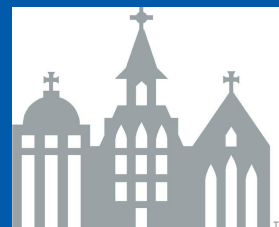




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JCST Class of 2016

By Lawrence E. Frizzell

Congratulations to the Class of 2016! We proudly recognize the following graduates who successfully completed their studies and earned their Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies (JCST) this year:

SPRING 2016

- **ELIZABETH CASCIANO**
Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies
- **THE REVEREND JULIUS EYYAZO**
Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies
- **KAREN FRIED**
Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies
- **PAUL MAJOR**
Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies
- **ANTOINETTE SHIELDS**
Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies

FALL 2016

- **THE REVEREND DAVID KAZZAHCHIYANG DIDAM**
Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies
- **THE REVEREND JOHN ONWUZURUIGBO OPARA**
Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies

We know our graduates will accomplish great things as they apply the knowledge and skills they have gained in the JCST Graduate Program to their interreligious, multicultural and diplomatic encounters and pursuits. The JCST Class of 2016 joins a globally diverse body of JCST alumni who are positively impacting our world today across a wide range of vocations and careers. From non-profits in New Jersey to various Catholic dioceses and seminaries in Nigeria, we are confident that this newest group of JCST alumni will also be impactful leaders and peacemakers in their communities.

Hazard Zet Forward!



Upcoming Events

Celebrate the publication of the *The Burning Bush: Writings on Jews and Judaism* with us on **February 8**.

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Teachers Study Day

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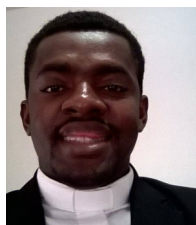


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Welcome, New Students!



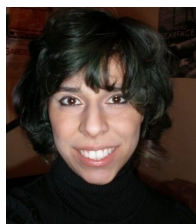
Andrew Njoku, a Catholic priest from Lorji of Aboh Mbaize County in Imo State, Nigeria, has two bachelor's degrees in Philosophy, one from the Federal University of Uyo in Nigeria and one from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. He also has a bachelor's degree in Theology/Divinity from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. Father Andrew has matriculated into the JCST program to learn more about the Jewish roots of Christianity and to learn how to promote interreligious dialogue in his country and beyond.



Chinonso Egbedike is from Ideato North, a Local Government Area in Imo State, Nigeria. A Catholic Priest with the Order of St. Augustine, Father Chinonso holds two bachelor's degrees: one in Philosophy and one in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. Father Chinonso has entered the JCST program to gain the knowledge and skills needed to help build peaceful relationships between Muslims and Christians in Nigeria.



James Emmanuel Sangu is a Catholic priest in the Diocese of Mbeya in Tanzania, East Africa. He earned a bachelor's degree in Theology from St. Charles Lwanga Senior Seminary in Dar-es-Salaam. Father James has matriculated into the JCST graduate program to learn how to foster interfaith and ecumenical dialogue. Upon completing the JCST program, he plans to educate students of different faiths on how to peacefully work together towards achieving social and political harmony in his country.



Jasmine Urzo, from Lyndhurst, New Jersey, is a member of the Religion Faculty at Bergen Catholic High School and has a Master's of Theology from the University of Scranton. She is focusing her research on Historical Critical and Feminist Hermeneutic interpretations of the Hebrew Scriptures and plans to continue her studies in a Ph.D. program in Theology after graduating from the JCST program.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Celebration of Major Publication

On **February 8, 2017** the School of Theology at Seton Hall University will celebrate the publication of the English translation of works by the Russian intellectual Vladimir Solovyov on Jews and Judaism. Dr. Gregory Glazov, Professor of Biblical Studies, Immaculate Conception Seminary, edited and translated with commentary, *The Burning Bush: Writings on Jews and Judaism*. Dr. Glazov will introduce the book at 3:30 p.m. in the Seminary Chapel, followed by a reception in the Seminary Refectory. This work is a major contribution to the history of Christian-Jewish relations in Europe and to Slavic studies in English.



