

# ACCESSING THE DIVINE: RELIGIOUS SOURCES OF RESILIENCE IN AN AGE OF POLITICAL TURMOIL

APRIL 5, 2025 | BOSTON COLLEGE  
245 BEACON ST, CHESTNUT HILL, MA AND ON ZOOM

8:30 – 9:00 | **Registration, continental breakfast** | 245 Beacon Street, room 102, Chestnut Hill, MA

9:00 – 9:05 | **Welcoming remarks** | Room 102

9:05 – 10:20 | **Concurrent Session 1A: Communities of Resilience** | Room 102

- *Resilience Amidst Conflict: Orthodox Christian Advocacy and Ministry in Pittsfield's Vulnerable Communities*, Cornelius Wambi Gulere, Hellenic College Holy Cross
- *Faith and Fortitude: Exploring Spiritual Resilience in Black Alabamians*, Jaymes Mooney, Howard University
- *Resilience in Community: Historical Exploration of Adaptive Strategies of Indian Christians Facing Persecution in Madhya Pradesh, India*, Abhishek Prabhakar John, Boston University

9:05 – 10:20 | **Concurrent Session 1B: Religious Sources of Resilience** | Room 205

- *Cruciform Resilience: Two Anabaptist Ingredients for Survival*, Thomas Elbourn III, Boston College
- *On Mystical Darkness: Prophets & Mystics for Liberatory Transformation*, M. Mookie C. Manalili, Boston University
- *The Ignatian Examen Prayer as a Narrative Therapeutic Exercise for Resilience*, Josef Raoul Rodriguez, S.J., Boston College

10:30 – 11:45 | **Concurrent Session 2A: Resilience as Practice: Art, Play, and Song** | Room 102

- *Unveiling Political Resilience: The Life and Serigraphy of Sister Corita Kent*, Lauren Tassone, Harvard University
- *Lacrosse as Medicine: Haudenosaunee Resilience, Matriarchal Authority, and Theologies of Play*, Colin Destache, Marquette University (Zoom)
- *"Sing Hallelujah to the Lord": Colonial Hymn, Postcolonial Resilience, and Social Movements in Hong Kong*, Jeffrey Ng, Harvard Divinity School

10:30 – 11:45 | **Concurrent Session 2B: Interreligious and Comparative Resources** | Room 205

- *Contemporary Muslim and Christian Theological Perspectives on Sumud in Palestine*, Jack Engelmann, University of Notre Dame
- *A Transcendent Interdependence: Syncretic Shinto-Buddhism and Resilience in Minamata Disease Tragedy*, Wing Yin Li, Princeton Theological Seminary (Zoom)
- *A Zen Quaker's Guide to Equanimity*, Kurt Lakatos, Marquette University

11:45 – 12:30 | **Lunch** | Room 102

12:30 – 1:45 | **Concurrent Session 3B: Sources of Resilience from the Earth** | Room 102

- *Sacred Earth, Sacred Self: Buddhist-Christian Approaches to Embodied Ecospirituality and Caring for the Natural World*, Serafina Blake, Loyola Marymount University (Zoom)
- *Resilience Reimagined: Toward an Eco-Centric Praxis of Attunement*, Hayden Shaw, Hartford International University
- Artistic showcases: "Bleed, Burn, and Bloom," Mary Mueller, University of Notre Dame; "Fighter," Br. John Baptist Santa Ana, University of Notre Dame

12:30 – 1:45 | **Concurrent Session 3A: Wisdom from Theological Leaders** | Room 205

- *Enfleshing Communion: Solidarity as Practice of Collective Survival, Resilience, & Liberation in the Work of Gustavo Gutiérrez & M. Shawn Copeland*, Nathan Davis Hunt, Boston University
- *The Prodigal Son: Finding Strength in Religion in Heinrich Heine's Confessions*, Michal Ong, Harvard Divinity School
- *Beyond Bonhoeffer: Rethinking Responsibility in Modern Civil Turmoil*, Selah Long, Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University (Zoom)

1:45 – 2:00 | **Afternoon coffee break**

2:00 – 3:00 | **Workshops**

- *Revive the Inner Leader and Connect to Source using Brahma Kumaris: A Spiritual Yoga Workshop*, Sudarshan Sundar, Harvard Divinity School | Room 102
- *Creativity Builds Resilience*, Molly Snakenberg, Boston College | Room 205

3:00 | **Concluding remarks and announcement of best student papers**

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