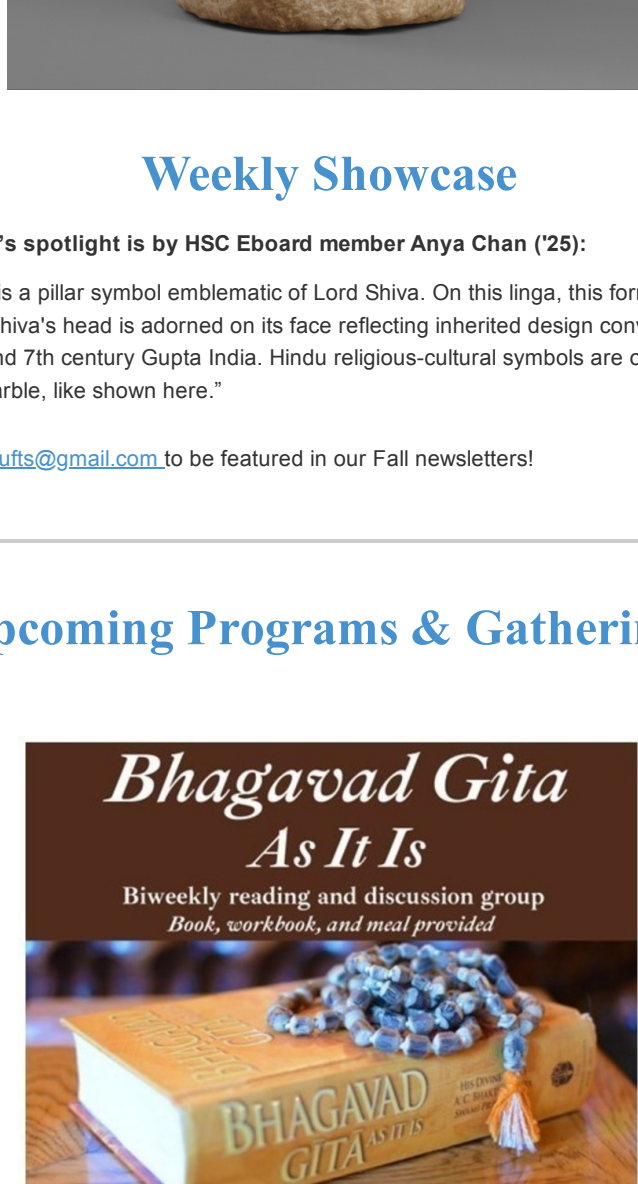


## HSC Weekly Meeting

April 11, 2022

@8-9pm ET in Goddard Chapel

Next week, instead of a presentation, we will be gathering to decorate our white shirts for our upcoming event, Holi! We will be using fabric markers to draw on designs and personalize t-shirts for eboard as well as the free white t-shirts that we plan to give out on the day of the event.



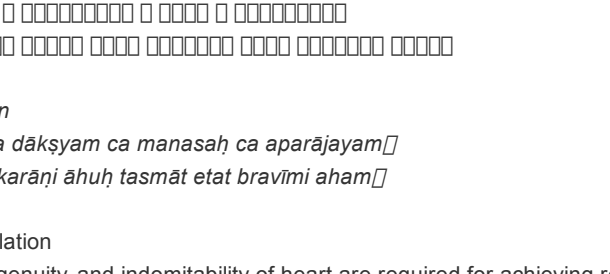
## Weekly Showcase

This week's spotlight is by HSC Eboard member Anya Chan (25):

"The linga is a pillar symbol emblematic of Lord Shiva. On this linga, this form is phallic, and Lord Shiva's head is adorned on its face reflecting inherited design conventions from 6th and 7th century Gupta India. Hindu religious-cultural symbols are often sculpted in white marble, like shown here."

Email [hsc.tufts@gmail.com](mailto:hsc.tufts@gmail.com) to be featured in our Fall newsletters!

