

**Interdisciplinary Program in Law and Religion**  
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PAST LECTURERS

**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; **Asher Maoz**, Professor of Law, Tel Aviv University, Israel, **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; **Nathan Brown, Ph.D.**, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, "The Religious Aspects of Arab Constitutions," February 22, 2006; **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; **Hon. Bisera Turkovic**, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United States, "Bosnia and Herzegovina: The Religious and Political Landscape Today," Nov. 10, 2005; **Dr. Nickolas K. Gvosdev**, Editor, The National Interest, and Senior Fellow for Strategic Studies, The Nixon Center, "The Rise and Fall of Radical Political Islam," Oct. 27, 2005; **His Majesty King Abdullah II**, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, "Traditional Islam: The Path to Peace," Sept. 13, 2005; **Menachem Kellner**, 2005 Scholar-in-Residence, The Foundation for Jewish Studies, "The Philosophical Underpinnings of Maimonides Legal Writings," Sept. 7, 2005; **Hon. Imad Moustapha**, Ambassador of Syria to the United States, "Syria: A Historic, Cultural and Political Perspective," May 11, 2005; **Mary Shivanandan, S.T.D.**, Professor of Theology, John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and Family, "Modesty in the Abrahamic Religions," April 29, 2005; **Theodore Cardinal McCarrick**, Archbishop of Washington, D.C. and Chancellor of The Catholic University of America, "The Abrahamic Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran," April 28, 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; **William Cardinal Keeler**, Archbishop of Baltimore, **Rabbi Jack Bemporad, Rev. Norbert Hofman**, and **Dr. Ellis Rivkin**, "Finding the Place for the Other: The Future of Jewish-Christian Dialogue," March 10, 2005; **Karim Khutar Almusawi**, Washington Representative of The Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI), "A Religious View of the Iraqi Elections," Feb. 22, 2005; **Archbishop Ramzi D. Yousif Garmou**, Grand Archbishop of Assyrians & Chaldeans in Tehran, "Christianity in Iran: Past and Present, A Christian Voice from the Islamic Republic of Iran," Feb. 4, 2005; **Dr. Abdulkarim Soroush**, "Islam and the Concept of Secularity," May 10, 2004; **Dr. S.H. Nasr**, Professor of Islamic Studies, George Washington University, "Misperceptions About Islam: Past and Present," Sept. 5, 2003.



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Rabbi Alon Goshen-Gottstein has been director of the Elijah School for the Study of Wisdom in World Religions, and lecturer and director of the Center for the Study of Rabbinic Thought, Beit Morasha College, both in Jerusalem, since 1997. He has also lectured at the Ratisbonne Pontifical Institute in Jerusalem, 1997-2001; the School of Overseas Students, Tel Aviv University, 1997-99; the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary), 1996-98; the Dept. of Jewish History, Track for Jewish Thought, at both Haifa and Ben Gurion universities, 1996; and guest lectured at the University of Uppsala, 1996-97. Ordained a rabbi in 1977, he holds a B.A. from Hebrew University of Jerusalem and received his Ph.D. from Hebrew University in 1986. In 1982, he did a year of research on the New Testament and ancient religions at Harvard Divinity School. From 1989 to 1999, he was a member of the Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem. Stanford University Press published his *The Sinner and the Amnesiac: The Rabbinic Invention of Elisha ben Abuya and Eleazar ben Arach* in 2000, and his *Israel in God's Presence: An Introduction to Judaism for the Christian Student* is forthcoming from Hendrickson Press. His nearly three dozen articles have appeared in edited collections and in such scholarly journals as *Harvard Theological Review*, *Journal for the Study of Judaism*, *Journal of Literature and Theology*, *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, *Ecumenism*, and *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue*.

## Introduction

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