

West Michigan Academic Consortium Conference
Kaufman Interfaith Institute

Understanding Jesus Means Understanding Judaism

Calvin College, Prince Conference Center
1800 E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546

Tuesday, November 1, 2016



Conference Schedule

11am	Registration
11:30am - 12:30pm	Lunch <i>Optional \$10 Lunch</i>
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Afternoon Lecture <i>The Parables of Jesus</i>
2:45pm-3:45pm	Breakout Sessions
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Panel Discussion
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Dinner <i>Optional \$20 Dinner</i>
6:30pm - 7:00pm	Coffee & Mini-Dessert Buffet
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Evening Lecture <i>Jesus in his Jewish Context</i>

November 2

8:00am – 9:30am **Morning Workshop for Clergy, Religious Educators, Leaders, and Students**

Misunderstanding Judaism Means Misunderstanding Jesus: The Imperatives for Understanding Judaism to Properly Preach and Teach About Jesus

\$10 registration includes continental breakfast

This conference will feature **Amy-Jill Levine, Ph.D.** as the keynote speaker. Dr. Levine is the University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies, and Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. She has held office in the Catholic Biblical Association, the Association for Jewish Studies, and the Society of Biblical Literature. Dr. Levine's lecturing on understanding Jesus in his Jewish context corrects false stereotypes, brings new meaning to his piety, politics, practices, and prayers, and offers a new path for Jewish-Christian relations.

Her books include: *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*, the edited collection, *The Historical Jesus in Context*, and the thirteen-volume edited series, *Feminist Companions to the New Testament and Early Christian Writings*. Co-author of *The Meaning of the Bible: What The Jewish Scriptures and the Christian Old Testament Can Teach Us*. She was co-editor of the *Jewish Annotated New Testament* and co-authored book, *The New Testament: Methods and Meanings*. Her most recent book is *Short Stories by Jesus: the Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*.

This conference is free and open to the public.

Online registration is available at www.interfaithunderstanding.org

For more information, please email interfaith@gvsu.edu or call (616) 331-5702