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Celebrating 40 Years

by Lawrence E. Frizzell

The decades have slipped by since the Second Vatican Council and the promulgation of the "Declaration of the Church's Relation to Non-Christian Religions" (*Nostra Aetate*) on October 28, 1965. The other fifteen documents of this Council provide the essential background for understanding fully the implications of section 4 of *Nostra Aetate* on Judaism and the Jewish people. My predecessor, Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher, called this section "The Church's Bond with the Jewish People." Appreciating this text was only the beginning of a new relationship, he initiated plans for a Master's program so that the younger generation would be prepared for the work ahead. He hoped that every major city in North America would have an active dialogue between Christians and Jews, as well as similar exchanges among the Christian churches. Christian ecumenism, the search for deeper understanding of God's will for unity among Christians, gains much from going back to the Jewish matrix out of which Christianity emerged. Preparation for respectful dialogue with the Jewish people, who also have a wide diversity for expressing their faith, liturgy and culture, was the reason for Seton Hall's Master's program. The long history of Catholic-Jewish relations must be reviewed extensively, with the hope that Protestant and Orthodox Christians will develop their own exchanges with the Jewish communities.

Classes in our Master's program began in Fall 1975 with two full-time Faculty and three adjuncts. In the first year there were thirteen students: six Jews, six Catholics and one Protestant. Over the years the number of students has increased considerably and many have come from other countries. Some of the graduates have pursued a doctorate in a specialization of their interest in the field and all have contributed to education in Jewish-Christian relations as teachers or in related professions.

We now have a new generation of students for whom the Second Vatican Council is history rather than a lived experience. May they take up the challenge of interfaith exchanges in a positive vein! We hope that this maturing of the many facets of the Christian-Jewish experience will become a model for people of good will in places that desperately need a new vision of the potential for treating our neighbors with respect for life and liberty of conscience!



New JCST Ecology Course

Learn about our new Spring 2016 course, *Collaborative Models for Integral Ecology*.

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Jesus and Jewish Prayer

Read about the event that inaugurated our program's 40th anniversary celebrations.

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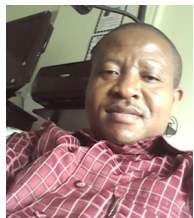
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Join us in Spring 2016 for our annual Teachers Study Day.

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Welcome, New Students!

We are pleased to welcome and introduce the following students who matriculated into the Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies program this year:



Kenneth Anyanwu is a seminarian from the Imo State of Nigeria. He holds a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the Seat of Wisdom Seminary, an ecclesiastical institution established for the training of young men for the Catholic priesthood in Owerri, Nigeria. Kenneth is interested in interfaith dialogue and comparative religious studies and plans to focus his research on Catholic theology and the relation of the Catholic Church to other religions. He has matriculated into the JCST graduate program because he believes the lessons he learns in the program "will be of immense significance and benefit to my priestly training and ministry and will better equip and prepare me to foster religious harmony for effective service to God in today's world, which is replete with religious tension and acrimony."



Irmína Czapiewska is from the Medieval Town of Toruń in Northern Poland where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in English and English Literature and a Master of Arts degree in Archival Sciences at Copernicus University. She taught English in Primary School, Junior High and High School and also worked as a tourist guide before coming to the United States and matriculating into the JCST graduate program at Seton Hall University. In 2009 during her first trip to Israel, Irmína developed a passion to learn more about Jewish life, culture and ancient and modern Hebrew, which she began to study in her Polish hometown. She is continuing her Hebrew studies in the JCST program and plans to concentrate her research on Jewish history with an emphasis on the *Shoah*.



Ravan Cottrell, originally from Fairfield, Alabama, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and English from Tennessee State University in addition to a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Literature, with a concentration in New Testament and Greek. She intends to focus her JCST studies and research on the history of ancient Israel and the Jewish Diaspora through the Second Temple Period as well as the Jewish roots of Christianity. Ravan will also augment her language studies with classical Hebrew so that she can read and understand the Hebrew Scriptures in their original language. After completing her JCST studies, Ravan intends to continue her graduate studies and earn a Ph.D. in the field so that she can become a better teacher and preacher.



