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## *Call for Papers - 2010 Volume*

### **BOUNDARIES AND BORDER CROSSINGS**

“Good fences make good neighbors” states the American proverb.(1) But is this necessarily the case in Christian-Jewish relations? The construction of boundaries and concern about those who cross or question those boundaries have been features of the Christian-Jewish encounter from its beginning. However, today’s multi-cultural society, with its emphases on individual identity and spirituality and its questioning of organized religion, challenge our received approaches to boundary construction in many ways. The editors of *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* invite submissions for Volume 5 (2010) that address this issue from any pertinent disciplinary perspective, including psychology, sociology, and anthropology, as well as history, theology, philosophy, and education.

From this perspective, how do we understand such topics as: the “partings of the ways,” the traditions of and possibilities for how we teach and preach about each other, attitudes to mission and conversion, multiple religious belonging, or identity defined as simultaneously Jewish and Christian? What is the contribution of “fences” to “neighborliness”? Do we need fences, and if so, how high or impermeable should they be?

(1) On the history of this proverb, see Wolfgang Mieder, “‘Good fences make good neighbours’: history and significance of an ambiguous proverb - The Twenty-First Katharine Briggs Memorial Lecture, November 2002,” *Folklore* (August 2003), accessed April 20, 2009 at [http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_m2386/is\\_2\\_114/ai\\_106981965/](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m2386/is_2_114/ai_106981965/).

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### **EDUCATING JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN AN AGE OF DIALOGUE**

Accompanying the theological and historical work in Christian-Jewish relations in recent decades has been the equally pioneering and critical work of educating our communities to live according to these new teachings and realities.

*Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* invites the submission of papers addressing these educational developments. Clearly, the emphatic appeal at Seelisberg in 1947 for a comprehensive

### **JUBILEE YEAR DEDICATED TO ST. PAUL JUNE 28, 2008 - JUNE 29, 2009**

In recognition of Pope Benedict XVI's proclamation of a special jubilee year dedicated to St Paul (June 28, 2008 to June 29, 2009), *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* invites scholars to submit papers that focus on the significance of Paul and Pauline studies for Christian-Jewish relations. Traditionally, Christian scholars have portrayed Paul as having converted from Judaism to an already existing Christianity. Many modern scholars, both Christian and

and inclusive educational approach for children, students and adults has been heard and responded to by both Christians and Jews. In schools, religious education settings, adult education programs, and through Holocaust education at all levels, we have developed educational strategies that encourage faithful understanding of and authentic engagement with the other.

We invite professional educators and academics to submit papers of a descriptive, analytic and/or prescriptive nature which address experiences and challenges in education with or about the religious other. Possibilities include: encountering the other dialogically in a context of joint studies; overcoming religious supersessionism, cultural intolerance and stereotyping; examining the past in search for historical truth; stimulating and supporting conversation across boundaries; fostering deep regard for the other while remaining faithful to one's own tradition; creating truth-seeking encounters among people of diverse religious commitments. This includes, as well, discussions of educational experiences aimed at developing pedagogies and curricula equal to this task, and preparing educators to teach in ways which understand and honor the other.

While papers need not focus exclusively on the relationships between Christians and Jews, they should be relevant to it. We also invite responses to the papers published in this forum as well as conference proceedings on this topic.

Jewish, have depicted Paul instead as the founder of Christianity. Scholars in both camps have usually viewed Paul as rejecting "the Law" in favor of the Gospel, thus providing the basis for the persistent Christian supersessionist approach to Jews and Judaism. Still other contemporary scholars question whether Paul was anti-Jewish and suggest that recovering the historical context of his letters and understanding his rhetorical techniques can provide a new perspective on Paul as a resource for improved Christian-Jewish relations. We invite academic papers that present both historical and contemporary Christian and Jewish approaches to Paul and their implications for Christian-Jewish relations.

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Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations also publishes peer-reviewed scholarship on a variety of other topics related to Christian-Jewish relations. The Editorial Board therefore invites scholars, at any time, to submit papers in such disciplines as bible, Christian theology, Jewish theology, philosophy, the arts, history, education, liturgy, modern Jewish-Christian Dialogue, and the Shoah. It reviews new materials in the field and welcomes Book Reviews and Book Review Essays, as well as Conference Proceedings. All academic papers (other than reviews and conference proceedings) will be subject to peer review before publication which will be on a rolling basis throughout the year. Book reviews, conference presentations and responses will be published at the discretion of the editors.

**To submit papers, please go to [www.bc.edu/scjr](http://www.bc.edu/scjr) or write to [scjr@bc.edu](mailto:scjr@bc.edu)**

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