

**BOSTON COLLEGE**  
Center for Christian-Jewish Learning  
- 2021 Zoom Corcoran Chair Conference -

***“To Arrive Where We Started and Know the Place for the First Time”***  
**Exploring Pre-Supersessionist Readings of the New Testament**

**Sundays, April 11 and April 18, 2021**  
**1:00-4:30 pm (Eastern Time, US & Canada)**

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In New Testament studies today, the inherent Jewishness of the early Christian movement is taken into consideration to a much greater extent than only a couple of decades ago: both the historical Jesus and the historical Paul are now firmly situated in late Second Temple Judaism, and the post-70 C.E. writers of the New Testament—Paul probably being the only exception—form their theology and write their texts in the wake of the destruction of the Temple, when all branches of Judaism had to cope with the fact that the Sanctuary was no more. When a growing number of current scholars read New Testament texts, they do not portray Judaism as the gloomy background from which Christianity had to be removed in order to glow and grow; on the contrary, they understand that one must return to the Jewish matrix in order to appreciate the New Testament texts more fully. It is as if the renowned, yet enigmatic words of T. S. Eliot could be applied to this area of research:

*We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring  
will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.*

This Corcoran Chair Conference conference will seek to arrive where Christianity started, and seek to know the earliest Christian movement for the first time, before the supersessionism paradigm—which sets Christianity over against Judaism as if they were two separate religious systems—began to govern most of the theological imagination. Papers will explore the consequences of pre-supersessionist readings of the New Testament.

**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

**1:00-4:30 PM**

1:00 PM Ruth Langer (Boston College)  
*Words of Welcome*

**Session I**

Chair: Stephen Pope (Boston College)

1:10 PM Jesper Svartvik (Boston College)  
*“Those Who Trust Us Educate Us”:  
Daniel Deronda’s Quest for His Origins and New Testament Studies*

1:30 PM Wendy Farley (San Francisco Theological Seminary)  
*Radical Compassion During Days of Rage*

1:50 PM Discussion

2:20 PM Break

**Session 2**

Chair: Ruth Langer (Boston College)

2:50 PM Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski (Seminary of the Southwest, Austin)  
*The Parable of the Vineyard and the Dynamics of Covenant*

3:10 PM Mary C. Boys (Union Theological Seminary)  
*“Questions at the Heart of our Faith”:  
The Gifts of Non-Supersessionist Christianity*

3:30 PM Discussion

**Day's Closing Session**

- 4:00 PM Daniel Boyarin (University of California, Berkeley)  
*Response*
- 4:20 PM Jesper Svartvik (Boston College)  
*Concluding Remarks and Words of Thanks*
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**Sunday, April 18, 2021  
1:00-4:30 PM**

- 1:00 PM Jesper Svartvik (Boston College)  
*Words of Welcome*

**Session 3**

Chair: PHEME PERKINS (Boston College)

- 1:10 PM Daniel C. Ullucci (Stonehill College)  
*Supersessionism, Sacrifices, and the Destruction of the Second Temple*
- 1:30 PM Dieter T. Roth (Boston College)  
*Transfiguring the Transfiguration: Reading Luke 9:35 Adversus Marcionem*
- 1:50 PM Discussion
- 2:20 PM Break

**Session 4**

Chair: ANGELA KIM HARKINS (Boston College)

- 2:50 PM Peter C. Phan (Georgetown University)  
*Non-Supersessionism and Asian Ecclesiology and Christian Mission*
- 3:10 PM R. Kendall Soulen (Candler School of Theology)  
*Jesus and the Unspoken Name: On Recovering a Differentiated Apophaticism*
- 3:30 PM Discussion

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