

Edgewood College: Greater Madison May audit 'Jewish-Christian Dialogue' course

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Madison, Wis. (July 29, 2019) – Edgewood College is pleased to invite Greater Madison to participate in the ***Jewish-Christian Dialogue*** course offered by our Religious Studies Department during the Fall 2019 semester.

The class meets 2:00 – 3:50 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays from August 21 to December 13. The fee to audit the course is \$300. Graduates of Edgewood College and seniors aged 60 years or older may audit for \$100. The course may also be taken for credit.

Co-taught by Jewish and Christian scholars Steve Olson and Rebecca Meier-Rao, this seminar explores the beliefs and practices of each religion, the complex historical relationship between them, and the major topics of concern in contemporary inter-religious dialogue.

Highlights of the course include the observation of Jewish and Christian worship/prayer services, a series of lectures on the forgotten trials of the Holocaust, and guest speakers who will share their personal experiences of anti-Semitism, Christian-Jewish dialogue subsequent to the 1960's Second Vatican Council, and the state of Israel.

Frank Tuerkheimer, University of Wisconsin Law School Professor Emeritus who will speak at Edgewood College later this fall, says the course “filled gaps in my

knowledge of Christianity, and I learned a great deal from the reactions of a mostly-Christian student body to what was their first substantive exposure to Judaism. The class was taught with the perfect blend of compassion and objectivity, a difficult synthesis to attain on the touchy subject of religion.”

The course is offered in partnership with the *Sr. Rose Thering Foundation*, a Wisconsin-based organization created in memory of Rose Thering, O.P., a member of the Dominican Sisters of Racine. Sr. Rose devoted her professional life to enhancing the relationship between Roman Catholics and Jews.

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