

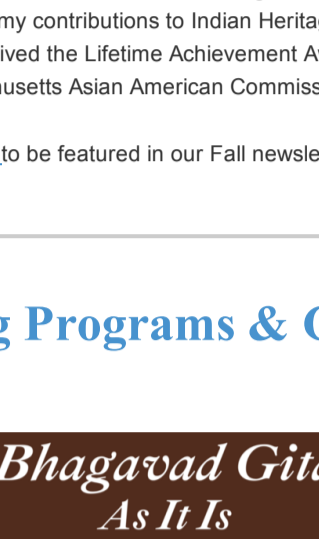


HSC Weekly Meeting

Feb. 22, 2021

@8-9pm ET in Goddard Chapel

This week's presentation will be on the role that dance and music play in Hindu culture! We will be discussing different Indian dance and musical forms and how they tie back to the Hindu religion. See you there!



Weekly Showcase

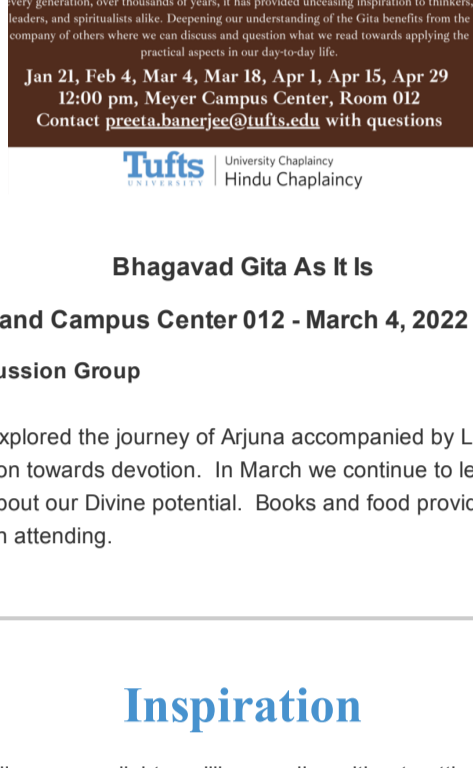
This week's spotlight is on Ranjani Aunty, who you might have met at the Diwali Puja:

"I serve as the Executive Director of the Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of USA, which runs over 100,000 schools in rural and tribal areas in India and Nepal, providing education to nearly 2.8 million children. Each school is used as a nucleus to bring about holistic transformation of the village. I worked to bring digital literacy to these remote areas with the use of mobile computer labs called Ekal on Wheels. Prior to joining Ekal I worked in the field of education technology at Tufts University and MIT.

Serving the Indian community is a big passion for me. I am the co-founder of a bi-weekly South Asian e-magazine, Lokvani.com with over 40,000 subscribers. I am the founder of one of the oldest schools of Indian classical dancing in Boston and was honored by Governor Deval Patrick for my contributions to Indian Heritage and Fine Arts in Massachusetts. I have received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission."

Email hsc.tufts@gmail.com to be featured in our Fall newsletters!

Upcoming Programs & Gatherings



The Bhagavad-gita is universally renowned as a jewel of India's spiritual wisdom. As a theological and philosophical dialogue, the Bhagavad-gita summarizes the conclusions of the Vedas, the ancient scriptures written over 3000 years ago in the Sanskrit language. In very generations, over thousands of years, it has provided increasing inspiration to leaders, doctors, and spiritualists alike. Deepening our understanding of the Gita benefits from the company of others where we can discuss and question what we read towards applying the practical aspects to our day-to-day life.

Jan 21, Feb 4, Mar 4, Mar 18, Apr 1, Apr 15, Apr 29
12:00 pm, Meyer Campus Center, Room 012
Contact: preeta.banerjee@tufts.edu with questions

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Bhagavad Gita As It Is

Zoom and Campus Center 012 - March 4, 2022 12-2pm

Reading and Discussion Group

Last semester we explored the journey of Arjuna accompanied by Lord Krishna through doubt and right action towards devotion. In March we continue to learn some of the deeper teachings about our Divine potential. Books and food provided. Email preeta if you are interested in attending.

Inspiration

"From just one candle, you can light a million candles without putting strain on the first candle. From one awakened being, you can set light into a million souls, so powerful is the light.

If you go into a room full of light, but outside is darkness, and you open the curtain, that darkness won't come in. But if you go into a room which is dark and you open up a little tiny bit of a curtain, it will fill the whole room with light. Such is the power of the light."

We are this light and we must discover this..."