## Upcoming Programs & Gatherings



**Bhagavad Gita As It Is - TOMORROW!**  
Reading and Discussion Group  
[Zoom](#) and Campus Center 012 - April 8, 2022 12-2pm

Please note our change in dates as we have 2 more sessions this academic year:

April 8 - chapters 14, 15, and 17 (will end at 1:30pm for temple visit)

April 29 (meeting in the IFC) - chapters 16, 18

We hope you will join us as you are able, each session stands on its own in helping us with our understanding of yoga, bhakti, and gyan. Reach out to [preeta.banerjee@tufts.edu](mailto:preeta.banerjee@tufts.edu) to RSVP for lunch provisions.

## Inspiration

This Sunday April 10, 2022 is Ram Navami! On this Ram Navami, let's drink in this Shloka from Valmiki's Ramayana to support us in our work toward our individual goals with more vigor, enthusiasm, and determination. This Shloka is part of the conversation between Angada (son of Sugriva) and his army (Vanar Sena) when they were on their mission to find Sita. Angada motivates his army when they had started losing their enthusiasm as they were not able to find her despite the extensive search.

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Transliteration  
*anirvedam ca dakṣyam ca manasā ca aparāyam*  
*kārya siddhi karāni ahuh tasmāt etat bravīmi aham*

English translation  
Insistency, ingenuity, and indomitability of heart are required for achieving results.  
Therefore I say so!

Source: Valmiki's Ramayana 4.49.6

## Office Hours and Other Resources

Wednesday and Fridays 12:00 p.m. - 2 p.m., in person  
(room 104 at the Interfaith Center); Thursdays 2:00 p.m. - 5 p.m. ET, virtually  
Please email me: [preeta.banerjee@tufts.edu](mailto:preeta.banerjee@tufts.edu) to set up an appointment



April 8, 2022 @ 1:30pm-4pm - TOMORROW!

COFFEE is coordinating an Interfaith visit to the Shivalaya temple.

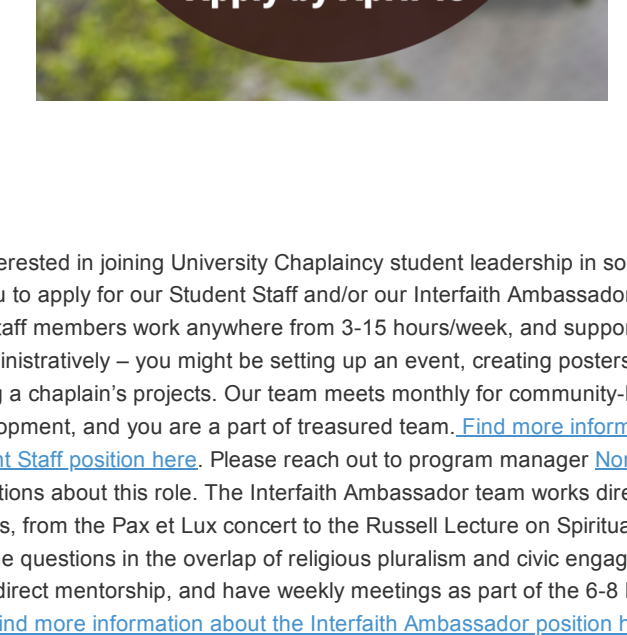
You can register for the event [here](#).



Death Cafe 2022 - TOMORROW!

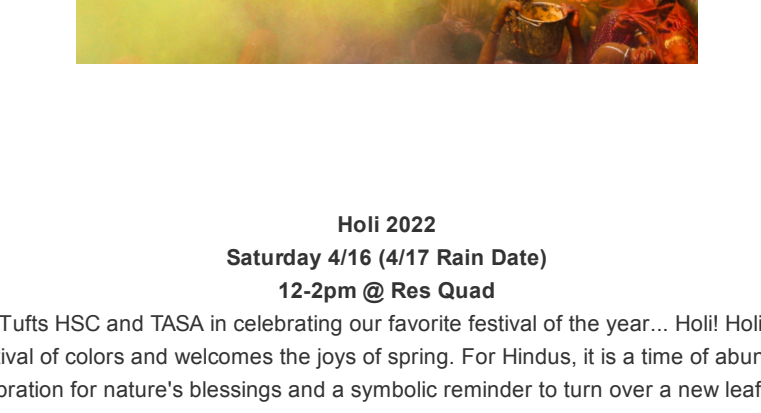
Friday, April 8th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Interfaith Center

