



The Bernardin
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AT CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL UNION

**ANNUAL HAYIM PERELMUTER CONFERENCE IN
JEWISH-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE
SCHEDULE**

April 19-20, 2021

Co-hosts:

Catholic Theological Union

University of Notre Dame

Facilitators: Malka Z. Simkovich and Tzvi Novick

SCHEDULE

Tentative Sessions:

Monday:

9:00-9:45 Words of Welcome, Introductions

9:45-10:00: Break

Session #1: Nature and the Environment

10:00-10:45: Dianne Bergant: Interpreting the 'Image of God' through an Ecosensitive Lens

10:45-11:30: Tisha Rajendra: [TBA]

11:45-1:15: Lunch Break

12:15-12:45: Optional Virtual Tour with David Shyovitz

Session #2: Nature and the Law

1:15-2:00 Yonatan Brafman: Between Natural Law and Theological Voluntarism:
Eliezer Berkovits's Modified Divine Command Theory

2:00–2:45: Jimmy Haring: Three Rationalists on the Irrationality of Divine Positive Law: Moses Maimonides, Thomas Aquinas, and Immanuel Kant

2:45-3:15: BREAK

3:15–4:00: Judith Hahn: Current Challenges Confronting Natural Law in Catholic Theology

4:00-4:45 : Reuven Kiperwasser: The Order(s) of the Universe and Rabbinic Knowing

7:00 pm Spring Shapiro Lecture: Christine Hayes

Tuesday

Session #3: Nature and Modernity

10:00–10:45: Elliot Ratzman: The Nature of Race and Natural Law: Engaging Jewish and Catholic Thought

10:45-11:30: Peter Lanchidi: 'Those Who Want to Reform Our Observances Are Bound First to Reform Nature:' Kabbalah and the Hidden Correspondences Between Nature and the Divine Law

12:00-1:00: Lunch Break

Session #4: Nature and the Medievals

1:00-1:45: David Shyovitz: Jewish Law and the Laws of Nature: Scientific Proofs of the Sabbath's Sanctity in Pre-Modern Jewish Culture

1:45–2:30: Edward Queen: Reason, Natural Law, and the Lost Highway: An Exploration of Neglected Byways in Jewish Thought

2:30-3:15: Alexander Green: The Moral Project Behind Maimonides' Critique of Idolatry

3:30-3:45: Farewell Remarks

