

2016 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PHILADELPHIA

The Dynamics of Religious Pluralism in a Changing World:
The Philadelphia, United States, and International Contexts
July 10 – 13, 2016

P R O G R A M

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016:

1.00-3.30 pm

On-site Check-In for Full Participants at the Champion Student Center,
Saint Joseph's University

4.00-6.00 pm O P E N I N G C E R E M O N I E S

(Chapel of Saint Joseph – Michael J. Smith, S.J. Memorial)

Keynote Address

Rabbi David N. Saperstein

(United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious
Freedom)

INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS IN THE WORLD TODAY

6.00 pm

Dinner at the Doyle Banquet Hall South, Champion Student Center

8.00-9.00 pm

Shuttle Service to the Conference Hotel "Hilton Philadelphia City
Avenue"

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016:

WILLIAM PENN'S "HOLY EXPERIMENT"

"No people can be truly happy, though under the greatest enjoyments of civil liberties, if abridged of the Freedom of their Conscience as to their Religious Profession and Worship."

Pennsylvania Charter of Liberties, 1701

08.00-08.30

On-Site Check-In for Registered Day Guests at the Campion Student Center, Saint Joseph's University

8.30-10.30

P L E N A R Y S E S S I O N A (Doyle Banquet Hall North)

Moderator: Dr Philip A. Cunningham

8.30

Meditative Moment (prepared by Members of the YLC) dedicated to Rev. Armin Ihle of Uruguay with reminiscences by Sonia Kirchheimer

9.00

The Christian Majority in the United States: Tolerance, Intolerance, and Competition

Although Christians were the overwhelming religious majority in the United States since colonial days, the experiences of the diverse Christian subgroups have been quite varied over the centuries because of ethnic origins, theological conflicts, and waves of immigration. This plenary session of Philadelphia-based scholars explores this kaleidoscopic story involving Anabaptists and Quakers, Mainline and Evangelical Christianity, African-American Christians, and Roman Catholics

Speakers: Dr David M. Krueger

Dr Kate Oxx

Dr Terry Rey

Dr David Watt

10.00

Buzz Groups / Question and Answer

10.30-11.00

Break (Doyle Banquet Hall South)

11.00-12.30 WORKSHOP SESSION A (see pages 24-25)

Workshop **A1** (Sun Room 1)

A "City of Brotherly Love:" The Origins and Lasting Influence of the Society of Friends in Philadelphia

Presenter: Dr Kate Oxx

Workshop **A2** (Sun Room 2)

How Christian was Kongo Square? African Religion in Colonial Philadelphia

Presenter: Dr Terry Rey

Workshop **A3** (North Lounge)

American Religious Origins in Mythic Terms

Presenter: Dr David Krueger

Workshop **A4** (Presidents' Lounge)

The History of Fundamentalism in the United States

Presenter: Dr David Watt

Workshop **A5** (Doyle Banquet Hall North)

Accepting Difference and Teaching Acceptance

Presenters: Dr Reuven Firestone
 Dr Amineh Hoti
 Rev. Todd Stavrakos

12.30-2.00 pm Lunch (Main Cafeteria, Campion Student Center)

2.00-4.30 pm AN AFTERNOON OF DIALOGUE: NEW DOCUMENTS ON CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS
(Doyle Banquet Hall North)

Moderator: Rabbi Dr Ruth Langer

2.00 pm Authors' Roundtable

Speakers representing the authorship of several recent statements on Jewish-Christian relations will introduce the purpose and intended audience(s) of their document and highlight sentences or portions they consider to be the most important and/or the most difficult to compose. In order of publication:

1. Presbytery of Chicago, Presbyterian Church (USA),
"...In Our Time...' A statement on relations between the Presbytery of Chicago and the Jewish community in metropolitan Chicago"

Speaker: Rev. Joyce Shin

2. French Jewish Community,
"Declaration for the Upcoming Jubilee of Brotherhood: A New Jewish View of Jewish-Christian Relations"

Speaker: Jean François Bensahel

3. Orthodox Rabbis,
"To Do the Will of Our Father in Heaven: Toward a Partnership between Jews and Christians"

Speaker: Rabbi Jehoschua Ahrens

4. Commission of the Holy See for Religious Relations with the Jews,
"'The Gifts and the Calling of God Are Irrevocable' (Rom 11:29): A Reflection on Theological Questions Pertaining to Catholic-Jewish Relations on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, No. 4"

Speaker: Rev. Dr Norbert Hofmann

2.45 pm Small Group Dialogues

Facilitated discussions on document excerpts: The groups will generate questions to be submitted in writing for the ensuing scholarly panel.

3.45 pm Comments and Responses by CCJR Members

Speakers: Dr Adam Gregerman
Rev. Dr Peter A. Pettit
Dr Matthew Tapie

4.15 pm Break (Doyle Banquet Hall South)

4.45-6.00 pm W O R K S H O P S E S S I O N B (see pages 26-27)

Workshop **B1** (Doyle Banquet Hall North)

A Different Lens: Understanding the Holocaust in a Multireligious World

Presenters: Remaz Abdelgader
 Dr Mehnaz Afridi
 Dr Victoria Barnett
 Dr Adam Gregerman
 Dr Heather Miller-Rubens

Workshop **B2** (Sun Room 2)

Voice, Engage, Support and Act: Interfaith Cooperation on Campus

Presenters: Elena Dini
 Joe Philipson

Workshop **B3** (President's Lounge)

Religion as Problem and Solution

Presenters: Dr Pavol Bargár
 Rev. Dr Michael Trainor
 Dr Deborah Weissman

Workshop **B4** (Sun Room 1)

