

Director's Welcome

The Center for Christian-Jewish Learning has continued its commitment to the enhancement of interreligious relations during these last two years. Our report reflects but some of the energy at Boston College that is devoted to caring for the intellectual and spiritual lives of our faculty, students, and friends.

appreciate how important is its effort to bring faculty and students into new groupings that are able to examine difficult issues from fresh perspectives. A very successful example of this was the seminar that brought together Christian, Jewish, and Muslim graduate and professional students to discuss how their different faiths deal with the challenges faced by poor people and the adequacy of those traditions in their thought and practice of charity and justice. The students themselves selected this theme and the Center is very grateful to them for their vigorous engagement with this seminar and project. As a result of its success, my intention is to establish other interdisciplinary seminars for the next two years: one will be devoted to how the three major Abrahamic faiths approach altruism as a moral ideal and the other will study how these same traditions c



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others. The central topic of our conversations was the State of Israel within the perspectives of Orthodox Judaism and the secular Zionist project. We will bring back to our local communities the very sophisticated approaches to Israel and Palestine that were discussed in Jerusalem.

I hope that you will find our report informative and encouraging because it displays how the bonds between Christians and Jews continue to strengthen. The Center



Christine Helmer, 2017-2018

Christine Helmer is the 2017-2018 Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations. Prof. Helmer is Professor of German and

Etty: A Play
April 27, 2016

Etty is a play drawn from the diaries of Etty Hillesum, a poetic, young Dutch woman, searching for the meaning of her life and all life during the terror Nazi occupation. This performance at Boston College was co-sponsored by the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning and the Theology Department.



Towards the Ends of the Earth: Land in the Jewish-Christian Dialogue
The Fifth Annual John Paul II Lecture in Jewish-Christian Relations
Rev. David Neuhaus, S.J.
October 30, 2016

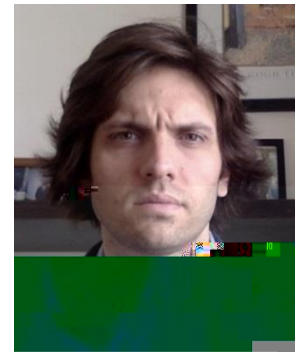


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in Jewish-Christian relations. His talk addressed: the question of the Jewish claim to the Land of Israel, , our constant search for justice and peace in a broken world, and Catholic-Jewish dialogue in a new age of respect and cooperation.

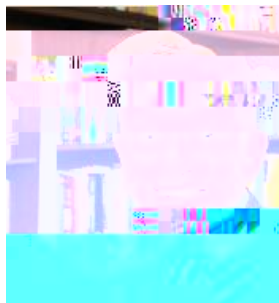
***The Confessions of the Flesh* in the Foucault Archives**
Agustin Colombo
February 23, 2017

Center Visiting Scholar Agustin Colombo delivered a talk on the newly available personal archives of Michel Foucault. The presentation focused on the unpublished 4th volume of the *History of Sexuality: "The Confessions of the Flesh"* housed at the Fonds Foucault. It tackled the Augustinian problematization of desire (*libido*). By considering this particular point, the talk aimed to use a key topic of Foucault's unpublished book in order to better approach its relevance for the whole project of the *History of Sexuality* and the new perspectives and readings that it opens. One of those openings is a possible foreshadowing of anti-Judaism and anti-Semitism.



Agustin Colombo

The Psalms: Jewish-Catholic Dialogue through Shared Praise
Prof. Andrew Davis
March 2, 2017



Andrew Davis, Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Boston College, delivered a lecture exploring the Psalter as a valuable resource for Jewish-Christian dialogue. Christian readers of scripture have long been enlightened and inspired by Jewish exegesis, and today we have more opportunities than ever to read Scripture through the eyes of other faith

their importance for Christian faith. This event was co-sponsored by the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning and the School of Theology and Ministry.

