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Dr. Abdulkarim Sorouch, *Islam and the Concept of ‘Secularity*, May 10, 2004;

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**The Wisdom of Love: Man, Woman, & God in Jewish Canonical Literature**

**Wednesday, November 11th**
**5 to 7 PM**
**Aquinas Hall, Room 102**
**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**
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His main fields of interest are the wisdom of love (between man and woman; human beings; man and God); Environmental Philosophy; Political Philosophy; Civic Education; Philosophy of Halakha; Culture of Peace.

He has published numerous articles on Philosophy, Jewish Thought, and Halakha and has authored and edited ten books, including:

- *Studies on Jewish People, Identity and Nationality* (with Eliezer Schweid), The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Hakibbutz Hameuchad Publishing House, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, 2008 (Hebrew)
- *Beloved Doe – The Wisdom of Love*, Yediot Aharonot Publishers, Tel Aviv, 2004 (Hebrew)
- *Meditations on the Parasha – the weekly Torah portion as an inspiration for Jewish thought and creativity*, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Yediot Aharonot Publishers, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, 2005 (Hebrew)


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Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force on Values and Vision, *Religion in the Military*, Nov. 11, 2005;


Dr. Hadi Semati, Associate Professor of Political Science on the Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran, Iran and Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center and Trita Parsi, Middle East specialist, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, *Nuclear Iran?*, March 23, 2005;
Daniel Taub, Deputy Legal Advisor, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *The Rule of Law in an Age of Terror*, March 14, 2007;

2006


William Beeman, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology and Director of Middle East Studies, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, *Shi’a Islam and the Political Language of Iran*, November 13, 2006;

Judith Yaphe, Ph.D., Professor, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, *Iranian Ambitions and American Options: Is There Another Islamic Bomb in Our Future?* October 30, 2006;

Bernard Sabella, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, Bethlehem University, *The Situation of Palestinian Christians*, October 25, 2006;

Asher Maoz, Professor of Law, Tel Aviv University, Israel, Dr. Gloria M. Morán-García, Ph.D., Professor of Law, University of A Coruña, Spain, and Rahim Nobahar, Ph.D., Faculty of Law, Shahid Beheshti University, Iran, *Religion and the State: A Comparative Look at Israel, Spain and Iran*, September 6, 2006;

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America, April 24, 2006;

Jillian Schwedler, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Government and Politics, University of Maryland at College Park, *Islamism and the Challenge of Political Inclusion*, April 4, 2006;

Fayçal Souissi, Professor of International Relations, University of Tunis and Azhar Hussein, Senior Fellow in Education and Development, International Center for Religion & Diplomacy, *Education for Tolerance: Religious Education in Tunisia*, March 29, 2006;

Dr. Zac Nsenga, Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda, *Dispute Resolution, War Crimes, and Reconciliation in Rwanda*, March 28, 2006;

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**Opening Remarks**

Father Sidney Griffith, Chair of the Semitics Department and

Comments from a Catholic Perspective

**Professor Holger Zaborowski,** School of Philosophy

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**Presentation**

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Mr. Shimon Shetreet, Greenblatt Professor of Public & International Law, Hebrew University, *Law, Culture, Politics and Religion: The Challenge of Creating a Culture of Peace in a World of Diversity and Conflict*, September 9, 2009;

Dr. Suzanne Maloney, Senior Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution, *America, Iran and the Prospects for Diplomacy*, March 30, 2009;

Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer, Chair, Middle East Policy Studies, The Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, *The Role of America in the Arab-Israeli Peace Process*, March 18, 2009;

Mr. Daniel Seidemann, founder and legal counsel for Ir Amim, practicing attorney in Jerusalem and a partner in a commercial law firm, *Storm Clouds Over Jerusalem*, February 4, 2009;

Mr. Gregory Khalil, attorney and former legal adviser with the Negotiations Support Unit, Palestinian Authority; Mr. Paul Scham, professor and director of the Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies, University of Maryland, and Mr. Marshall Breger, professor of law, CUA Columbus School of Law, *The Conflict in Gaza: Legal Perspectives and Political Approaches*, January 14, 2009;

2008

Shaykh Fatih Kashif Al-Getaa, heads the Al-Thagalyn Center for Strategic Studies in Naif and the Al-Kademia religious school in Bagdad, *The Relationship Between Iran and the Marjaiyah of Najf*, October 29, 2008;

Mr. Ghassan Manasra, Imam and Sheik of the Quadi Sufi Center, Director of the Anwar Il-Salaam, and Teacher of Sufi Philosophy and Islam, *Islam and the “Other”: The View of an Israeli Muslim Cleric*, October 17, 2008;


Tamara Cofman Wittes, Senior Fellow and Director, Middle East Democracy and Development Project, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institute, *Freedom’s Unsteady March: America’s Role in Building Arab Democracy*, September 15, 2008;

Dr. Menachem Klein, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Bar-Ilan University, Israel and comments by Mr. Daniel Levy, Senior fellow and Director of the Middle East Policy Initiative of the American Strategy Program and the New America Foundation, *The Challenge of Jerusalem: Geneva, Annapolis, and Beyond*, February 7, 2008;


Ms. Barbara Slavin, USA Today Senior Diplomatic Reporter, *Iran, the U.S. and Missed Opportunities for Reconciliation*, January 16, 2008;

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Visit of the Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land, sponsored by USAID, Center for the Study of the Presidency, Pope John Paul II Cultural Center and The Catholic University of America, November 5, 2007;


Dr. Mustafa ef. Ceric, Grand Mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina, *Islam in the West: Ideals and Realities*, May 23, 2007;

Jacob Lassner, Professor of History and Religion Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, *Skepticism in Law in Early Judaism and Islam*, April 11, 2007;