2017 Teachers Study Day (TSD)

The topic for the 2017 TSD will be "**Refugees: World War II and Now**," with Dr. Avinoam Patt of the University of Hartford as the keynote speaker. Contact Jay Wolfman at 973.761.9596 to RSVP for the TSD, which will take place **March 8, 2017**.



Graduate Registration

Fall registration opens March 20, 2017. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Propaganda: Film and Print during and after the Nazi Period

On March 31, 2016 the Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate program and the History Department Center for Excellence Program at Seton Hall University sponsored the annual Teachers Study Day (TSD), *Propaganda: Film and Print during and after the Nazi Period*. The TSD featured presentations by the following three notable speakers:

- **Peter Miller**, film maker at Willow Pond Films, who presented and discussed "Projections of America: Imagining a World after World War II."
- **Dr. Larry A. Greene**, co-chair of the Board of Associates of the Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study and Professor of History at Seton Hall University, who examined "Comparative Cinematic Racism: Jud Süss and Birth of a Nation."
- **Dr. Jeffrey Herf**, Distinguished Professor at the University of Maryland, who offered the keynote address "Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism in Nazi Germany, East Germany and the West German Far Left since 1967."

The Value of Jewish-Christian Studies: A Personal Reflection

By Daniel Vollaro, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, Georgia Gwinnett College



When I entered the M.A. program in Jewish-Christian Studies in the Fall of 1989, I was just 24 years old, intellectually curious and spiritually restless, and I was searching for answers that no graduate program could hope to answer. I had no clear idea of what I could do with such a degree, and I pursued it against all conventional wisdom, defying any reasonable cost-benefit analysis. I was following a pure spark of intellectual curiosity, and that is how I described it to people who cared enough to ask. My parents fretted. My friends were mystified, especially my Catholic friends.

"Are you...converting to Judaism," they would ask. I heard this question more than a few times.

Twenty-five years later, having settled into an academic teaching career, a family, and a middle-class life, I can now see that my four years at Seton Hall were transformative. Initially, the benefits were obvious and professional in nature. In 1994, a year after I finished my degree, I was hired to teach religious studies at Delbarton School, specializing in courses that would appeal to both Catholic and non-Catholic students. My graduate work was immediately useful in teaching courses like World Religions and Quest for God. When I was asked to develop a Genocide Studies course, I relied on what I had learned about the Holocaust and Holocaust theology. My degree was directly applicable to my work.

The more deeply rooted benefits would become evident later. For example, when Delbarton School asked me to help open an exchange program with a Pueblo Indian tribe in New Mexico in 1996, my background in inter-religious studies was especially useful as I negotiated the details. I knew how to conduct myself in a cross-cultural situation. When I entered a Ph.D. program in English in 2003 focusing on 19th Century American Literature, I realized that I already possessed a sophisticated understanding of textual studies. I knew how historical criticism works. I knew about the pitfalls of translation, having myself struggled to learn Biblical Hebrew. I had an innate understanding of the relationship between texts and power, and I knew why canons were so important in the grounding of culture and society.

Canonicity would become a major driver of my intellectual life. My dissertation explored how anthologies of American literature—textbooks that reflect an evolving idea of canon—depict American history. My publications on *The Dial*, Utopian Communities in the 19th Century, Harriet Beecher Stowe's meeting with Abraham Lincoln, and Briton Hammon's *Narrative* all revolve around either canonical American writers or writers who were recently added to the canon. I am currently an assistant professor of English at Georgia Gwinnett College—the newest institution in the Georgia System—where I teach composition and professional writing courses—journalism, technical writing, and professional writing, but I have continued to do research on American literature. Recently, my interests have turned to canonical American writer Henry David Thoreau, author of *Walden* and "Resistance to Civil Disobedience." I've presented on Thoreau's influence on the locavore movement and my article on how anarchists read Thoreau appeared in the Winter issue of the *Thoreau Society Bulletin*.

The greatest benefit to me has been in shaping my sense of what the intellectual life should do. Jewish-Christian Studies filled me with the expectation that intellectual inquiry should be infused with a clear sense of its moral and ethical efficacy. We shouldn't study a subject unless we are prepared to use our newfound knowledge to change the world. That has become the mantra of my intellectual life, from my work on Thoreau to my embrace of service learning pedagogy.

