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Hartford Seminary Joins Journal of Interreligious Studies Team

NEWTON CENTRE, MA – Hebrew College is excited to announce that [Hartford Seminary](#) will join [Hebrew College's Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership](#) and the [Boston University School of Theology](#) in publishing the [Journal of Interreligious Studies \(JIRS\)](#), a peer-reviewed publication dedicated to the study of the interactions within and among religious communities past and present.

The 10-year-old journal, which provides a forum for the exploration of theological, ethical, social, and historical issues related to interreligious engagement, is also creating a Book Review Editor position, reflecting the continued growth of the discipline of interreligious studies.

“As this nascent academic field grows, it is crucial for us to have a platform for the discussion of new scholarly contributions,” said Rabbi Or Rose, JIRS co-publisher and Director of Hebrew College’s Miller Center for Interreligious Learning and Leadership. “We are excited to work with our colleagues from Hartford Seminary in deepening and expanding the work of JIRS. They bring decades of personal and institutional experience to this sacred and timely work.”

Dr. Joel Lohr, President and Professor of Bible and Interreligious Dialogue at Hartford Seminary, will join the JIRS publishing team and Board of Advisors, and Dr. Lucinda Mosher, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Studies at Hartford Seminary, will join the JIRS editorial team as Book Review Editor.

“Given Dr. Mosher’s scholarly expertise and deep knowledge of the field, she is distinctly suited to provide our growing readership with critical reviews written by a broad range of experts,” said Dr. Axel Takács, Chief Editor of JIRS and Assistant Professor of Comparative Theology at Seton Hall University.”

Dr. Mosher remarked, “It is my great pleasure to take up this role on behalf of Hartford Seminary. Indeed, assessment and promotion of the literature of interreligious studies is a crucial enterprise as this vibrant academic discipline continues to expand.”

Originally founded by graduate students as the Journal of Interreligious Dialogue in 2009, Rabbi Rose and colleagues from Andover Newton Theological School renamed the journal in 2014. Since its inception, JIRS has published 27 volumes (all digital), including both thematic and open-call issues.

“We are living in a moment of significant polarization in our nation. In such a time, it is vital for scholars, public intellectuals, educators, and activists to explore the complexities of spiritual and ethical identity and the possibilities for engagement across lines of difference,” said Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore, JIRS co-publisher and Dean of Boston University School of Theology. “The collaboration with Hartford Seminary will contribute much to our abilities to address these matters interreligiously.”

About the Institutions

About Hebrew College: Hebrew College is a Boston-area institution of Jewish learning and leadership that offers community learning programs for all ages and stages within a pluralistic environment of open inquiry, depth, creativity, and compassion, as well as graduate programs in rabbinical, cantorial, education and Jewish studies. Betty Ann Greenbaum Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership provides current and future religious and ethical leaders with the knowledge and skills to serve in a religiously diverse society. For more information, please visit www.hebrewcollege.edu.

About Boston University School of Theology: Since 1839, Boston University School of Theology has been preparing leaders to do good. A seminary of the United Methodist Church, Boston University School of Theology is a robustly ecumenical institution that welcomes students from diverse faith traditions who are pursuing a wide range of vocations – parish ministry, conflict transformation, chaplaincy, campus ministry, administration, non-profit management, social work, teaching, justice advocacy, peacemaking, interreligious activism, and more. Our world-renowned faculty help students nurture their academic goals and realize any ministry imaginable. For more information, please visit www.bu.edu/sth.

About Hartford Seminary: With roots that go back to 1834, Hartford Seminary is a non-denominational graduate school for religious and theological studies with focus on interfaith dialogue. For more information, please visit www.hartsem.edu.