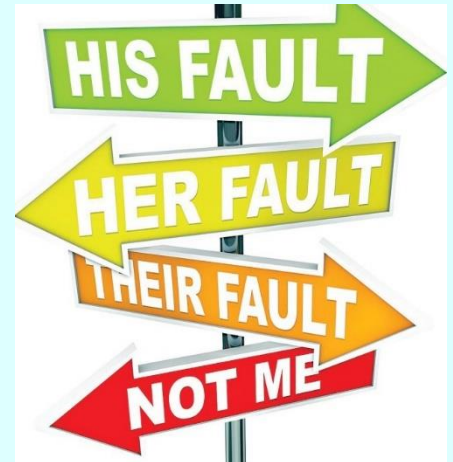


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# Repenting Antisemitism and Racism: Guilt and Transformation

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The language of reconciliation and forgiveness fails in the context of atrocities, such as the Holocaust, genocide, and the history of slavery. Apologies cannot magically bring about racial reconciliation or forgiveness. This conference explores the significance and effects of the language of guilt and penance in the context of systemic evils, such as racism and antisemitism. Traditional Jewish and Christian teachings on penance, *teshuvah*, and atonement propose models for perpetrator-centered practices of change that may be newly relevant in contemporary conflicts over historical legacies of contempt.



### *Presenters*

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**Sunday, March 29, 2:00 - 6:00 pm**  
**Monday, March 30, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
Murray Room, Yawkey Center  
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