

BOSTON COLLEGE
Center for Christian-Jewish Learning
2020 Corcoran Chair Conference

**Repenting Antisemitism and Racism:
Guilt and Transformation**

March 29-30, 2020
Murray Function Room, Yawkey Center

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.

Sunday March 29, 2020

- 2:00-3:45 PM** **“Liturgies of Repentance”**
Moderator: Michael Zank (Boston University)
- Ruth Langer (Boston College)
Jewish Liturgies of Atonement
- James Bernauer, S.J. (Boston College)
Jesuits on Repentance
- 3:45-4:00 PM** Coffee break
- 4:00-5:45 PM** **Keynote Address**
Mary C. Boys, SNJM (Union Theological Seminary)
A Confiteor for Holy Week
- 6:00 PM** Reception, open to all
- 6:30 PM** Dinner for invited guests

Monday March 30, 2020

- 9:00-10:45 AM** **“Race and Religion in Hate Movements”**
Moderator: Joan Martin (Episcopal Divinity School, emerita)
- Rabbi David Fox Sandmel (Anti-Defamation League)
Old-New Hate: The Faces of Anti-Semitism Today
- Jonathan Karp (Binghamton University)
Blacks and Jews in the American Experience
- Victoria Barnett (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, retired)
The Interfaith Movement Confronts Racism and Antisemitism
- 10:45-11:00 AM** Coffee break
- 11:00 AM-12:45 PM** **“Theologies of Repentance”**
Moderator: Mary Rose D’Angelo (University of Notre Dame, emerita)
- Beverly Eileen Mitchell (Wesley Theological Seminary)
Toward a Theology of Repentance
- Barbara Meyer (Tel Aviv University)
Repentance in Post-Shoah Christology
- 12:45-2:00 PM** Lunch, open to all
- 2:00-4:00 PM** **“Guilt as Theologically Productive Force”**
Moderator: Stephen Pope (Boston College)
- Katharina von Kellenbach (Boston College)
Guilt in Jewish-Christian Relations
- Emma O’Donnell Polyakov (Merrimack College)
Collective Guilt as Spiritual Inspiration: Case Studies of Catholic Religious in Israel

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