Rev. David Kazzahchiyang Didam is a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kafanchan, which is a diocese located in the city of Kafanchan in the Ecclesiastical province of Kaduna in northern Nigeria. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2007 following his theological studies in St. Augustine's Major Seminary in Jos. After completing his M.A. in Jewish-Christian Studies, he plans to further develop his involvement in interfaith relations to promote understanding between Catholics and Muslims in Nigeria. He also hopes to teach in the Major Seminary where young men are being trained to become priests and bridge-builders among all people, irrespective of their socio-cultural, political and religious affiliation.



Sister Gemina Vitalis Munyuku belongs to the community of Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady Help of Christians in Ndanda Mtwara, Tanzania in East Africa. She earned her bachelor's degree in Theology from the Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. She has entered the JCST graduate program to learn more about Jewish-Christian relations; ancient Christianity and its Jewish roots; the impact of Biblical traditions on Catholic spirituality and prayer; and the tragic lessons learned from the Holocaust. Sister Gemina plans to return to Tanzania where she will draw from her JCST studies to inspire and teach her future students and fellow sisters how to effectively manage complex issues that arise among diverse communities composed of multiple religious denominations, ethnicities and political parties.



Rev. John Onwuzuruigbo Opara is a priest of the Roman Archdiocese of Owerri in Imo State, Nigeria. Previously, he attended the Bigard Memorial Seminary in Enugu and earned his B.Phil. and B.Th. from the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome. Father John has matriculated into the JCST program to deepen his knowledge about early Christian history and the Jewish Diaspora and to learn how to promote peaceful and meaningful interfaith religious dialogue. He looks forward to returning to Nigeria upon his graduation as he believes the knowledge and lessons he learns here will enable him to "contribute positively in intra- and inter-religious dialogue in my country and beyond and with more knowledge about the Holocaust, be able to better assist those in traumatic situations."

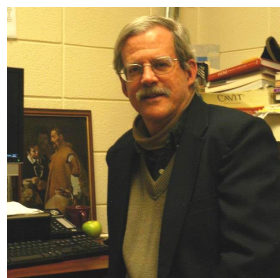
Congratulations, New Graduates!

Our heartfelt congratulations to all of our students who graduated Fall 2014 and Spring 2015! JCST faculty and staff applaud your hard work and look forward to keeping in touch and following your future accomplishments as you continue your academic, professional and vocational pursuits.

- **Jordyn Barry**
Fall 2014, Thesis Track
Thesis: *"We Remember": The Vatican Document in Context*
- **Piotr Dudek**
Spring 2015, Thesis Track
Thesis: *"The Day of Judaism" in the Catholic Church of Poland*
- **Charles Epstein**
Spring 2015, Non-Thesis Track
- **Kristina Lawrence-Shire**
Spring 2015, Non-Thesis Track
- **Ryan Smith**
Spring 2015, Non-Thesis Track
- **The Reverend Anthony Uwandu**
Spring 2015 Thesis Track
Thesis: *The Good Shepherd: Bible and Nigerian Application*

Alumni Making A Difference: In Their Own Words

By Jeffrey Eastman, Adjunct Instructor, Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultures, Appalachian State University



Some years ago, I embarked on an M.A. in the Department of Jewish Christian Studies at Seton Hall University. Since I had during the previous year begun to study Biblical Hebrew and was reading Maimonides and St Thomas Aquinas, the course format of the program fit my interests. While at Seton Hall, I took a strong interest in the Wisdom Literature of Ancient Israel and focused on Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job, Ben Sirach, Wisdom and most of all Song of Songs. This led me to a comparative study of Jewish and Christian interpretations of the Song of Songs looking at the method of Rabbinic Midrash and the Patristic way of Allegory.