Propaganda - Continued



German film director and producer, Leni Riefenstahl, stands near Heinrich Himmler in the Luitpoldarena of the Nuremberg Rally while managing her camera crew during the filming of *Triumph of the Will*, 1934.

The purpose of the TSD was to examine how the new technologies of film and radio along with the traditional print medium were utilized during World War II to promote the ideology and political systems of both democratic and totalitarian nations. The presentations by the speakers and the pedagogical workshops that followed provided a review of past propaganda techniques and technologies employed in the cauldron of WW II and the aftermath of the War so that participants could assess and learn how to adapt the lessons of history in their classrooms.

More than 70 educators and teachers from around the State of New Jersey attended the TSD, which offered five professional development credit hours. If you would like to attend JCST's 2017 Teachers Study Day, which will take place March 8, please contact Jay Wolferman at 973.761.9751.

Faculty News

The Reverend Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil.

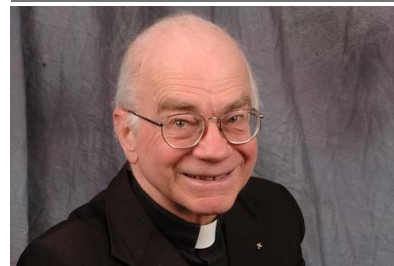
Director & Associate Professor, Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program
Director, Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies

Father Lawrence Frizzell attended the International Meeting of Vatican-Jewish Committee in Warsaw, Poland from April 3-7, 2016 and the Meeting of the National Council of Synagogues and U.S. Catholic Bishops Interfaith Committee on June 20, 2016. He also participated in the following events:

- Lectured on the Lord's Prayer to Good Shepherd Community, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, February 7, 2016
- Organized lecture on *Laudato Si* by His Eminence Peter Cardinal Turkson, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, February 10, 2016
- Presented "Response to Karl Morrison's 'Reading the Mind of Christ: An Introduction to Liturgical Iconography'," Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Theologians, Princeton, NJ, February 26-27, 2016
- Organized and presided at the panel, "Matthew A. Tapie, Aquinas on Israel and the Church," with Dr. Matthew Levering and Fr. Steven McMichael, 51th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-15, 2016
- Presented on Jewish-Christian Studies on the University Level, Annual Meeting of the Council of Centers for Jewish-Christian Relations, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA, July 10-13, 2016
- Lectured on the Bible for University Core Faculty, Seton Hall University, South Orange NJ, September 9, 2016
- Lectured bimonthly on Jewish background to the Gospels for the Sisters of St. John, St. Joseph's Parish, East Orange, October-November, 2016

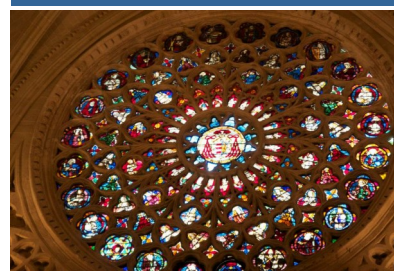
Additionally, Father Frizzell was interviewed for *The Star-Ledger* news article "Why is Easter so early and why is Passover so late this year?" You can read the article [here](#).

LAWRENCE E. FRIZZELL, D.PHIL.



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

KEEP UP WITH FATHER FRIZZELL



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

DAVID M. BOSSMAN, PH.D.



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

David M. Bossman, Ph.D.

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

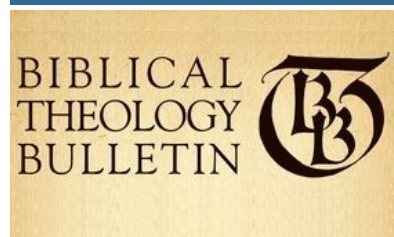
From November 18-20, 2016, Dr. David Bossman attended the Society of Biblical Literature national meeting in San Antonio, TX and as editor-in-chief, chaired the board of editors meeting of the *Biblical Theology Bulletin* on November 20.

