

Presents a lecture commemorating  
*Yom HaShoah*  
Holocaust Remembrance Day

**Prof. Mark Edward Ruff**  
**Coming to Terms with the Nazi Past after 1945:  
The Catholic Church and National Socialism**



**Thursday, April 12, 2018**  
**3:00-4:30 p.m.**  
**McElroy 237, Chestnut Hill Campus**

Why has public criticism of the German churches for their conduct during the Nazi era been disproportionately directed at the minority Catholic Church and not at the majority Protestant churches? In this talk, Mark Edward Ruff argues that the attack on the Catholic Church's conduct were proxy wars for larger battles over church-state relations in the new Federal Republic of Germany during the first several decades after the Second World War.

This event is free and all are welcome.  
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