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Conference Chair: James Bernauer, S.J., Kraft Family Professor,
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APRIL 22
4:00-5:30 p.m. Keynote Presentation
Three Righteous Christians and selections from
And Crown Thy Good: Varian Fry in Marseille
Pierre Sauvage, Chambon Foundation and Varian Fry Institute

5:30-5:45 p.m. Break

5:45-7:00 p.m. Panel Responses and Discussion
Serena Parekh McGushin, Northeastern University
Marian St. Onge, Independent Scholar
Micah Lott, Boston College
Pamela Berger, Boston College

APRIL 23
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Conference Presentations
Chair: T. A. Perry, Corcoran Visiting Professor

"Levinas and Fackenheim: Evil, Suffering and the Holocaust"
Michael Morgan, Indiana University

"Augustine, the Trinity and Trans-figurative Cries"
Douglas Finn, Boston College

Chair: Arthur Madigan, S.J., Fitzgibbons Professor,
Department of Philosophy

"Home to Roost" (Fitzgibbons Lecture)
Patricia Owens, University of Sussex

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:15-1:00 p.m. Concluding Roundtable Discussion
The Center for Christian-Jewish Learning is devoted to the multifaceted development and implementation of new relationships between Christians and Jews that are based not merely on toleration but on full respect and mutual enrichment. This defining purpose flows from the Mission of Boston College and responds to the vision expressed in Roman Catholic documents ever since the Second Vatican Council.

The building of new, positive relationships between Jews and Christians requires sustained collaborative academic research. Therefore, under the Center's auspices scholars and thinkers representing diverse Jewish and Christian perspectives engage in intense and ongoing study of all aspects of our related yet distinct traditions of faith and culture.

Educationally, we are committed to the goal that "Jews and Judaism should not occupy an occasional and marginal place in [Christian religious education]: their presence there is essential and should be organically integrated" (Notes, 2). We are convinced that Jews and Christians enrich and deepen their respective identities by joint educational endeavors. The Center is thus dedicated to conducting educational research and to offering programs, both in the university and the wider community, in which Christians and Jews explore their traditions together.

In short, the Center applies the scholarly resources of a Catholic university to the task of encouraging mutual knowledge between Christians and Jews at every level (Notes, 27).


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