Fall Shapiro Lecture
David Nirenberg, PhD, University of Chicago

David Nirenberg is the dean of The Divinity School at the University of Chicago and the Deborah R. and Edgar D. Jannotta Distinguished Service Professor of Social Thought, Medieval History, Fundamentals, Middle East Studies, Romance Languages and Literatures, and the College. Much of Nirenberg’s work has focused on the ways in which Jewish, Christian, and Islamic cultures constitute themselves by interrelating with or thinking about each other.

Winter Shapiro Lecture
David Shyovitz, PhD, Northwestern University

David Shyovitz is associate professor of history at Northwestern University and director of the Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies. His research focuses on medieval European intellectual and cultural history, with a particular emphasis on Jewish history and Jewish-Christian relations.

Spring Shapiro Lecture
Christine Hayes, PhD, Yale University

Christine Hayes is the Robert F. and Patricia R. Weis Professor of Religious Studies in Classical Judaica at Yale University, and currently serves as the President of the Association for Jewish Studies. Before joining the Yale faculty in 1996, she was assistant professor of Hebrew Studies at Princeton University for three years. Her published works include many articles and several books, including Gentile Impurities and Jewish Identities: Intermarriage and Conversion from the Bible to the Talmud, and What’s Divine about Divine Law? Early Perspectives.

2019 / 2020 EVENT PREVIEW

2020 Perelmutter Conference

This two-day conference, co-sponsored by Catholic Theological Union and the University of Notre Dame, will focus on issues of scholarship and community which are at the heart of Jewish-Christian dialogue. It includes panels and presentations from scholars at the forefront of Jewish-Christian studies, both here in the United States and internationally.

Remembering the Holocaust in the Arts: The Mischlinge Exposé
Carolyn Enger, pianist

CTU welcomes Carolyn Enger, a pianist based in the greater New York City area, with roots reaching back to Breslau, now Wroclaw, Poland for a spring performance. Her Mischlinge Exposé brings to light the stories of Mischlinge like her father and godmother, interwoven with the music and writings of prominent German Jewish converts and Mischlinge.

Holocaust Second Generation Survivor Visit

Following a student visit to the Illinois Holocaust Museum on May 10th, we will complete our annual Holocaust Remembrance Series by inviting a Holocaust survivor or a child of Holocaust survivors to share their story.

BERNARDIN CENTER FOR THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

The Catholic-Jewish Studies Program has been a part of Catholic Theological Union since its inception in 1968.

Through the Shapiro Lecture series and the annual Rabbi Hayim Goren Perelmutter Conference, world renowned scholars come to campus to speak on a range of topics related to theology, current issues, and culture. In addition to these events, the Catholic-Jewish Studies Program provides students with opportunities to experience the world of living Judaism outside of the classroom, including annual trips to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and movie nights which feature films about Jews and Jewish culture.

At the heart of this distinctive program is the Professorship in Jewish Studies, which enables an outstanding Jewish scholar to have a direct impact on future Christian leaders. This professorship, the Crown-Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies, is occupied by the Director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies Program, Dr. Malka Z. Simkovich.

Learn more and register for events at: ctu.edu/catholic-jewish