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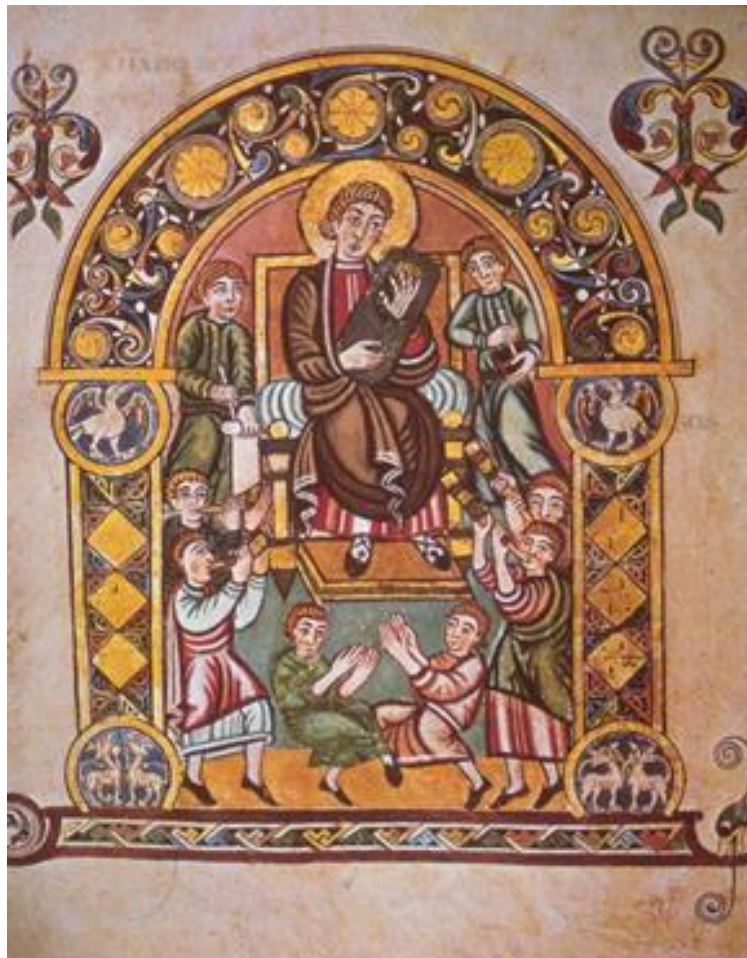## CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN-JEWISH LEARNING

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2013 Corcoran Chair Conference
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Words of Welcome   James Bernauer, S. J., Director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Boston College

Introduction   Theodore A. Perry, Visiting Corcoran Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations, Boston College

Conference Chair: Ruth Langer, Associate Director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning and Professor of Jewish Studies, Boston College

12:00-1:00 p.m.   **Keynote Address**

"The Metaphorical World of God-Language in Psalms"
Marc Brettler, Brandeis University

1:00-2:25 p.m.   **Session 1: Interpretations of Psalm 19**

"Psalm 19: Views from Talmudic Erets Israel"
Stuart Miller, University of Connecticut

"The Utrecht Psalter Viewed Through Psalm 19"
Pamela Berger, Boston College

"From Words to Discourse: The Plot of Psalm 19, Hymn of Unification"
Theodore A. Perry, Boston College

2:30-3:45 p.m.   **Session 2: Musical Interpretations of Psalms**

Gregorian Concert
Members of the Monastic Community and Oblate Choir of the Abbey of Regina Laudis, Bethlehem, CT
R.M. Noëlla Marcellino and Prof. Ken Steen, Co-directors

"Tunes fit for a King – A Concert of Jewish Psalm Settings"
Hankus Netsky, New England Conservatory of Music

3:45-4:00 p.m.   **Break**

4:00-5:30 p.m.   **Session 3: Art and Rhetoric**
"The Psalter in the Early Medieval Period as Personal Book and as Personal Gift"
Lawrence Nees, University of Delaware

"Psalm 89, an Update"
Richard Clifford, S. J., Boston College

"A Prophet Reading the Psalms, or Vice Versa? Psalm 77 and Habakkuk"
David Vanderhooft, Boston College.

5:30-6:00 p.m.   **Concluding Roundtable Discussion**

Yonder Gillihan, Boston College, Chair
Jeffrey Cooley, Boston College
Emma O'Donnell, Boston College

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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).

[*Notes* = Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, *Notes on the Correct Way to Present Jews and Judaism in Preaching and Teaching in the Roman Catholic Church* (1985).]

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