

Katharina von Kellenbach

2019-2020 Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations

Boston College and the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning are pleased to announce the appointment of Katharina von Kellenbach to the 2019-2020 Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations.

Katharina von Kellenbach is Professor of Religious Studies and former Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at St. Mary's College of Maryland, the National Honors College of the State of Maryland. In 2018-2019, she was Convener of the ZIF Research Group "Felix Culpa: Guilt as Culturally Productive Force" at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZIF) in Bielefeld. A native of West Germany, she studied Evangelical Theology in Berlin and Göttingen (1979-1982) and received her PhD in 1990 at Temple University. She became active in Jewish-Christian dialogue and Holocaust Studies while studying in Philadelphia and completed her dissertation on *Anti-Judaism in Feminist Religious Writings* (Scholars Press, 1994). Her areas of expertise include Holocaust Studies, Jewish-Christian relations, feminist theology, and interreligious dialogue. Publications include *Anti-Judaism in Feminist Religious Writings* (Oxford University Press, 1994), *The Mark of Cain: Guilt and Denial in the Lives of Nazi Perpetrators* (Oxford University Press, 2013), and forthcoming *Composting Guilt: The Purification of Memory after Atrocity* (Oxford University Press, 2020).



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During Prof. Kellenbach's tenure as the Corcoran Chair, she will continue her research on Jewish and Christian perspectives on guilt, complete her book *Composting Guilt: The Purification of Memory after Atrocity*, teach a graduate level course, and organize a conference around themes of Jewish and Christian memory and guilt.