The program in Jewish-Christian Studies also explores the often painful history of Jewish Christian relations over the centuries that culminates in a negative sense in the *Shoah* or Holocaust, but in a positive sense in the renewal of the Second Vatican Council and the affirming statements of dialogue and common hope proclaimed in *Nostra Aetate*. While at Seton Hall, I wrote a paper for a course on the *History & Theology of the Holocaust* that focused on the poetry of Nelly Sachs and Paul Celan. My research and writing for this paper helped me to achieve a deeper understanding of the Jewish perspective via a poetic journey into the interior and a confrontation with the anguish of a history of persecution and a search for meaning in the midst of suffering. Previous studies of Job were helpful here.

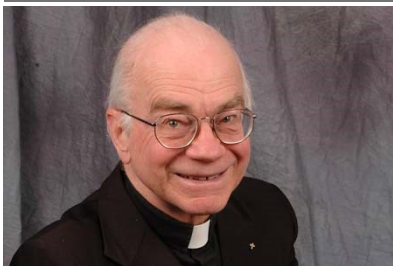
While at Seton Hall, I also audited a course on the literature of *Golden Age Spain* and became fascinated with the poetry and mysticism of John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila. I also discovered a connection to Biblical Studies in encountering the commentaries of Fray Luis de Leon (1527-91) on the Song of Songs and Job that made use of the original Hebrew. In subsequent years, I went on to do doctoral studies in Spanish and Comparative Literature at the University of Connecticut.

Currently, I teach courses of Beginning & Intermediate Spanish and Literature in Translation at Appalachian State University in North Carolina. One Literature in Translation course focuses on Golden Age Spain and there I touch on the controversy of the statutes of *limpieza de sangre* and the struggle of the *conversos* and the actions of the Inquisition often against Jews or former Jews (*conversos*). I refer to the Song of Songs in depth when I touch on the poetry and mysticism of John of the Cross & Teresa of Avila. My other literature course is called *Literature & Cinema of Israel/ Palestine*. There we look at the Biblical roots of Modern Zionism and as well as its connections to modern, secular nationalism. We read works by S. Y Agnon, Amos Oz and Yehuda Amichai among others.

Looking back over the years, I believe that my M.A. work at Seton Hall in biblical studies and Jewish-Christian dialogue has supplied me with a solid foundation for dialogue in the humanities and theology in my university teaching career and my adult education outreach in churches and synagogues.

Faculty News

LAWRENCE E. FRIZZELL, D.PHIL.



Learn more about Fr. Lawrence Frizzell's work and research interests on his University [Faculty Profile](#).

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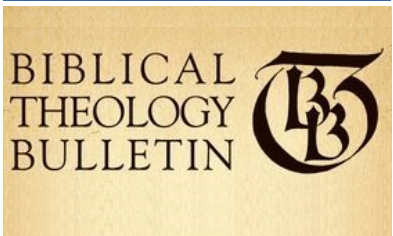
Keep up with Fr. Frizzell on his blog, <http://blogs.shu.edu/lawrencefrizzell/>, and on Twitter [@FatherFrizzell](#).

DAVID BOSSMAN, PH.D.



Visit Dr. Bossman's University [Faculty Profile](#) for a summary of his publications and teaching specialties.

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The Reverend Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil.

Director & Associate Professor, Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program
Director, Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies

On October 22nd, Father Frizzell presented "Jesus and the Shema, Phylacteries and Fringes," at Seton Hall University in the lecture, "Jesus and Jewish Prayer," which inaugurated the commemoration of the 40th year anniversary of the JCST Graduate Program's founding.

Father Lawrence E. Frizzell also attended the 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo in May 2015, where he served as organizer and chair of a session on Jewish-Christian Studies. He also presented the paper, "Response to Ellen Charry, *Augustine's Ethics of Care*," at the 2015 Biblical Theologians meeting at Princeton University in New Jersey in February and delivered a presentation on "Easter and Passover" at the South Orange Public Library in March.

Additionally, Father attended the following: symposia and conferences this year:

- Symposium on *Nostra Aetate*, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, May 19-21, 2015
- Father Stanley Jaki Foundation International Conference, Seton Hall University, April 15, 2015
- Interfaith Brotherhood-Sisterhood Breakfast, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, February 16, 2015

On April 29, 2015 Father Frizzell received the Sister Rose Thering Holocaust Educator Award at the South Orange/Maplewood Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony.

