



Supporting LGBTQ People in Religious and Spiritual Settings Two 5-part Mini-courses

As the world has become more LGBTQ-affirming, many spiritual and religious leaders have too... and some have been leading the way! Is that you? And would you like additional tools for your ministry with and to LGBTQ people?

*In these first-ever 5-part series, the **Blanton-Peale Institute and Counseling Center**, **Rev. Shari K. Brink, President**, and **Believe Out Loud/Intersections International**, **James Rowe, Director**, partner to bring together mental health professionals and religious and spiritual leaders to discuss and develop skills for supporting LGBTQ people.*

Who are these mini-courses for?

- Anyone – LGBTQ or ally – who finds themselves leading a small or large group that includes LGBTQ people, in a religious or spiritual setting (clergy, small group leader, board member, or other leadership role).
- Mental Health professionals who want a deeper understanding of the religious and spiritual aspects for LGBTQ people. Social Work CEUs available.

What you can expect: Becoming a part of a learning community with expert presentations and an opportunity to share your own experience and wisdom.

All 10 sessions are on Tuesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Intersections International, 145 W 28th Street, 11th Floor, NYC

Part I, Foundational Aspects: Led by **Lee Heeter**, LMSW, M.Div. and Blanton-Peale therapist, and **Supavadee Thaveesaengsiri**, LCSW-R and psychoanalyst, Blanton-Peale therapist and clinical supervisor

- February 16: Introduction and Community Formation
- February 23: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity “101” (and evolving terminology)
- March 1: Shame, Secrets, Trauma and Coming Out in the LGBTQ Community
- March 8: Addiction, Depression and Suicide in the LGBTQ Community
- March 15: Looking Ahead: Acceptance and Safety in the Larger Community

Part II, Going Deeper

- April 5: Intersectionality: Race, Socio-economics, and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity – Led by **Munib Raad**, LCSW, and **Leigh Howard**, LCSW-R, psychotherapist/clinical supervisor, Callen Lorde
- April 12: Supporting Transgender People – Leader TBA
- April 19: Supporting LGBTQ Youth – Led by **Munib Raad** and **Leigh Howard**, Callen Lorde
- April 26: Supporting Same-sex Couples and Their Children – Led by **Jennifer Aull**, LMFT, ordained UCC minister and Minister for Community Care, Greenpoint Church, training in clinical sex therapy
- May 3: Supporting LGBTQ Seniors – Leader TBA

Registration Fee: \$150 for each 5-part series (Register at <http://blantonpeale.org/workshops.html>)
\$40 per session *a la carte*
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