

**Crown-Ryan Chair in Jewish Studies
and
Director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies Program
at
Catholic Theological Union**

Catholic Theological Union is pleased to announce the appointment of Ranana Dine as the new Director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies Program and holder of the Crown-Ryan Chair in Jewish Studies.

The Catholic-Jewish Studies Program has been an integral part of Catholic Theological Union since its founding. Reflecting CTU's commitment to the Vatican II Declaration *Nostra Aetate*, on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, it was officially launched with the hiring of the late Rabbi Dr. Hayim G. Perelmuter towards the end of CTU's first year of operation in Spring 1969. Rabbi Perelmuter began teaching a set of courses during the 1969-70 school year.

Eventually Rabbi Perelmuter left his ministry at K.A.M. Isaiah Israel and made teaching at CTU his primary commitment. The Catholic-Jewish Studies program was launched a few years later with Rabbi Perelmuter and Fr. John T. Pawlikowski, OSM, Ph.D. serving as Co-Directors. After Rabbi Perelmuter's death Fr. Pawlikowski assumed full responsibility for the program which is a component of the Bernardin Center at CTU. Catholic-Jewish Relations was a major component of Cardinal Bernardin's ministry in Chicago (and nationally) and hence became a core component of the Bernardin Center established at CTU with the full support of the late Cardinal.

The Crown-Ryan Chair was initiated in 2001 as a joint Catholic-Jewish effort through the generous support of the Renée and Lester Crown and Pat and Shirley Ryan families. It was intended to strengthen and expand the already existing Catholic-Jewish Studies Program.

Ms. Dine is the third holder of the chair. She anticipates a successful defense of her dissertation titled "My Eyes Grow Dim from Grief: A Jewish Visual Ethic of Death and Memory" this Spring to complete her doctorate in Religious Ethics at the University of Chicago. She also holds an M.Phil. in Health, Medicine, and Society, and in Christian Theology from the University of Cambridge as well as a B.A. in Religious Studies, Art History and Practice from Williams College. She will begin her tenure at CTU this coming Fall semester.

We look forward to the creativity and vision she will bring to the classroom and our Catholic-Jewish Studies programming as well as our tri-faith dialogue efforts among Catholics, Jews, and Muslims.

About Catholic Theological Union

Catholic Theological Union is a Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry located in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. Founded in 1968, following the Second Vatican Council, CTU prepares effective leaders for the Church, ready to witness to Christ's good news of justice, love, and peace. More than 4,500 CTU alumni have ministered in 60 countries worldwide. CTU is a premier school of theology and ministry, sponsored by twenty-four men's religious communities, with a global reputation for academic and pastoral excellence.