David Frankfurter (Boston University)

Between Christian and Hellene/Heathen/Local (Shenoute & Pseudo-Athanasius plus terracotta images from 5th century Egypt)

The Gospel of John and Jewish-Christian Relations

2017 Corcoran Chair Conference

April 2-3, 2017

The Gospel of John is one of the most beloved books of the Christian canon, appreciated and admired for its sublime theology and poetic language. But the Gospel is also the source of potent anti-Jewish ideas, including the association of the Jews with the devil, that persist to this very day. By focusing on such diverse areas as art, film, music and liturgy, on thinkers such as Luther and Bultmann, on Protestant, Catholic as well as Orthodox Christianity, and, of course, on the Fourth Gospel itself, this conference considered the role that the Gospel has played and continues to play in Jewish-Christian relations.

Adele Reinhartz (University of Ottawa and Boston College)

The Gospel of John in Early Christian-Jewish Relations

PHEME PERKINS (Boston College)

Erasure of the Jews in the Farewell Discourse and Johannine Epistles -- Gnostic connections?

R. Alan Culpepper (McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University)

Protestant Lectionary Texts

Eileen Schuller (McMaster University)

Reading the Gospel of John in the Catholic Lectionary

Michael Azar (University of Scranton)

Susanna Heschel (Dartmouth College)

Marcia Kupfer (Independent Scholar)

Ecclesia and Synagoga at the Creation

Richard Walsh (Methodist University)

Michael Marissen (Swarthmore College)

in the Gospel of John

Stephen Rugg, Boston College S.T.L. Student

Stephen Rugg undertook a research project as part

s self-understanding as a prophet. The reframing captures community concern, heraldic activity, dramatic imitation of Christ, and apostolicity, while s continuity with Jewish categories of religious experience and ministry in a more holistic a more engaged Christian self-understanding of continuity with early an opportunity for Jewish-Christian discussions of Paul to find renewed common more accurate and fruitful un

Justin Ilboudo, S.J., Boston College S.T.L. Student

Justin Ilboudo undertook a study of the law of retaliation as it is mentioned in the Hebrew Bible and as

What is the meaning of the law of retaliation in the Hebrew Bible and how give a review of interpretations that do not apprehend the law of retaliation literally and therefore help to escape from a literal understanding of the passage of update available resources on the

His research aims to help Ch specifically those who are interested in the study of the Bible and the Christian ministers who do not have chances, during their formation, to know and to study

Samantha Fazekas, Boston College Philosophy M.A. Student

Samantha Fazekas is developing a research paper on symbolic reconciliation as a means of coming to terms with history. Her scholarly purpose is twofold: first, to compare the German model of coming to terms with history to the American process of coming to terms with history; and second, to analyze both processes in conjunction with the reconciliation efforts of the Catholic Church in order to foster the Christian-Jewish dialogue. The aim of her project is to assess the efficacy of symbolic reconciliation by examining previous and recent reconciliation efforts.

Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations



The Center for Christian-Jewish Learning publishes *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*, the electronic journal of the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations (CCJR). Prof. Ruth Langer and Dr. Camille Fitzpatrick Markey, Center Associate Directors, serve on the editorial board, as Co-Editor and Managing Editor respectively. This academic journal, the only one fully dedicated to Christian-Jewish relations, publishes peer-reviewed articles, major addresses from the Council of Center's conferences, and book reviews. It may be accessed freely on the internet at its website www.bc.edu/scjr.

The Journal publishes peer-reviewed scholarship on the history, theology, and contemporary realities of Jewish-Christian relations and reviews new materials in the field. In 2015, volume 10 (no. 2) was a *Nostra Aetate*-themed special issue with articles written by the Christian Scholars Group. The volume included six articles and one book review. In 2016, volume 11 included five peer-reviewed articles, one proceeding of the CCJR annual meeting, and 22 reviews. Volume 12 (2017) has currently published ten peer-reviewed articles, including a special s 0 072.02440 0 1 13m{v}9(i)-4(ewed)-74(ar)5(t3 0 1 7ew)14

Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi (HarperOne, 2014) with four reviews and a response