What do you believe happens after death? Does it matter? Would you want to know how/when you're going to die? What does it mean to you to leave a legacy? If these questions spark your interest, you should come to this year's Death Cafe. Death Cafe is a space in which people, often strangers, gather to share a meal, eat cake, and discuss our different ideas surrounding death. Our goal is to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their (finite) lives. Rather than a grief support or counseling session, these directed discussions of death have no agenda or objectives, and only hope to explore our thoughts and ideas about death and dying. [Please RSVP here](#).



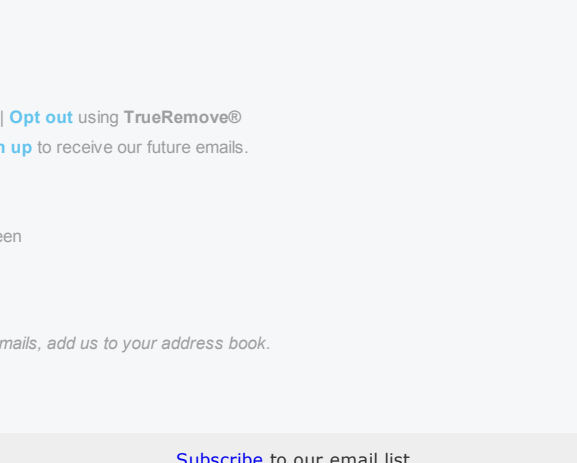
SAPAC Symposium

South Asian Political Action Committee invites you to present your work at the annual SAPAC Symposium on April 9th, 2022 from 1-5 pm. We will be featuring performances, visual art, and academic work or research by members of the Tufts South Asian community. Please fill out the form in our Linktree by March 14th if you would like to present at SAPAC Symposium. Symposium is our biggest event of the year, and we hope you join us!



Adventuring to Advocacy: Finding our paths to environmental justice  
Sunday, April 10, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Interfaith Center

Come join us for a journey to explore our individual paths to climate justice. Through developing our stories, connecting to local organizations, and engaging with the viewpoints of your friends and neighbors, begin to imagine your role in the advocacy needed in the fight for climate justice here on Tufts campus and beyond. By working to understand the varied approaches to environmental salvation taken by activists and faith leaders alike, this workshop hopes to root us in our home and grow us into the change we wish to see. Lunch will be provided. All identities welcome. [You can RSVP here](#).



Are you interested in joining University Chaplaincy student leadership in some way? We invite you to apply for our Student Staff and/or our Interfaith Ambassador Program. Student staff members work anywhere from 3-15 hours/week, and support our whole team administratively – you might be setting up an event, creating posters, tabling, or supporting a chaplain's projects. Our team meets monthly for community-building and skill development, and you are a part of treasured team. [Find more information about the Student Staff position here](#). Please reach out to program manager [Nora Bond](#) with any questions about this role. The Interfaith Ambassador team works directly on our programs, from the Pax et Lux concert to the Russel Lecture on Spiritual Life, and engages the questions in the overlap of religious pluralism and civic engagement. They receive direct mentorship, and have weekly meetings as part of the 6-8 hour/week stipend. [Find more information about the Interfaith Ambassador position here](#). Please reach out to University Chaplain [Elvise Nelson Winger](#) with any questions about this role.



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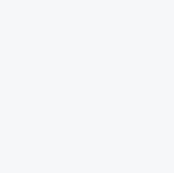
Saturday 4/16 (4/17 Rain Date)

12-2pm @ Res Quad

Join Tufts HSC and TASA in celebrating our favorite festival of the year... Holi! Holi is the festival of colors and welcomes the joys of spring. For Hindus, it is a time of abundant celebration for nature's blessings and a symbolic reminder to turn over a new leaf. Stop by to throw some rang on your friends, vibas for some Bollywood music, snack on some samosas and mango lassi, and enjoy the spring weather! Make sure to come early so you don't miss the performances and to grab a free white t-shirt!.

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