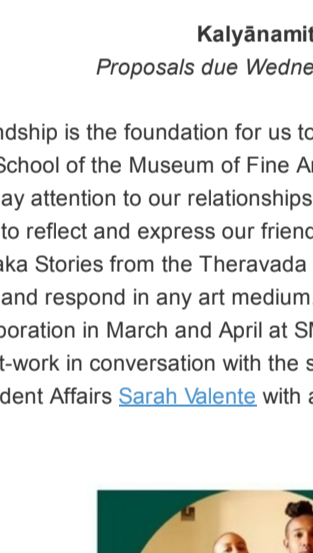
— Mooji, *Breath of the Absolute: Dialogues with Mooji - The Manifest and Unmanifest Are One*

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 to set up an appointment

See No Stranger at Tufts

A Reading and Learning Opportunity for the Tufts Community



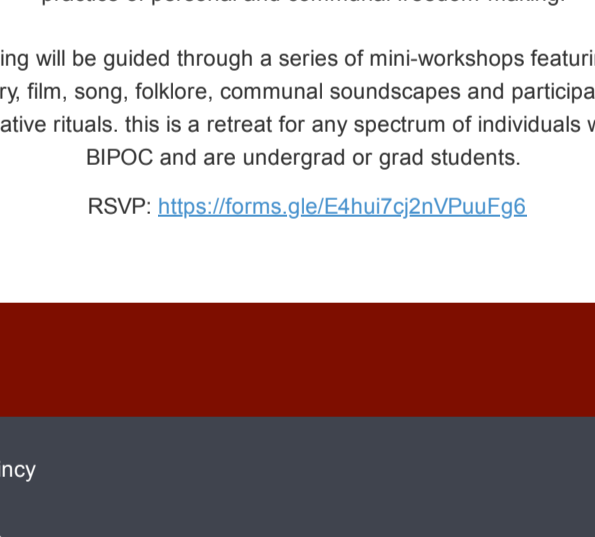
Begins in late February

Join a three week group conversation about the memoir and manifesto of our 2022 Russell Lecturer, Valarie Kaur. Summaries of weekly reading will be provided.

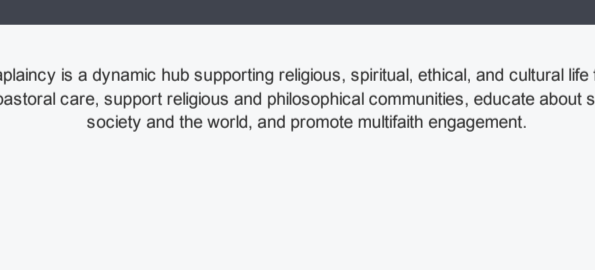
Register by Feb 21
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You are invited to join a See No Stranger Learning Series with the University Chaplaincy, in preparation for our Russell Lecturer and Tisch College Solomont Speaker, Valarie Kaur. Facilitated groups will meet for an hour each week for three weeks in late February and early March to discuss themes and sections from Kaur's book, See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love. We will consider together what Revolutionary Love looks and feels like to us and our community. Books will be provided to students, and summaries of the week's topic will be provided. There is no expectation of finishing the book, and we welcome you as a discussion partner. Please contact University Chaplaincy program manager Nora Bond with any questions and accessibility needs. There are multiple group meeting times, and we hope you will join us! Please sign up by Monday, February 21 [via this link](https://valariekaur.com/learninghub).



Kalyānamitta: A Good Friend
Submissions due Feb 16



Kalyānamitta: A Good Friend Show
Proposals due Wednesday, February 16, by 11:59 p.m. ET

Friendship is the foundation for us to care more about each other. This show, hosted by the School of the Museum of Fine Arts (SMFA) and the University Chaplaincy, invites us to pay attention to our relationships with other people, animals, and the world and use art to reflect and express our friendships with other beings. This call is rooted in Four Jātaka Stories from the Theravada Buddhist tradition. Choose one that resonates with you, and respond in any art medium. Your artwork will be the centerpiece of an interfaith collaboration in March and April at SMFA and Medford campuses. We will celebrate your art-work in conversation with the stories. You can connect with Assistant Director of Student Affairs Sarah Valente with any questions, and [find the submission form here](https://tufts.edu/submit).



The Tufts Humanist Chaplaincy and The Tufts Hindu Chaplaincy invite you to attend:

the unlearning retreat 2022: the way we be.
April 2, 2022 11-8pm
At the IFC (58 Winthrop, Medford MA)

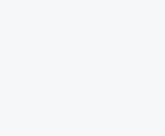
what is your truth? how do you tap into the worth of knowing? let us journey together, as we reorient our personhood and imagine ourselves unearthing the quiet confidence within. in this Unlearning Retreat, join storåre michele and Jé Exodus Hooper in a practice of personal and communal freedom-making.

this gathering will be guided through a series of mini-workshops featuring storytelling through poetry, film, song, folklore, communal soundscapes and participant's creation of short speculative rituals. this is a retreat for any spectrum of individuals who identify as BIPOC and are undergrad or grad students.

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/F4hui7cj2nVPuufG6>

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