Dr. Bossman also helped organize the Sister Rose Thering Fund Annual Dr. Marcia Robbins Wilf Lecture, "Can We All Get Along?" *Engaging neighbors, sharing values and building a better world*. The lecture, which aimed to build community support as a response to trauma and alienation, took place on November 6, 2016 and featured the following speakers:

- **Joseph V. Montville**, Director, Program on Healing Historical Memory, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University
- **Faith Joy Dantowitz**, Rabbi, Temple B'nai Abraham
- **Anisa Mehdi**, Emmy Award-Winning Correspondent, Director and Producer and JCST student

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Faculty News - Continued

ALAN BRILL, PH.D.



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

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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

Rabbi Alan Brill presented "Charles Taylor, Arjun Appadurai, and Pierre Bourdieu: What Can They Add to the Peoplehood Discussion?" on April 11, 2016 at the National Museum of American Jewish History's conference, "Wrestling with Jewish Peoplehood," in Mall East, PA.

In addition to serving on the Board of Reviewers for the *Journal of Interreligious Studies*, Rabbi Brill also maintains the blog, *The Book of Doctrines and Opinions: notes on Jewish theology and spirituality*. Some of his most recent posts include:

- "Interview with Richard A. Cohen on Levinas and Spinoza," December 14, 2016
- "Rav Shagar on Hanukah in English Translation," December 6, 2016
- "Service for Thanksgiving Day 1905- In Commemoration of 250 Years of Jews in the US," November 15, 2016
- "Prof Isaac Chavel responds to Rabbi Jack Bieler," November 13, 2016
- "Jack Bieler – The Great Principle of the Torah and discussion of Dov Weiss, Rav Shagar, Jewish Education, and Modern Orthodoxy," November 7, 2016
- "Judaism and Post-Modernity – Rabbi Shagar in English Translation," October 26, 2016
- "Interview with Joel Hecker- Pritzker Zohar volume 11," October 5, 2016
- "Smadar Cherlow - Who Moved My Judaism: Judaism Post-Modernism, and Contemporary Spirituality," September 17, 2016
- "Interview with Dov Weiss, Pious Irreverence Confronting God in Rabbinic Judaism," September 6, 2016

ANTHONY SCIGLITANO, PH.D.



Take a more in-depth look at Dr. Anthony Sciglitano's interests, publications and accomplishments by visiting his [Faculty Profile](#).

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION



Learn more about the [Department of Religion](#).

Anthony Sciglitano, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Religion, Department of Religion

Dr. Anthony Sciglitano, Associate Professor in the Department of Religion, will teach **JCST 6023 Christian Theologies of Judaism: Ancient and Modern** during the Spring 2017 semester. Students taking this class will study the different ways in which Christian thinkers from early and modern Christianity understand Judaism in relation to both Christianity and to their surrounding cultural milieu, including religious, mythological and philosophical discourses. Of particular interest will be how Christians think of themes such as covenant, law, freedom, revelation, religion, God and history in relation to Judaism and how Christians define themselves in continuity and discontinuity with the Jewish people. Towards the end of the course, focus will switch and briefly examine Christianity through Jewish eyes.

In addition to teaching in the Department of Religion, Dr. Sciglitano is also the Director of the [University Core Curriculum](#), which consists of six common courses, as well as the systematic development of five academic proficiencies through the study of the liberal arts and sciences.

Dr. Sciglitano holds a doctoral degree in Catholic systematic theology from Fordham University, and he works in the areas of theological hermeneutics; theology, religion and secularism; theology of religions; and fundamental religion. In addition to having articles published in *Modern Theology* and *Pro Ecclesia*, he is also the author of [Marcion and Prometheus: Balthasar against the Expulsion of Jewish Origins from Modern Religious Dialogue](#) and is co-editor of [Christianity and Culture in Dialogue](#).

Dr. Paul Winkler (1936–2016)

By Lawrence E. Frizzell

The professors in the Jewish-Christian Studies Masters program join with the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education to mourn the loss of Dr. Paul Winkler! Since the 1980s Seton Hall's MA program sponsored an annual Teachers Study Day on facets of the *Shoah* (Holocaust) for educators and our graduate students. Under Governor Thomas Kean the State was very generous in offering financial assistance for the continuing education of educators. After the founding of the Commission, the creation of many centers and demonstration sites did a great deal to promote the foundation for Holocaust education passed by the New Jersey Legislature and mandated by Governor Christine Whitman. Dr. Winkler and his team made this state initiative into a model for the rest of the country and beyond.