Higher Education in Christian-Jewish Relations

Presenters: Rev. Dr Lawrence Frizzell
 Dr Frederek Musall

Workshop **B5** (North Lounge)

The Marrakesh Declaration – Muslims in the US and Christians in the Middle East

Presenters: Sheikh Ghassan Manasra
 Rev. Dr John Pawlikowski
 Rabbi Dr Burton Visotzky

6.00-7.00 pm Dinner (Doyle Banquet Hall South)

7.00-9.00 pm Evening Programs and Meetings (see pages 32-33)

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016:

THE NON-ESTABLISHMENT EXPERIMENT

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

08.00-08.30

On-Site Check-In for Registered Day Guests at the Campion Student Center, Saint Joseph's University

8.30-12.30

Moderator:

P L E N A R Y S E S S I O N B (Doyle Banquet Hall North)

Rev. Dr Michael Trainor

8.30

Meditative Moment (prepared by Rev. Dick Pruiksma) dedicated to Dr William Szekely of Australia with reminiscences by Rev. Dr Michael Trainor

9.00

The Jewish Experience of the American Experiment

An overview of how Jews have fared under the Constitution's "Establishment Clause," which prohibits the government from curtailing the "free exercise" of religious traditions and from preferring one religion over others or none.

Speaker:

Dr Jonathan D. Sarna

9.45

Speakers:

Comments / Responses

Dr Mehnaz Afridi

Dr Volker Haarmann

10.00

Buzz Groups / Question and Answer

10.30

Break (Doyle Banquet Hall South)

11.00

The Muslim Experience of the American Experiment

A survey of the Muslim experience of life in the United States under the Constitution's Establishment Clause.

Speaker:

Dr Mehnaz Afridi

11.45 **Comments / Responses**

Speakers: Dr Volker Haarmann
 Dr Jonathan D. Sarna

12.00 **Buzz Groups / Question and Answer**

12.30-13.30 pm Lunch (Main Cafeteria, Campion Student Center)

13.30-16.30 pm **FIELD TRIPS TO LOCAL SITES** (see pages 30-31)

16.30 pm **RENDEZVOUS AT THE
 NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Keynote Address

Jeffrey Rosen, J.D.

(President and CEO of the National Constitution Center)

The Meaning and Legacy of the Establishment Clause

17.30 pm Free Evening (use public transportation to return to
 the "Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue")

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016:

INTERNATIONAL INSIGHTS

08.00-08.30

On-Site Check-In for Registered Day Guests at the Campion Student Center, Saint Joseph's University

8.30-10.30

P L E N A R Y S E S S I O N C (Doyle Banquet Hall North)

Moderator: Dr Eva Schulz-Jander

8.30

Meditative Moment (prepared by Rabbi Ehud Bandel) dedicated to Dr Victor Goldbloom of Canada with reminiscences by Rev. Dr John T. Pawlikowski

9.00

International Perspectives on Religious Pluralism: Challenges, Limits, and Possibilities

In dialogue with the previous mornings' plenaries, members of the Executive Board of the ICCJ will discuss how a plurality of religious traditions lives together in their respective national contexts.

Speakers:

Liliane Apotheker
Dr Pavol Bargár
Rabbi Shmuel Szteinhendler
Rev. Dr Michael Trainor
Dr Deborah Weissman

10.00

Buzz Groups / Question and Answer

10.30-11.00

Break (Doyle Banquet Hall South)

11.00-12.30

W O R K S H O P S E S S I O N C (see pages 28-29)

Workshop C1 (Sun Room 1)

What Teachers and Students Bring to Their Understanding of the Holocaust: An International, Interreligious Discussion

Presenters: Dr Jane Clements
Josey G. Fisher
Dr Henri Parens

Workshop C2 (Sun Room 2)

Day of Judaism / Israel Sunday

Presenters: Anette Adelman
Piotr Dudek
Sarah Egger

Workshop C3 (Presidents' Lounge)

A Prelude to 2017: Luther and the Jews

Moderator: Liliane Apotheker
Presenters: Rev. Dr Peter Pettit
Rev. Dr Ursula Rudnick

Workshop C4 (Doyle Banquet Hall North)

Anti-Zionism and Antisemitism: A Distinction without a Difference?

Presenters: Elizabeth Harris-Sawczenko
Rev. Dr John Pawlikowski
Rabbi Dr David Sandmel

Workshop C5 (North Lounge)

Sharia and Halakha in the United States Today

Presenters: Dr Mustafa Baig
Dr Amineh Hoti
Dr Jonathan D. Sarna

12.30-2.00 pm Lunch (Main Cafeteria, Campion Student Center)

2.00-3.30 pm **P L E N A R Y O N P A U L** (Doyle Banquet Hall North)

Moderator: Dr Adam Gregerman

2.00 pm **The Understanding of Paul's Theology and Christian Anti-Judaism**

Nearly forty years ago, E.P. Sanders published a book that revolutionized Pauline studies by situating the Apostle to the Gentiles within a more accurate description of the beliefs and practices of Late Second Temple Judaism. Paul and Palestinian Judaism: A Comparison of Patterns of Religion rapidly became a classic work. In this special plenary session, Prof. Sanders will offer reflections on how Christian understandings of Paul relates to their attitudes toward Judaism.

Speaker: Dr E. P. Sanders

3.00 pm **Comments / Responses**
Speakers: Rev. Dick Pruiksma
 Dr Adele Reinhartz

3.30-4.00 pm Break (Doyle Banquet Hall South)

4.00-5.00 pm **CONCLUDING SESSION**
Moderator: Dr Philip A. Cunningham

Speakers: Rev. Dr John Crossin
 Rev. Friedhelm Pieper
 Rabbi David Straus

7.00 pm **CLOSING FESTIVE DINNER**
 (Hotel "Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue")