

Frans van Liere

2022-2023 Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations

Boston College and the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning are pleased to announce the appointment of Frans van Liere to the 2022-2023 Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations.

Dr. Van Liere is Professor of History and Director of the Medieval Studies Program at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI, where he teaches a variety of courses in medieval and world history, and courses in interfaith engagement. His research interests include Medieval Europe, Medieval biblical exegesis, and Jewish-Christian relations; his current scholarship focuses on the history of medieval Christian Hebraism. In addition to his scholarship, Prof. Van Liere has been actively engaged in interfaith dialogue for over thirty years, including establishing interfaith dialogue programs and organizing conferences on Jewish-Christian and interfaith relations.



Prof. Van Liere studied at the University of Groningen in his native Netherlands (M.Th., M.A. in Medieval Studies, and Ph.D. in Medieval Studies). His publications include *Life at Saint Victor* (2021), *An Introduction to the Medieval Bible* (2014), *Interpretation of Scripture: Practice* (2015), and *Interpretation of Scripture: Theory* (2012).

During his tenure as the Corcoran Chair, Prof. Van Liere will complete his monograph on the Christian concept of *Hebraica Veritas*, a concept which underpinned the medieval Christian interest in the Hebrew Bible and defined the attitude and relationship of medieval Christians towards their Jewish contemporaries. Prof. Van Liere will also offer a graduate course and organize a conference on the topic of “The Jewish-Christian encounter over Scripture.”