David M. Bossman, Ph.D.

Professor, Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program
Executive Director, Sister Rose Thering Fund

In addition to teaching at Seton Hall University, Dr. David Bossman is also the Director of the Sister Rose Thering Fund and editor of the *Biblical Theology Bulletin*.

This year Dr. Bossman led the Round Table Discussion, "Trauma and Resilience," on April 28, 2015 at Seton Hall. Graduate students in Dr. Bossman's courses and invited experts examined how Jews have modeled resilience in the wake of catastrophic events throughout their history. Educators who want to apply the techniques learned in this exchange to help young people who are suffering from violence and other forms of trauma in their lives and within their communities are invited to watch the discussion on YouTube [here](#).

Dr. Bossman also recently helped organize several Sister Rose Thering Fund public events:

- The 2015 Dr. Marcia Robbins Wilf Lecture, "Voices for Interreligious Dialogue," October 11, 2015
- The 22nd Annual Evening of Roses: Witness to Liberation: 70th Anniversary, May 3, 2015
- The Annual Sister Rose's Passion Essay Contest Awards Presentations, April 12, 2015
- The Educator Scholarship Awards Ceremony, March 22, 2015

You can read about these and other events in the latest [Sister Rose Thering Newsletter](#).

Next Spring semester, Dr. Bossman will teach the new course, **JCST 7588 Collaborative Models for Integral Ecology**, which you can read about on page 5.

Faculty News - Continued

ALAN BRILL, PH.D.



Read Rabbi Brill's University [Faculty Profile](#) and learn more about his scholarship and academic distinctions.

CONNECT WITH RABBI BRILL



Connect with Rabbi Brill on his blog at <https://kavvanah.wordpress.com/> and on Twitter [@kavvanah](#)

Rabbi Alan Brill, Ph.D.

Cooperman/Ross Endowed Chair of Jewish-Christian Studies

In October Rabbi Brill presented "Rabbi on the Ganges: A Jewish Hindu Encounter" and participated in the panel, "Dialogue between Religious Studies and Ministerial Students on Challenges Facing in the Religious Relations" at the [Parliament of Religions](#) in Salt Lake City, Utah. This Spring semester, Rabbi Alan Brill lectured at [Limmud-UK](#) at the University of Warwick (six lectures); [Limmud-NY](#) (three lectures); and [Limmud-Miami](#) at the Florida International University (two lectures). He was also invited to present the following earlier this year:

- "Rabbi On the Ganges: Varieties of Modern Orthodoxy" and "The Return of the Problem of Revelation," Princeton University Hillel, April 17-18, 2015
- "Interfaith Encounter Today," Emory University, March 19, 2015
- "[Rabbi on the Ganges: A Hindu Jewish Encounter](#)," Emory University, March 18, 2015
- "[Judaism and Other Religions](#)," Lincoln Square Synagogue, March 8, 2015
- "[Varieties of Modern Orthodoxy](#)," University of Pennsylvania, February 5, 2015

Several of Rabbi Brill's articles were also recently published, including:

- "Maharal and the Early Modern Self" in [Maharal Overtures: Biography, Doctrine, Influence](#), ed. Elchanan Reiner, 2015, 305-330
- "Mitnaged Worship," *Daat* 79-80 (Bar Ilan Journal of Jewish Thought), 2015, 5-33
- "Immanuel Jakobovits and the birth of Jewish Medical Ethics" in *Brain Death in Halakha and Jewish Thought*, 2015.

New JCST Ecology Course Being Offered in 2016

Dr. David Bossman will teach the new course, **JCST 7588 Collaborative Models for Integral Ecology**, during the Spring 2016 semester.



Building on a shared awareness of ecological challenges today, as detailed in Pope Francis' May 2015 encyclical, [Laudato Si'](#) (*Praise Be to You*), **JCST 7588** will delve into the issues and opportunities for integral creation care, both human and environmental, that can be shared by Jews, Christians and persons of other religious traditions. Topics will include a shared vision for ecological awareness; socio-economic factors affecting human ecology; responsible use of technoscience; global environmental ecology; and cultural ecology.

