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FOUR PUBLIC SEMINARS
Sept. 15 and Oct. 20, 2009
Jan. 26 and Feb. 23, 2010

Jerusalem: Traditions, Realities, Prospects

Seminars meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in Clowes Memorial Hall, on the campus of Butler University, 4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis, IN. Admission is free, but tickets are required and available at the Clowes box office and Ticketmaster.
JERUSALEM 2009: HOW DID WE GET HERE?
Sept. 15, 2009

Understanding the history of Jerusalem as a place sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims is essential to appreciating the role of the city in the contemporary world. Prof. Wahrman will give us a history lesson focusing on Jerusalem's last hundred years and on how the city has been affected by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**Speaker**


**Respondents**

Dr. Pierre M. Atlas is associate professor of political science and directs The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies at Marian University in Indianapolis.

Dr. Siobhan McEvoy-Levy is associate professor of political science at Butler University where she directs the program in peace studies.

THE PIETY AND POETRY OF JERUSALEM
Oct. 20, 2009

Contemporary Jerusalem is often seen through the narrow lens of conflict, yet the city is also a place of deep inspiration for people of faith and for writers, artists and musicians. This session explores the rich cultural, religious and symbolic landscape of Jerusalem in the spirituality of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

**Speaker**

Dr. David Berger directs the Jewish Studies department at Yeshiva College and is dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School at Yeshiva University in New York. A member of the Rabbinical Council of America, he is a scholar of medieval Jewish-Christian debates and an expert on interreligious relations.

**Respondents**

Dr. Marti Steussy is the Macallister-Petticrew Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

Dr. Laila Ayoubi recently completed a term of service in the Afghan mission in Islamabad, Pakistan. She has taught courses on Islam, Afghanistan and French at Butler and Martin universities.

CATHOLICS IN JERUSALEM: LEGACIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Jan. 26, 2010

What is the role and what are the responsibilities of Catholics and other Christians in Jerusalem today? How can Christians contribute to interfaith and inter-communal understanding in a city where they are a small minority?

**Speaker**

The Most Rev. Denis J. Madden is auxiliary bishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore. He served as associate secretary general of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and directed the Pontifical Mission for Palestine in Jerusalem.

**Respondents**

Rabbi Dennis Sasso is rabbi of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis, and a scholar of Jewish-Christian relations.

Imam Michael Saahir is imam of Nur Allah Islamic Center in Indianapolis and has long been active in Catholic-Muslim dialogue.

THE FUTURE OF JERUSALEM
Feb. 23, 2010

The early 21st century has seen no relief from the ongoing conflict in Jerusalem. This session will explore the future of a city claimed by many as a religious and cultural capital. What are the possibilities for peace? Do religious traditions rooted in Jerusalem point to solutions or to continued conflict?

**Speaker**

Serge Schmemann is the editorial editor of the International Herald Tribune in Paris. He has served as bureau chief for the *New York Times* in Jerusalem, Moscow and Johannesburg. In 1991, Mr. Schmemann won the Pulitzer Prize for best international reporting.

**Respondents**

Dr. Atalia Omer is assistant professor of religion, conflict and peace studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Samer Alatout is assistant professor of rural sociology and an affiliate of the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Admission is free, BUT TICKETS ARE REQUIRED and available at the Clowes Hall box office and Ticketmaster*. There is a limit of two tickets per person. Tickets for the September and October 2009 events are available beginning Aug. 17, 2009. Tickets for the January and February 2010 events available Jan. 4, 2010. The box office is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday and will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. beginning Sept. 12.

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