



Siufung Law Awarded 2026 Educational Resource Prize

The LGBTQ Religious Archives Network (LGBTQ-RAN) honors Siufung Law with the [2026 LGBTQ-RAN Educational Resource Prize](#). Law is receiving the Prize for their upper-level undergraduate seminar syllabus, "[Transing Religion: Gender Beyond the Binaries](#)."

[Siufung Law](#) (they/them) is a Ph.D. candidate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Emory University. Their dissertation, "Sporting Thirdness: An Ethnography of the Nonbinary Gender Divisions in Bodybuilding in Taiwan," examines nonbinary bodybuilding in Taiwan to theorize "thirdness" through geopolitics, categorical politics, and body politics, drawing on multi-sited ethnographic research and sustained engagement with trans and queer sports communities in Asia.

Law is equally committed to teaching and public pedagogy. In 2026, they are the Dean's Teaching Fellow at Emory University, where they designed "Trans in Asia: Rethinking Gender Across Borders," a first-of-its-kind course centering trans and queer politics in Asian contexts. "Transing Religion: Gender Beyond the Binary" grows out of Law's long-standing interest in the intersection of trans studies and religious studies, which they found remained underexplored in undergraduate and graduate classrooms. Their early work on Buddhist philosophy further shaped the syllabus, especially its potential to rethink gender and the body beyond binary frameworks inspiring them to bring these questions into undergraduate teaching.

Designed as an upper-level undergraduate seminar, [the syllabus](#) centers transgender, nonbinary, Two Spirit, and gender-expansive people as primary interpreters and makers of religion. It uses religious and creative materials to explore trans and gender-variant saints and bodhisattvas, Indigenous gender sovereignties, South Asian legal struggles, Black trans prayers, and trans-centered practices such as doula care. [The syllabus](#) addresses LGBTQ+ religious history by tracing how trans communities have theorized, inhabited, and transformed religious institutions and ideas across time and place."

In awarding the Prize, the jury members observed that Law's "Transing Religion" course was "impressive for its astute attention to learning, the creative exercises, and the use of primary material... While it may be aspirational for many undergrads, it includes interesting pedagogical exercises: attentive icon study, storyboards for narrating causal interactions, and 'tiles' for a concluding collaborative project... Law also models how to incorporate creative sources throughout a course rather than as an addendum or afterthought."

The jury also gave honorable mention to [K.D. Thompson, Ph.D.](#), for the syllabus "[Queer\(ing\) Religion](#)," for an undergraduate course taught in spring 2025 at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. It introduces the study of religion through the lens of queer and trans theory, with learning objectives that include analyzing texts about religion and queerness, comparing diverse religious worldviews, and interpreting how religious communities shape and are reshaped by LGBTQ+ lives. Thompson is Professor of Religious Studies and Evjue-Bascom Professor in the Humanities at the University of

Wisconsin-Madison.

Law's submission was among five received for the [2026 Educational Resource Prize](#). Law is the sixth recipient of the prize, which LGBTQ-RAN initiated in 2021 to honor scholars and teachers who develop curricular and instructional materials for teaching LGBTQ+ religious history at all levels of education, from primary to higher education, as well as in congregational or community settings. The prize is intended to support and amplify the development of these educational resources and to make excellent resources available by publishing them on the LGBTQ-RAN website.

Law's and Thompson's course syllabi are available on the "Teaching Resources" page of the LGBTQ RAN website, <https://lgbtqreligiousarchives.org/teaching-resources>

Submissions for next year's LGBTQ-RAN Educational Resource Prize must be postmarked or received electronically by June 30, 2027. Complete information on submission guidelines for the Prize can be found at: www.lgbtqreligiousarchives.org/educational-resource-prize-guidelines
The [LGBTQ Religious Archives Network](#) is a groundbreaking venture to preserve the history of LGBTQ religious movements around the world. It has three primary purposes: (a) to assist LGBTQ religious leaders and groups in determining how best to preserve their records and papers in appropriate repositories; (b) to provide an electronic information clearinghouse for these archival collections and other historical data about LGBTQ religious history; and (c) to encourage research and study of LGBTQ religious history. Learn more about LGBTQ-RAN at its website, <https://lgbtqreligiousarchives.org/>

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