

GATEWAY TO PEACE:

JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, AND MUSLIM VOICES

DECEMBER 6, 2004, KOZLOWSKI AUDITORIUM 7:30-9:00 PM



- ❖ Do you wonder why the Middle East, the birthplace of Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Mohammed is a place of warfare and conflict?
- ❖ Do you want to know more about the three religions that call Abraham their father?
- ❖ Would you like to find ways to go beyond traditional religious stereotypes?
- ❖ Have political leaders made a crucial mistake by excluding religious leaders from the peace process?
- ❖ Is a lasting peace with justice truly a

possibility in this troubled region, once considered the 'cradle of civilization'?

The Department of Religious Studies, the Honors Program, and the Sister Rose Thering Endowment are pleased to host an inter-religious 'trialogue' on December 6, 2004. This conversation features three panelists representing each of the 'Abrahamic Faiths' (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam). Each of the panelists has extensive experience living, working, and teaching in the Middle East and are convinced that the three religions can help bring peace to the region. Professor Gisela Webb, director of the University Honors Program, will serve as the moderator of the conversation. The event is free and open to the public.

ANISA MEHDI is an Emmy Award-winning journalist and an internationally renowned expert on Islam. She is the first American woman to cover the Hajj for broadcast in the USA. Mehdi received critical acclaim for producing and directing *Inside Mecca*, and the 2002 Cine Golden Eagle Award as executive producer of the PBS "Frontline" special *Muslims*.

YEHEZKEL LANDAU is a Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations at Hartford Seminary. A dual Israeli-American citizen, his work has been in the fields of interfaith education and Jewish-Arab peacemaking. He directed the Oz veShalom-Ntivot Shalom religious Zionist peace movement in Israel during the 1980s and from 1991 to 2003, was co-founder and co-director of the Open House Center for Jewish-Arab Coexistence in Ramle, Israel.

CHARLES CARTER is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Seton Hall University. An ordained protestant minister, Carter lived in Jerusalem in 1985-86, where he studied at Hebrew University and taught at Bethlehem Bible College, a school dedicated to preparing Palestinian men and women to serve the church in the Arab world. He served as the Catholic Biblical Association Visiting Professor at the Ecole Biblique et Archaeologique in East Jerusalem in 2003.