

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – BOSTON 2023

June 18 – 21, 2023

***Negotiating Multiple Identities: Implications for Interreligious Relations***

IN COLLABORATION WITH



**Betty Ann Greenbaum Miller Center for Interreligious Learning and Leadership, Hebrew College**  
**Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Boston College**  
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**PROGRAM**

**Sunday, June 18, 2023 (venue: Simmons University)**

<b>2:30 pm – 3:45 pm</b>	On-Site Registration of Participants (Simmons University, Academic Campus, Main Building, Common Grounds)
<b>4:00 pm – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Opening Event</b> (+ Seelisberg Prize 2023)
<b>5:30 pm – 6:30 pm</b>	Reception
<b>6:30 pm – 8:30 pm</b>	Dinner

**Monday, June 19, 2023 (venue: Hebrew College)**

8:30 am	Shuttle Service: Simmons' Residence Campus – Hebrew College / On-Site Registration for Day Guests at Hebrew College				
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Meditative Moment</b>				
10:00 am – 1:00 pm 10:00 – 11:15 am	<b>Plenary Session I</b> <b><i>The Concept of Intersectionality: Promises and Problems for Jewish-Christian Dialogue</i></b>  <u>Speakers:</u> Brandon Crowley / Judith Rosenbaum / Katharina von Kellenbach <u>Moderator:</u> Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski  This panel will introduce the concept "intersectionality" and discuss connections and tensions in the understanding of antisemitism, racism, and sexism. While there are parallels in teachings of contempt and practices of suppression and exploitation of women, people of color, and Jews, disagreements and controversies often erupt across our communities: intersectional feminism ignores antisemitism, Jewish-Christian dialogue silences women's voices, and racial justice concerns are marginalized. How can this change? Is it possible for the African-American feminist concept of intersectionality to become more relevant and productive for Jewish-Christian and interreligious dialogue?				
11:15 am – 11:45 am	Coffee Break				
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Small Group Discussions</b>				
12:30 – 1:00 pm	<b>Wrap-Up Round</b>				
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Lunch				
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Plenary Session II</b> <b><i>The Relation of Antisemitism to Other Forms of Oppression</i></b>  <u>Keynote speaker:</u> Jonathan D. Sarna <u>Respondents:</u> Michael Ipgrave / G. Sujin Pak <u>Moderator:</u> Rebecca Carter-Chand  Today is Juneteenth. It became a United States federal holiday in 2021. The date celebrates the anniversary of the freeing of African American slaves in the state of Texas in 1865, as the Civil War drew to a close. As President Biden stated last June, the day is "a chance to celebrate human freedom, reflect on the grievous and ongoing legacy of slavery, and rededicate ourselves to rooting out the systemic racism that continues to plague our society. He called for all to "stand together against white supremacy and show that bigotry and hate have no safe harboring America." Applying this sensibility to the interreligious context, our plenary speakers will engage in a conversation about the intersections between racism and antisemitism, both here in the United States and globally, even in the absence of local Jewish communities. How are the evils of racism manifest in other forms of prejudice? What is the relationship between white supremacy, Christian hegemony, and colonialism in different contexts?				
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Coffee Break				
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Workshop A1</b>	<b>Workshop A2</b>	<b>Workshop A3</b>	<b>Workshop A4</b>	<b>Workshop A5</b>
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner (+ Shevet Achim Award 2023)				
7:30 pm	Shuttle Service: Hebrew College – Simmons' Residence Campus				

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023 (venue: BU Thurman Center)**

8:30 am	Shuttle Service: Simmons' Residence Campus – BU Thurman Center				
9:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>Visit to the Howard Thurman Center</b> <b><i>Exploring the Interreligious Legacy of Rev. Howard Thurman</i></b> <u>Speakers:</u> Nick Bates / Or Rose / Shively T.J. Smith <u>Moderator:</u> Soren Hessler <p>While gathering at the Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground of Boston University (BU), participants will explore the interreligious and social justice legacy of Rev. Howard Thurman. Rev. Thurman was a distinguished African American preacher, writer, educator, and pastor, who played a key role in the Civil Rights movement and was a pioneer in interreligious and cross-cultural engagement. He founded the first major interracial, interdenominational church in the United States. In 1953, he became the Dean of BU's Marsh Chapel and the first African American Dean at a majority-white University. Thurman's 1949 book <i>Jesus and the Disinherited</i> was considered a foundational text for many Civil Rights activists, religious leaders and intellectuals, including the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a graduate student at Boston University during Thurman's tenure. Together, we will view and discuss the recent documentary film <i>Back Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story</i>. The session will be facilitated by Thurman scholars, educators, and organizers, who will help us explore different ways to integrate Thurman's teachings in our world today.</p>				
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Coffee Break				
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Workshop B1	Workshop B2	Workshop B3	Workshop B4	Workshop B5
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch				
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Gathering at the monument "The Embrace"				
2:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4	Trip 5
5:30 pm	Free Evening				

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023 (venue: Hebrew College)**

