

Marc Michael Epstein
2013-2014 Corcoran Visiting Chair
in Christian-Jewish Relations



Boston College and the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning are pleased to announce the appointment of Marc Michael Epstein to the 2013-2014 Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations. Prof. Epstein is Professor of Religion at Vassar College, where he has been teaching for over two decades. A graduate of Oberlin College, he received his M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. at Yale University, and did much of his graduate research at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

He has written on various topics in visual and material culture produced by, for, and about Jews. His most recent book, *The Medieval Haggadah: Art, Narrative, and Religious Imagination* (Yale, 2011) was selected by the *London Times Literary Supplement* as one of the Best Books of the Year.

During the 80s, Prof. Epstein was Director of the Hebrew Books and Manuscripts division of Sotheby's Judaica department, and continues to serve as consultant to various libraries, auction houses, museums and private collectors throughout the world, among them the Herbert C. and Eileen Bernard Museum at Temple Emanu-El in New York City, for which he curated the inaugural exhibition.

During Prof. Epstein's tenure at Boston College, he will complete his book *Extremities: Mapping the Margins of Jewish Visual Culture*. In addition to his research and writing activities, he will teach a course on *Religion, Art and Politics*, organize a conference titled *Collisions and Collusions in Christian and Jewish Visual Culture*, and offer public lectures.