From Our Director’s Desk:

One of our Center’s major goals has always been to offer a forum for public discourse on a broad spectrum of topics, ranging from traditional Jewish scholarship to issues of interfaith relations and current events. An equally important purpose is to expose our students, the great majority of whom are non-Jews, to the values and ideas of Judaic civilization, as well as to the Jewish historical experience. It is, therefore, very appropriate that we feature this coming fall the Most Reverend Monsignor Dr. David Jaeger, a special visitor from Rome, one of the highest ranking Vatican officials, who, among his many roles, was instrumental in the Vatican’s historic recognition of the State of Israel. As our Louis J. Kuriansky “Scholar in Residence” he will offer several programs benefiting both the community at large and our undergraduate students.

PLEASE OPEN FOR MORE INFORMATION!
2013 LOUIS J. KURIANSKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
THE MOST REVEREND MONSIGNOR DAVID M. JAEGER

6:00 — 7:00 PM
COMMUNITY RECEPTION AND SUPPER
The community is invited to a pre-conference reception and supper with our esteemed speaker and members of the Interfaith Panel, in the Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor (next door to the auditorium).

7:15 — 8:05 PM
MONSIGNOR DAVID M. JAEGER
My Twenty Years Negotiating Between the Vatican and Israel: Lessons for Peace in the Land
In the Gen Re Auditorium

8:15 — 9:30 PM
Interfaith Discussion
MONSIGNOR DAVID M. JAEGER
WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS

The Role of Religion in a Secular Society
Moderator: Dr. Fred Roden (UConn, Stamford)

Msgr. Stephen DiGiovanni (Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist, Stamford)
Rabbi Joshua Hammerman (Temple Beth El, Stamford)
The Rev. Kate Heichler (Interfaith Council of Southwestern CT; Church of Christ the Healer, Stamford)
Dr. James Jones (Manhattanville College)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2013
12:00 NOON — 1:30 PM
Lunch and Conversation
Monsignor David M. Jaeger
in a Candid Dialogue with Students
Moderator: Dr. June-Ann Greeley (Sacred Heart University)
A special luncheon session for local students / In the MPR / Open to the community!

Please register in advance by using the included registration card or by contacting the Center at (203) 251-9525/0184 or stamfordjudaicstudies@uconn.edu.
REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2013 LUNCH & LEARN

Thursdays, Oct. 17 & 31, Nov. 7 & 14, and Wednesday, Oct. 23 • 12 noon–1:30 p.m.

Please make your check of **$50 for the entire five-session series (including lunch)** payable to: Judaic Studies, UConn, Stamford, and mail to: Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies, UConn, Stamford, One University Place, Stamford, CT 06901-2315.

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Please indicate your choice: 

- Veggie Wrap
- Tuna on Rye
- Bagel with Lox and Cream Cheese

Dietary Laws observed.

Registration is for the entire series only! Please register by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013.

Discounts for local students and educators and non-profit professionals, but advance registration is required.

For more information call our office at (203) 251-9525/0184 or write to stamfordjudaicstudies@uconn.edu.

The Louis J. Kuriansky Annual Conference is FREE for our Lunch and Learn students, but advance registration is required.

REGISTRATION FOR 2013 LOUIS J. KURIANSKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday, October 22

Pre-conference Community Reception / Supper: 6:00–7:00 p.m. • Keynote Address: 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23 • Lunch and Conversation: 12:00 Noon

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Free admission for the UConn community, other local students and educators, and non-profit professionals, but advance registration is required.

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The Most Reverend Monsignor David Maria Jaeger, O.F.M., J.C.D., is a Prelate Auditor of the Roman Rota, the Papal law court that serves as the chief appellate court of the Catholic Church. The Roman Rota is comprised of 20 Auditors (i.e., justices) hand-picked by the Pope, and Msgr. Jaeger’s selection by Pope Benedict XVI in May 2011 was seen as a sign of recognition of his legal expertise and exceptional talents. Msgr. Jaeger, who has specialized in Church-State relations, both in general and in Israel specifically, has thus been prominently involved in improving Catholic-Jewish relations around the world. He was appointed by Pope John Paul II as the Legal Advisor to the delegation that negotiated the Holy See’s Fundamental Agreement with the State of Israel. This pact, signed in 1993, enabled the historic establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Israel the following year. Msgr. Jaeger was the principal drafter and lead negotiator, both of the 1993 Fundamental Agreement, and of the 1997 “Legal Personality Agreement” between the Holy See and the State of Israel. Overall he served for twenty years as the Holy See’s Legal Adviser in the negotiations with the State of Israel until his elevation to the Court in the spring of 2011.