The course aims to find common purpose for inter-religious and inter-cultural initiatives to manage the ecological challenges and their implications for the future. It will be useful for educators in public, private, and parochial schools in addressing social studies, the common core, contemporary issues in technology and science, as well as health issues facing all people today. Conducted as a seminar with active class interaction relating to the readings and focused on current issues in society, the objectives of the courses are:

- To explore the integration of creation care: human and environmental
- To expose the ethical values inherent in creation care
- To examine the biblical and post-biblical awareness among Jews, Christians and Muslims in pursuit of social justice and ecological challenges
- To develop inter-religious models for social change in addressing integral ecology
- To create educational units that advance integral ecology within K-12 classrooms

Contact Jay Wolferman today at 973.761.9751 or Jay.Wolferman@shu.edu to register for **JCST 7588 Collaborative Models for Integral Ecology**.

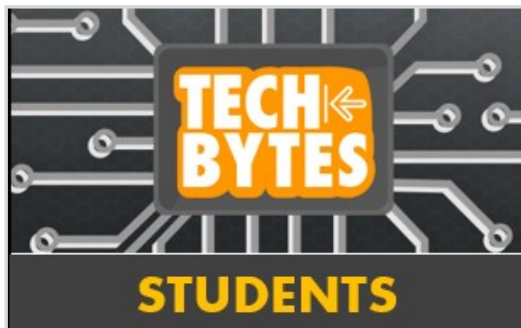
UPCOMING EVENTS



First Day of Spring Classes

Graduate classes for the 2016 Spring semester will begin Monday, **January 11, 2016**. If you haven't already registered, please contact Jay Wolferman directly at 973.761.9751 or Jay.Wolferman@shu.edu.

For the list of courses being offered this Spring, please see **page 7**, and to view the full descriptions of courses, visit our curriculum page online by clicking [here](#).



Student Tech Bytes

Do you have questions about Windows 8, Blackboard or Microsoft Office 365? Do you want help setting up your @student.shu.edu email on your smartphone? Stop by the *Technology Open Lab* session on **January 13-14, 2016** and get the help you need. Register [here](#).



Teachers Study Day

Contact Jay Wolferman at 973.761.9596 to RSVP for the 2016 Teachers Study Day, which will take place next Spring. Click [here](#) to learn more about this and another programs designed to train educators how to effectively address complex religious, ethical and social issues that promote justice and peace throughout their schools, districts and broader communities.

Jesus & Jewish Prayer



The Reverend Lawrence E. Frizzell, Associate Professor and Director of the JCST graduate program, and Dr. Gregory Glazov, Professor of Biblical Studies in Seton Hall's Immaculate Conception School of Theology, inaugurated the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies program on October 22, 2015 with the lecture, *Jesus and Jewish Prayer*. This special event highlighted the beauty of Jewish prayer and liturgy and demonstrated how many of the liturgical rituals and practices of the Church and other Christian communities are founded upon these Jewish traditions.

Dr. Gerald Wolf, who is a member of the Foundation for Judaeo-Christian Studies' Advisory Board and the Foundation Board, opened the event by reading the *Ahava Rabbah*. This prayer and blessing is recited during the daily morning *Tefillah* (prayer) immediately prior to the *Shema* ("Hear O Israel...") prayer, which is one of the primary expressions of Jewish faith about the nature of God. Father Frizzell followed Dr. Wolf with his presentation, "Jesus and the Shema, Phylacteries and Fringes." In his lecture, Father Frizzell outlined the Jewish biblical scriptures on which the *Shema* liturgical traditions were founded and drew attention to how these ideas were, in turn, taught in the Christian scriptures.

Dr. Glazov then presented, "The Lord's Prayer in the Teaching of Jesus," which showed the parallels between this Christian prayer, also called the "Our Father" or *Pater Noster*, and many of the customs associated with Jewish prayer, especially the *Shemoneh 'Esreh* or the "18 Benedictions." The lecture concluded with a Question and Answer session and cheerful reminiscing about various aspects of the JCST graduate program's 40 year history.

