



*Minns Spring 2019 Lecture Series*

## **American Populism and Unitarian Universalism**

# **The Social Question: Unitarian Social Ethics in the Progressive Era.**

Lecture by Dr. Colin Bossen. Response by Dr. Anthony Pinn  
**Saturday, May 18, 6:30 PM, First UU Society of San Francisco**  
(Reception to follow.)

How Can Unitarian Universalists Respond to Populism? Right-wing populism is on the rise, threatening Unitarian Universalist values with its apocalyptic worldview and tendency to divide the world into a righteous people and a corrupt elite. But left-wing populism has also helped build democratic societies by pushing institutions to be more accountable. For the spring 2019 Minns Lecture series, Rev. Dr. Bossen will challenge us to ask how Unitarian Universalists can respond to populism and white supremacy in the age of Trump.



**Rev. Dr. Colin Bossen** is an activist, minister, and scholar of religion, race, and politics in the United States. He currently serves as the Interim Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston. He is working on a book on the religious dimensions of populism, *Onward, Christian Soldiers: American Populism and the Religious Imagination*. He shares sermons and other writings at [www.colinbossen.com](http://www.colinbossen.com).

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There is no charge to attend. Questions? Email [info@uusf.org](mailto:info@uusf.org) or call 415-776-4580.



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