In 1994, following the Holy See’s historic “Fundamental Agreement” with the State of Israel, Msgr. Jaeger delivered a keynote address for the Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at UConn Stamford. At that time he emphasized the exceptional nature of the Holy See - Israel accord, calling it the inauguration of a new era: “From one extraordinary gesture to another, we are creating a new ordinariness – a new normality.” He went on to relay the remarks of a high-ranking clergyman at the Israeli foreign ministry: “Henceforth, any Jew who is attacked anywhere for being a Jew will not stand alone ever again. The whole Catholic Church is in solidarity with him.”

In 2001, Msgr. Jaeger was named as one of five members of the Franciscan Order’s Governing Body of the Custody of the Holy Land, which manages Christian interests there for the Holy See and the entire Church. In that capacity, and as the official spokesman of the Custody of the Holy Land, Msgr. Jaeger was instrumental in the efforts to resolve the 2002 standoff between the Palestinians and Israelis at Bethlehem’s Church of the Nativity. He has likewise been committed for many years to favoring progress towards inter-religious peace in the land, for Christians, Jews and Muslims.

Born in Tel Aviv, Israel, Msgr. Jaeger is fluent in several languages, but his native tongue is Hebrew, and he is knowledgeable in Jewish traditions and sources. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1986 and received his Doctorate in Canon Law (J.C.D.) in 1989. He is a former pastor of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Austin, Texas and presided over the ecclesiastical court of the Diocese of Austin. A member of several learned societies, Msgr. Jaeger has published and lectured in canon law and on issues relating to religion and state in Israel, Italy, Britain and the United States. He has been on the faculty of the graduate school of canon law at the Pontifical Athenaeum “Antonianum” in Rome, and was the editor of the university’s scholarly quarterly. He is also Consultor for the Holy See’s Congregation for Eastern Churches and for the Clergy, and for the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts. For two decades he has travelled extensively between the United States, Rome and Israel, and other countries, including Norway and Taiwan.
The Fall 2013 Lunch & Learn Series

Thursdays / 12:00 Noon — 1:30 p.m. / In the MPR on the 1st floor at UConn, Stamford

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**The Linda G. Spilka Lecture**

Translating Scripture: How are Jewish and Christian Translations of the Bible Different?

**Dr. Jeffrey Shoulson**
Professor of Literatures, Cultures and Languages; Professor of English
University of Connecticut

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**The Hyacinthe Hoffman Memorial Lecture**

Converts and Proselytes to Judaism: 19th- and 21st-Century Perspectives

**Dr. Frederick Roden**
Professor of English
University of Connecticut, Stamford

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

**The Norma Mann Memorial Lecture**

Pius XI and Pius XII: Assessing their Responses to the Jewish Predicament and Anti-Semitism

**Dr. Frank Coppa**
Professor Emeritus of History, St. John’s University

Respondent: **Dr. Joel Blatt**
Professor of History, UConn, Stamford

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**The Barbara & Joe Field Lecture**

The Movie “Footnote” and its Literary Models

**Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy**
Professor of Comparative Literary & Cultural Studies
University of Connecticut, Stamford

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Lunch and Conversation: Monsignor David M. Jaeger in a Candid Dialogue with Students

Moderator: **Dr. June-Ann Greeley** (Sacred Heart U.)

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The Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at UConn, Stamford,
now in its thirty-third year, offers credit courses within the academic curriculum in the Humanities as well as outreach programs for the community at large in all areas of Judaic culture, literature, and history, from antiquity to modern times, Israel, Middle Eastern literature and politics, and interfaith studies.

For over three decades, the Center has established a learning community around itself which gathers for intellectual discussions of scholarly and contemporary issues. The Center's outreach programs are attended by diverse groups from the local communities.

The Center has been recognized for its innovative programs in the areas of traditional academic education and particularly outreach projects. Since its inception, the Center has enjoyed broad community recognition and has been financially supported by individuals, foundations, corporate gifts, and matching grants.

THE CENTER IS A RECIPIENT AGENCY OF THE UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER STAMFORD, NEW CANAAN AND DARIEN.

CREDIT COURSES

The following credit courses will be open to community audits in the Fall 2013:

- **ENG 3318** – Politics, Society, and Gender in Contemporary Middle Eastern Writings
  - Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy
  - Tuesdays, 2:35-5:15 PM

- **ENG 4600W** – The Spiritual Journey
  - Dr. Fred Roden
  - Mondays, 2:35-5:15 PM

- **HIS 3301** – The Ancient Near East
  - Dr. Joy Land
  - Mon/Wed, 11:20 AM-12:35 PM

- **POLS 3462** – International Relations of the Middle East
  - Dr. Jeff Lefebvre
  - Tuesdays, 2:35-5:15 PM

Classes begin **August 26th**. Seats are limited. Community audits should register through the Office of the Registrar, (203) 251-8555. For more information on our credit courses or Certificate Program, please call the Center at (203) 251-9525/0184 or email us at stamfordjudaicstudies@uconn.edu.

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