Book Review

by Lawrence E. Frizzell

Last year Rabbi Gilbert S. Rosenthal edited a volume under the title *A Jubilee for All Time: The Copernican Revolution in Jewish-Christian Relations* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2014). This is a series of eighteen essays by Catholic, Jewish, Protestant and Christian Orthodox scholars, plus seven brief answers to the question "How did *Nostra Aetate* affect me?"

This book reminds me of Rabbi James Rudin's statement: "We are all children of Vatican II!" The literature on various aspects of Jewish-Christian history and relations has grown enormously in English, as well as in other European languages. We are grateful for all these resources, as well as those offered on the internet, that can be shared even with people who are far from centers of study and dialogue. Of course, we hope that all of us read widely because the ways and contexts in which Christians and Jews interact are varied and range over the globe.

2015 Fall Course Schedule

JCST 6001 Christian-Jewish Encounter – Lawrence E. Frizzell, Thursday 6:15 pm - 8:25 pm

JCST 6005 Biblical Readings in Hebrew Bible I – Lawrence E. Frizzell, Tuesday 3:00 pm - 4:50 pm

JCST 6014 Lessons from the Holocaust: Trauma and Resilience – David Bossman, Tuesday 5:00 pm - 7:10 pm

JCST 6017 Jewish & Christian Foundations for Social Service – David Bossman, Wednesday, 5:00 pm - 7:10 pm

JCST 6018/CAST 3020 Jewish Dialogue on the Holocaust: A Catholic Perspective – Monika Rice, Monday & Wednesday, 9:30 am - 10:45 am

JCST 6041 Jewish Roots of Christian Spirituality – Lawrence E. Frizzell, Monday, 6:15 pm - 8:25 pm

JCST 7054 Judaism and Other Religions – Alan Brill, Wednesday, 5:00 pm - 7:10 pm

JCST 7570 Modern Jewish Ethics – Alan Brill, Monday, 4:00 pm - 6:10 pm

JCST 9001 AA Thesis – Lawrence E. Frizzell, TBA

Visit the JCST program's [curriculum page](#) for detailed course descriptions of these and all courses.

Tentative 2016 Spring Course Schedule

JCST 6006 Biblical Readings in Hebrew Bible II – Lawrence E. Frizzell, To Be Determined

JCST 6010 Biblical Thought I: Hebrew Scriptures – Charles E. Carter, Thursday, 4:00 pm - 6:10 pm

JCST 6013 Hebrews and Catholic Epistles – Lawrence E. Frizzell, Monday, 6:15 pm - 8:25 pm

JCST 6016 Values for a Pluralistic Society – David Bossman, Wednesday, 5:00 pm - 7:10 pm

JCST 6018/CAST 3020 Jewish Dialogue on the Holocaust: A Catholic Perspective – Monika Rice, Monday & Wednesday, 9:30 am - 10:45 am

JCST 7043 Jewish and Early Christian Prayer – Alan Brill, Wednesday, 4:00 pm - 6:10 pm

JCST 7047 Philosophical Perspectives on the Holocaust – Alan Brill, Tuesday, 5:00 pm - 7:10 pm

JCST 7545 Jerusalem's Fall: Jewish & Christian Interpretation – Lawrence E. Frizzell, Thursday, 6:15 pm - 8:25 pm

JCST 7588 Collaborative Models for Integral Ecology – David Bossman, Tuesday, 5:00 pm - 7:10 pm

JCST 9001 AA Thesis – Lawrence E. Frizzell, TBA

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Greeks and Jews during WW II

