

# *Scriptural Reasoning, Medieval Style: Interfaith Dialogue in Twelfth-Century Paris*

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**12:00-1:30 PM**

**Stokes N325 Conference Room**

**Chestnut Hill Campus**

When we think of Jewish-Christian encounters in the High Middle Ages, disputation and polemic are often the first things that come to mind. However, the abbey of Saint Victor, in the mid-twelfth century, also witnessed a different kind of interaction between Christians and Jews: an encounter centered not on what divided but on what united them. The discovery of a shared scriptural heritage could lead to mutual learning, but it was not always without challenges.

**[Register by email to attend in-person.](#) [Register online to attend virtually.](#)**

(Space is limited. Lunch will be provided.)

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