

Gonzaga University Presents:

Being Religious Interreligiously

Articulating a Positive Relationship Between Christians and Jews



Featuring

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The lecture series “Being Religious Interreligiously” takes its title from the Society of Jesus’s commitment to the belief that being religious entails being “interreligious in the sense that a positive relationship with believers of other faiths is a requirement in a world of religious pluralism.” But what should such a “positive relationship” entail? Does it mean something minimal – for example, not arguing that adherents of certain religious traditions should be deprived of civil rights? Or does it mean something maximal – for example, endorsing the theological systems of other traditions? In the case of Judaism, answering these questions is particularly vexed because Judaism and Christianity are near-neighbors; indeed, the difficulty of answering them has led some contemporary Jews to eschew interreligious dialogue. In this lecture, Kavka will argue both that a positive relationship in Jewish-Christian dialogue is possible, and that it is not equivalent to simple mutual affirmation.

A brief Holocaust memorial service will take place at 7:00 p.m. to start the event.

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