Jesper Svartvik

2020-2022 Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations

Boston College and the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning are pleased to announce the reappointment of Jesper Svartvik to the Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations.

Dr. Svartvik studied at Lund University in his native Sweden, the Swedish Theological Institute in Jerusalem, and the Hebrew University, and holds a doctorate in New Testament studies from Lund University (2000). He is the former holder of the Krister Stendahl Chair of Theology of Religions, which included teaching and research both in Jerusalem and Lund. In 2019 he was awarded the Raoul Wallenberg Honor from Muhlenberg College “in recognition of his substantial contributions to Jewish-Christian relations.” His areas of expertise include New Testament studies, interreligious relations in general, and Jewish-Christian relations in particular.


During Dr. Svartvik’s tenure as the Corcoran Chair, he has worked on his latest book, which aims to bring together, evaluate, and present exegetical and theological insights on ways to read the New Testament without presupposing supersessionism; offered public lectures; taught a graduate seminar; and organized the 2021 Corcoran Chair Conference “To Arrive Where We Started and Know the Place for the First Time”: Exploring Pre-Supersessionist Readings of the New Testament.”