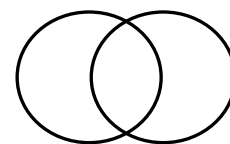
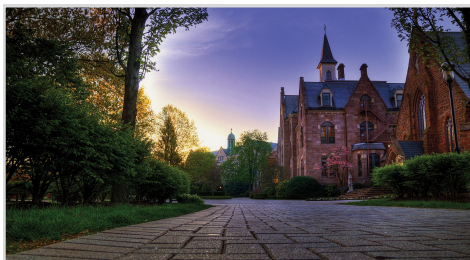


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The Monsignor Oesterreicher memorial plaque was unveiled in the presence of Ms. Stepanka Ticha, Mayor of Libava; Monsignor Antonin Basler, Assistant Bishop and Vicar General of the Archbishopric of Olomouc; Mr. Jindrich Machala, a local historian; and Mr. Rudolf Dub of the Jewish Community in Olomouc.

Memorial Plaque in Libava

Honoring Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher

by Rev. Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil.

Johannes Oesterreicher, the founding director of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies, spent his childhood in a small town in Moravia, then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

When I visited the area in 2006, people who knew about Msgr. Oesterreicher's achievements took me from Olomouc to Libava, which then was in a military zone.

The parish church was closed and surrounded by a wire fence, and the street where the Oesterreicher family lived was devoid of any buildings. We therefore decided that a memorial plaque would be better located on the wall of the Gymnasium (High School) which Johannes attended in Olomouc.

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Seton Hall University campus.

Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies

Transition and expansion

The Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies has awarded more than \$1.8 million in scholarship aid to students from 28 countries across five continents for study in the [Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies](#) (JCST) program at Seton Hall University. Throughout the years, our scholarship recipients have come from diverse faith and vocational backgrounds.

In the Fall semester the M.A. program welcomed a new full-time student from Tanzania, Father Paul Shirima. He is a priest with the Catholic Diocese of Tanga. Father Shirima and other graduate students in the JCST program took both online and traditional in-class courses.

In 2022 the M.A. program will offer its four course (12-credits) certificate completely online. This development will enable the Institute to support a larger number of international students, especially Catholic priests and religious sisters, in their country of origin.

The Institute would like to congratulate Rabbi Alan Brill, Ph.D. on his newly appointed role as Director of the JCST Graduate Program! Dr. Brill, who holds the Cooperman/Ross Endowed Chair for Jewish-Christian Studies, has been teaching in the JCST program since 2003. He specializes in interfaith theology, Jewish mysticism, modern Jewish thought and contemporary Jewish Orthodoxy and offers courses in medieval and modern Jewish thought, Jewish mysticism, interfaith encounter and Jewish theology.

We look forward to continuing to work with Rabbi Brill in the upcoming years and are confident he will prove to be a strong leader who successfully builds upon the academic excellence of the Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies program!

28th Msgr. John Oesterreicher Memorial Lecture

Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)

Dr. Gregory Glazov presented “Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher’s Use of Scripture and Rabbinic Writings in Reflecting on the Shoah” on October 21, 2021 as the Twenty-Eighth Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher Memorial Lecture.

Currently Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies in the Immaculate Conception School of Theology (ICSST) in Seton Hall University, Dr. Glazov is a former Rhodes Scholar. He earned M.Phil. and D.Phil. degrees in Jewish Studies in the Graeco-Roman World from Oxford University in 1993 and 1998.

Dr. Glazov specializes in two areas of study. The first is Old Testament Studies with a concentration on the symbolism of the organs of speech, the patterns of silence, and stammering and muteness that affect human speech in divine-human confrontations. Dr. Glazov’s second area of specialization centers on the Jewish writings of Vladimir Solovyov and his commitment to integrating faith and reason, conscience and social justice advocacy.

The academic interests of Dr. Glazov are rooted in his broader interests in Orthodox-Catholic and Jewish-Christian relationships and in exploring these interests through great literature. His passion for the latter is illustrated by his work as coordinator of the Great Spiritual Books Program at the Lilly-funded Institute for Christian Spirituality at ICSST by his engagement in the ICSST’s literature-based retreats, workshops and courses.

Dr. Gregory Glazov’s lecture on October 21st highlighted his recent development of *A Database of 100 Jewish and Catholic Writings* for the presentation of Biblical passages in theological, scholarly and popular writings on the Shoah (Holocaust). He opened his address with an overview of this database and a detailed classification of Scriptural citations that he has found within Jewish theological writings and poetry that focus on the Shoah. Dr. Glazov then offered his own personal reflections on these findings, which he categorized into five primary themes: lament, beauty, conscience, faith and Israel.

Professor Glazov concluded his lecture by outlining Rabbinic, Patristic and other classic writings, including Msgr. John Oesterreicher’s use of Scripture, that reflect on the Shoah. His anthology of Msgr. Oesterreicher’s work primarily targeted the many articles Monsignor published in *The Bridge* series, which can be read online in Seton Hall University’s eRepository at <https://scholarship.shu.edu/judaeo-christian-studies/>.

If you would like to watch Dr. Glazov’s recorded presentation and learn more about his findings, we invite you to access it [here](#) via Zoom. This video includes his PowerPoint presentation, which incorporates detailed spreadsheets and other documents that scholars, teachers and students specializing in Holocaust and genocide studies will find particularly helpful.

The Institute wishes to thank Dr. Glazov for sharing his database with us at our annual memorial lecture and for creating such an insightful and invaluable academic resource and reference that we hope will bear good fruit for many generations. We are particularly appreciative for his continued commitment to studying and promoting the work of Msgr. Oesterreicher and other pioneers in Jewish-Christian studies and relations.