The breadth of concern for education beyond historical review in order to lead to concrete actions now in combatting bigotry, bullying and other manifestations of hatred, was a hallmark of Dr. Winkler's work.

In 2007 the Seton Hall Study Day "Chinese and Jews under Japanese Occupation" was the context for the promotion of the Commission's high school curriculum units of study on persecution in East and Southeast Asia during the Second World War. Dr. Winkler entered into dialogue with educators in China so that the tragedy of the *Shoah* in its uniqueness might be better understood by leaders in other nations who instruct their youth in approaches to the horrendous suffering caused by vicious attacks on human life. Perseverance is the key to success in these efforts. May Dr. Winkler's example continue to inspire us! May his soul be caught up in the bonds of eternal life!

2017 Graduate Scholarships

The Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies and the Sister Rose Thering Fund are currently accepting applications for full and partial scholarships for the Fall 2017 semester.

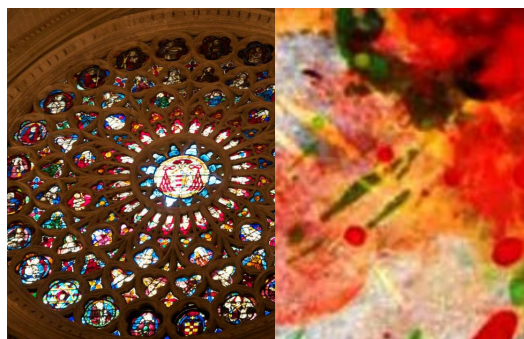
The [Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies](#) offers scholarship assistance to students who are matriculated in the Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies graduate program or for JCST courses in the Master's of Arts in Theology with a concentration in Judaeo-Christian Studies program in the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University.

There are a limited number of scholarships and grants that can be awarded by the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies, therefore selection is competitive. For more information regarding eligibility and application procedures, please contact the Director of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies, the Reverend Lawrence E. Frizzell at lawrence.frizzell@shu.edu or (973) 761-9751.

The [Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies](#) awards tuition scholarships to non-matriculated educators who wish to take graduate courses apart from 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.

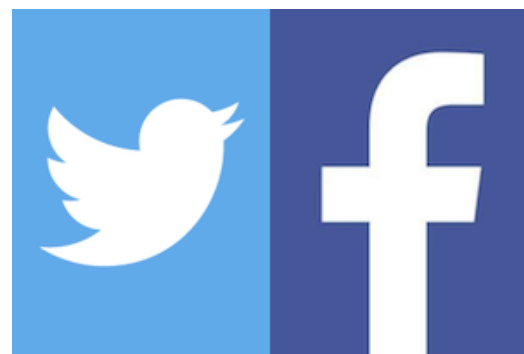
Educators who are interested in applying for tuition assistance through the Sister Rose Thering Fund should send an email to srtf@shu.edu or call Clare Giangreco at (973) 761-9006.

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2017 Spring Course Schedule

JCST 6005 Biblical Readings in Hebrew Bible I — Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil., To Be Determined

JCST 6011 Biblical Thought II: Paul and John — Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil., Monday, 6:15 pm - 8:25 pm

JCST 6016 Values for a Pluralistic Society — David Bossman, Ph.D., Wednesday, 5:00 pm - 7:10 pm

JCST 6023 Christian Theologies of Judaism — Anthony Sciglitano, Ph.D., Thursday, 5:00 pm - 7:10 pm

JCST 7036 Peace and War in the Bible — Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil., Tuesday, 6:15 pm - 8:25 pm

JCST 7047 Philosophical Perspectives on the Holocaust — Alan Brill, Ph.D., Thursday, 5:00 pm - 7:10 pm

JCST 7544 Judaism and Other Religions — Alan Brill, Ph.D., Wednesday, 5:00 pm - 7:10 pm

JCST 7588 Collaborative Models for Integral Ecology — David Bossman, Ph.D., Tuesday, 5:00 pm - 7:10 pm

JCST 9001 AA Thesis — Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil., To Be Determined

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