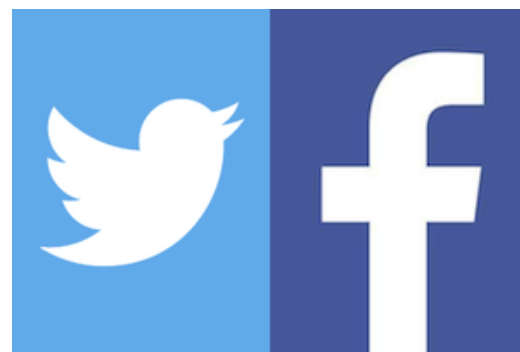
The JCST graduate program sponsored the Teachers Study Day, "Greeks and Jews during World War II," with special guest speakers and presenters, Isaac and Diana Dostis. On April 14, 2015 before a audience of 60 New Jersey educators, the Dostis offered three sessions, which included "The Holocaust in Greece," "The Righteous of All Nations" and "How We Might Prevent Another Holocaust."

The Dostis used film, theatre exercises, stories and portions of their moral courage workshops to offer valuable reflections to aid educators in their courses. Isaac, a writer and film maker with a particular focus on the tragic era of the *Shoah* in Greece, and Diana, an award winning actress and member of the Actors Studio in NYC, are former co-recipients of the Raoul Wallenberg Award and the Axelrod Award for Holocaust Educators sponsored by New Jersey State Department of Education's Commission on Holocaust Education.

Please visit the Dostis' website at www.act1presentations.com to learn more about their work and the many contributions they have made to the field of Holocaust and genocide studies.

This study day offered five professional development credit hours to New Jersey educators.

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May Two Graduates Rest in Peace!

By Lawrence E. Frizzell

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of two beloved graduates.

Monsignor Joseph W. Devlin of Camden Diocese passed away on April 1, 2015 at the age of 85. He came to Seton Hall for the Master's Program in Jewish-Christian Studies and was our first graduate in 1978. His thesis for six credits was titled, *Servants of the Covenant: Jewish-Christian Ethical Convergence*, mentored by Rabbi Asher Finkel. Msgr. Devlin had received a doctorate in Canon Law from the Lateran University in Rome earlier; during his time in Rome he participated in discussions related to the Second Vatican Council's *Declaration on the Church's Relation with Non-Christian Religions (Nostra Aetate)*. As a full-time Professor in the Theology Department of LaSalle University in Philadelphia and throughout southern New Jersey and beyond, he was very active in Catholic-Jewish relations. Msgr. Devlin's work was recognized by the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education with the Sister Rose Thering Award in 2013.

William H. McDermott, III passed away on March 30, 2015 in Pennington, NJ. Bill, as he was known to all, was a graduate of the Master's program in 2001. This was one of four M.A.s that he held: he also earned a master's in library science from Drexel University, a master's in education from The College of New Jersey and a master's in theological studies from LaSalle College. After serving with distinction in the U.S. Air Force for four years of active duty, including one year in Vietnam, Bill became an educator and librarian in the Hamilton and Hopewell Valley School Districts where he exemplified the quality of life-long learning. He was a member of the Board of the Foundation for Judaeo-Christian Studies, to which he made many quiet contributions over the years, encouraging our work in its various dimensions. We in the Institute and M.A. program will remember his cheerful demeanor and his enthusiastic appreciation for the efforts to promote interfaith understanding.

May their souls rest in peace!



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Blogs

Follow Father Lawrence Frizzell's blog at blogs.shu.edu/lawrencefrizzell/, where he explores various topics in JCST and biblical studies, and Rabbi Alan Brill's blog at kavvanah.wordpress.com/, where he posts about Jewish theology and spirituality. Subscribe and stay informed!

Scholarships

The Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies and the Sister Rose Thering Fund are currently accepting applications for full and partial scholarships for the Fall 2016 semester.

The Institute offers scholarship assistance to students who are matriculated in the Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program and in Master's of Arts in Theology with a concentration in Judaean-Christian Studies program in the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University. To learn more, visit the Institute online at <http://bit.ly/JCStudies>.

The Sister Rose Thering Fund (SRTF) awards tuition scholarships to non-matriculated educators who wish to take graduate courses without or prior to enrolling in the master's program. Educators with non-matriculation status who complete a four-course sequence will be awarded a Certificate in Jewish-Christian Studies. Go to <http://bit.ly/SRoseFund> to apply.



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