8:30 am	Shuttle Service: Simmons' Residence Campus – Hebrew College / On-Site Registration for Day Guests at Hebrew College				
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Meditative Moment</b>				
10:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Plenary Session III</b> <b><i>Collaborating to Confront Oppression</i></b>  <u>Speakers:</u> Tiferet Berenbaum / Martín de Salterain / Katarzyna Kowalska / Peta Pellach <u>Moderator:</u> Philip A. Cunningham  Having explored in previous plenary sessions the concept of intersectionality and how antisemitism relates to other forms of oppression, this panel provides an opportunity to see how these insights play out in specific contexts. In this session, practitioners in the areas of Jewish-Christian and interreligious dialogue will share their insights into best practices to confront oppression, including race, gender, class, and colonialism. This interactive experience will include small group discussion facilitated by our plenary speakers.				
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Coffee Break				
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Workshop C1</b>	<b>Workshop C2</b>	<b>Workshop C3</b>	<b>Workshop C4</b>	<b>Workshop C5</b>
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Lunch				
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Workshop D1</b>	<b>Workshop D2</b>	<b>Workshop D3</b>	<b>Workshop D4</b>	<b>Workshop D5</b>
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Shuttle Service: Hebrew College – Boston College				
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Coffee Break				
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	<b>Closing Session</b> <b><i>Bringing It Home</i></b>  <u>Speakers:</u> Pavol Bargár / Heather Miller Rubens / Yehudah Webster <u>Moderator:</u> Michael Trainor  What will we bring back to our communities from this conference? What are some of the key insights we have gleaned over the course of these four days? What challenges will we face in attempting to implement our learning moving forward? This session will begin with brief reflections from a lead speaker and other expert panelists, and will be followed by informal conversation about our conference take-aways and future possibilities.				
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Closing Dinner				
8:30 pm	Shuttle Service: Boston College – Simmons' Residence Campus				

**MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023:**

**4.30 pm            WORKSHOP SESSION A**

**Workshop A1**

**Transformation through intersecting identities: Australian Experiences**

Facilitator:        Emmanuel Nathan

Presenters:        Ron Hoenig / Mary Reaburn

**Workshop A2**

**Equipping Students to Navigate Intersectionality: Insights and a Case Study from the Building Interfaith Leadership Initiative (BILI)**

Presenters:        Harmet Kaur Kamboj / Josh Polanski / Tom Reid

**Workshop A3**

**The Interaction of Different Identities in the Mirror of Biblical Texts**

Presenters:        Jutta Hausmann / Shmuel Szteinhendler

**Workshop A4**

**Dynamic Parallels: Resisting Anti-Judaism and Resisting Oppression**

Presenter:        Peter A. Pettit

**Workshop A5**

**Orthodox Christian – Jewish Relations: A Different Dialogue**

Presenter:        David Fox Sandmel

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023:**

**11.30 am            WORKSHOP SESSION B**

**Workshop B1**

**When the Outside and Inside Tell Different Stories: A Reverend and Rabbi Discuss Religious Identity, Public Perception and Race**

Presenters:        Daniel Berman / Irene Monroe

**Workshop B2**

**Solidarity is Not a Zero Sum Game: Racism, Antisemitism, and Cultivating Cultural Literacy**

Presenters:        Rafi Ellenson / Seigen Johnson

**Workshop B3**

**The Forgotten Partner - Palestinian Christians in Jewish-Christian Dialogue**

Presenter:        John S. Munayer

**Workshop B4**

**Jewish Cemetery Restoration in Poland and the Potential of Service Projects for Furthering Jewish-Christian Relations**

Presenters:        Rebecca Carter-Chand / Katarzyna Kowalska /  
Steven D. Reece

**Workshop B5**

**From Generation to Generation - Intergenerational Issues in Interreligious Dialogue**

Presenters:        Martín de Salterain / Shmuel Szteinhendler

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023:**

**12.00 pm          WORKSHOP SESSION C**

Workshop C1

**A Bridge Over Hell Creek: Rough Cut Screening and Discussion**

Presenter:          Elinor Pierce

Workshop C2

**A Covenantal Relationship between Church and Synagogue**

Presenters:          Michael Shire / Pamela Werntz

Workshop C3

**Dismantling Racism from the Inside Out**

Presenters:          David Jaffe / Yehudah Webster

Workshop C4

**Leveraging Structured Peer Consultancy to Address Challenges in Initiatives Confronting Antisemitism**

Presenters:          Rebecca Cohen / Samantha Lin

Workshop C5

**Intersectionality in Oppression and Opportunity in the Abrahamic Traditions**

Presenters:          Reuven Firestone / Heidi Hadsell / Hannan Hassan

**2.30 pm          WORKSHOP SESSION D**

Workshop D1

***PsalmSeason*: Intersectional Readings of a Beloved Biblical Text**

Presenters:          Andrew Davis / Or Rose

Workshop D2

**Activism in Action: Three Artists Who are Making Change Through Art**

Moderator:          Laura Mandel

Presenters:          Caron Tabb / Jason Talbot / Wen-hao Tien

Workshop D3

**Seeking in the Company of Others: The Wisdom of Group Spiritual Direction**

Presenter:          Roslyn G. Weiner

Workshop D4

**Decoding and Disrupting Antisemitic and Racist Imagery: Examples from German Religion Textbooks and Children's Bibles**

Presenter:          Katharina von Kellenbach

Workshop D5

**The Twelve Points of Berlin: Educational Guide – A Workshop**

Presenters:          Pavol Bargár / Celia Deutsch / Michael Trainor