Dr. Gregory Y. Glazov

Memorial Plaque *-continued-*



Installation of the memorial plaque in the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Unfortunately Dr. Hildegonda Rijkse nova, my contact who was with the Center for Ecumenical Meetings and Dialogue in Olomouc, passed away recently after a long bout with a debilitating illness so I do not know if the plaque was ever mounted in the Gymnasium.

I am pleased to announce, however, that Mr. Jaroslav Klenovsky, an architect in Bruno, Slovakia commissioned a Memorial Plaque for Msgr. Oesterreicher with the financial support of Dr. Stephen Cameron Jalil Nicholls of West Sussex, England.

On October 14, 2021 it was mounted on the interior wall of the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in the city of Libava in the Olomouc Region of the Czech Republic.

We in the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies are grateful for this initiative!

We are especially grateful to Mr. Jaroslav Klenovsky and Dr. Nicholls for their commitment to the memory of Msgr. Oesterreicher!

The Kinship of Catholics & Jews

From iTunes to Podbean

The Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies' radio program, *The Kinship of Catholics & Jews*, is moderated by Father Lawrence E. Frizzell and airs every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on WSOU 89.5 FM.

Father Frizzell has been interviewing scholars in the fields of Biblical and Jewish-Christian studies as well as professors from Seton Hall University across a wide spectrum of schools and disciplines on this program since 1990.

In 2013 the Institute established an iTunes channel to help further *The Kinship's* mission of promoting the shared values of Christians and Jews by giving listeners the flexibility of accessing digital podcasts of previously recorded shows at their convenience.

We will begin transferring 300+ podcasts, including historical interviews featuring Monsignor John Oesterreicher, from the iTunes platform to Podbean in 2022.

In the interim, listeners can currently and freely access podcasts of all shows that have been broadcast since August 2021 on our Podbean channel at <https://wsoukinship.podbean.com/>. We plan to complete the transfer of the remainder of our shows before the close of the Spring 2022 semester.



In Memoriam

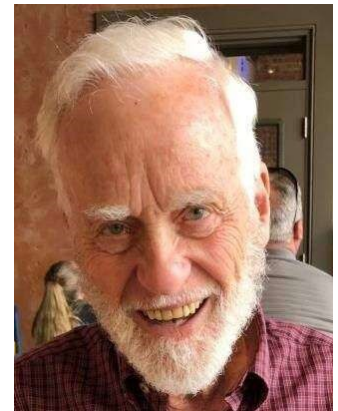
Dr. Franklin Sherman (1928-2021)

by Rev. Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil.

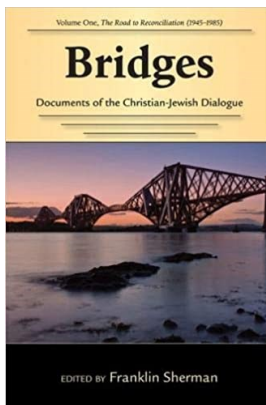
As pastor of Advent Lutheran Church in Chicago and professor in Mansfield College, Oxford, England and in the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Dr. Franklin Sherman prepared to make a unique contribution to the field of Christian-Jewish relations.

In 1989 he became the founding director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania, where he served until 1996. This program became an early response on the academic level to the study of Jewish-Christian relations.

Dr. Sherman's work at Muhlenberg College was carried on by his successor, Dr. Peter Pettit, who developed a strong relationship with the David Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and collaborated in many ways with the members of the Council of Centers and Institutes on Jewish-Christian Relations in North America.



Dr. Franklin Sherman
(1928-2021)



The community of scholars and other people engaged in this field are most grateful to Dr. Sherman for his role as editor of *Bridges: Documents of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue* (Mahwah: Paulist Press, 2011 and 2014). Volume One has the title "The Road to Reconciliation" (1945-1985, p. xx, 441) and Volume Two "Building a New Relationship" (1986-2013 p. xix, 540).

These collections record the developments that preceded and followed the Second Vatican Council into the period just before the fiftieth anniversary of the Council's Declaration *Nostra aetate*. Students and all who work in interfaith relations owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Sherman! May his soul rest in peace.

Dr. Sherman acknowledges two earlier collections of such documents, edited by Mrs. Helga Croner (1913-2007), who in the 1970s was an associate of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies at Seton Hall. After seeking refuge in England, Ulrich and Helga Croner developed a successful publishing career related to Business. In her retirement, she edited *Stepping Stones to Jewish-Christian Relations* (1977) and *More Stepping Stones to Further Jewish-Christian Relations: An Unabridged Collection of Christian Documents* in 1985. Both were published by Paulist Press under the auspices of "Stimulus Books," as are the two volumes of Dr. Sherman's *Bridges*.

It should be noted that this series of important books in Jewish-Christian relations was founded and endowed by Mrs. Croner. All who pursue learning stimulated by such publications in this area have been blessed by a couple who found success in publishing and very generously shared their resources to foster understanding between Christians and Jews.

Similar collections of documents have been edited by scholars in France and Germany. For the latter, recent developments may be seen on University of Bonn's website at <https://www.nostra-aetate.uni-bonn.de/kirchliche-dokumente>. For other recent texts, see also the Dialogika Library Resources page on the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations' website at <https://www.ccjr.us/dialogika-resources/documents-and-statements>.



Our Mission

The Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies is a center of expertise committed to the mission of developing, encouraging and increasing the collaborative peace-building efforts of people everywhere.

Our mission flows from God's call to serve and be a blessing to the world and is guided by the underlying principles of the constitutions and decrees of the Second Vatican Council, especially *Nostra aetate*, and the Holy See's documents to implement the Church's relationship with the Jewish people.

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Please consider supporting the mission of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies by making a donation today. Your gift will help us expand our global reach to educators in need as they work to promote interfaith understanding, collaboration and goodwill throughout their communities, schools and broader communities.

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