met with the ED of the Jewish Community Federation, and advocated for the creation of a Trans Task Force to address the challenges of transgender inclusion in Jewish communal life.
- Aug, 2006. **Advisor** to the Steering Committee on topics related to transgender inclusion, World Congress of GLBT Jews. Jerusalem.