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At the end of my appointment as the Corcoran Visiting Chair at the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College, I wish to express my deep gratitude for the opportunity to share in the life of the Center for the past academic year. My time at Boston College has been very rewarding and fruitful, and I hope that, in turn, my presence here has also been beneficial to the Center.

In the Spring semester of 2023, I taught a course “Shared Scripture — Divided Faiths,” on the theme of Jewish-Christian interaction in the area of medieval Biblical exegesis. The course not only dealt with biblical interpretation, but also covered the related fields of Jewish-Christian debate and disputations, and the growth of Christian anti-Judaism, from the time of early Christianity to the period of the Black Death and the Protestant Reformation.

The annual Corcoran Chair Conference addressed a related theme: “Shared Scripture — Divided Faiths: The Medieval Jewish-Christian Encounter around the Bible.” Ten international specialists in the field (from the United States, Germany, and the United Kingdom) presented their research, in three sessions, spread over two days. As I am writing, the proceedings of the conference have been accepted as a volume for Brill’s *Commentaria* series, an academic series dedicated to the interpretation of the sacred texts of three major religious traditions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

In September, I gave a presentation, “Scriptural Reasoning, Medieval Style: Interfaith Dialogue in Twelfth-Century Paris,” focusing on the contacts that the twelfth century canon Andrew of Saint Victor used in composing his commentary on Isaiah, and drawing wider conclusions on the study of medieval Jewish-Christian contacts and their repercussions for interfaith work today. This presentation was based on materials from my edition and translation of Andrew of Saint Victor’s Isaiah commentary. My time at the Center allowed me to ready the manuscript of the latter for publication in the series *Corpus Christianorum in Translation*, and publish an article on Andrew of Saint Victor’s Bible version for the journal *Sacris Erudiri*. Both are set to appear in June 2023.

My main scholarship this academic year involved writing a monograph on the topic of *Hebraica Veritas*, that is, the Christian reception of the Hebrew Bible and the way that it influenced Jewish-Christian interactions in the period between 400 and 1500 CE. I was very pleased to have the opportunity to discuss two of its chapters in draft at brown bag lunches organized by the Center, and I am enormously grateful for the feedback received by my colleagues. I hope to finish writing the monograph in the course of the coming academic year. I am also currently finishing an article on Jewish messianism through Christian eyes, which will be submitted to the Center’s journal, *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*.

This academic year, I attended three conferences: The Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations (CCJR) annual conference at Graz College in the fall, the Medieval Academy Meeting (MAA) annual conference in Washington D.C. in the winter, and the International Congress on Medieval Studies (ICMS) in Kalamazoo in the Spring. At the latter, I presided over a session on Jewish-Christian interpretation of the Bible, which I organized on behalf of the Society for the Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages.

In all, this year has been an exceptionally enriching experience, and it was a great honor and pleasure for me to serve as the 2022-2023 Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations at Boston College. I wish to thank Prof. Ruth Langer, Prof. Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, and Dr. Camille Markey for their outstanding collegiality and for making my time at the Center so rewarding and fruitful.

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