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***Studying Ourselves,
Studying the Other***

**What Jewish Studies can teach
Catholic Studies.**

**Scholars in residence:
Prof. Robert Goldenberg
Prof. W. T. Dickens**

**Twenty-first Annual Colloquium
October 30-31, 2005
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Catholic and Jewish Studies in Dialogue

The 40 years since the promulgation of *Nos-
tra Aetate* have provided ample instruction for
both Jews and Christians about what it means
that God works in history. If these four decades
have been anything, they have been historic.
But history calls historians into being, and in
our time, historians need institutions to support
them. And so these decades have seen the for-
mation of any number of College and Universi-
ty programs devoted to Jewish studies, toward
the beginning of this period, and Catholic
studies, toward its end. In fact, it is academia's
acceptance of Jewish Studies programs that has
prompted scholars in Catholic Studies to form
new programs in that discipline. Siena College,
which has long offered courses in Jewish stud-
ies in its Religious Studies and History depart-
ments has now launched its Franciscan Center
for Catholic Studies, with one of our scholars-
in-residence, W. T. Dickens, at its head. But
what can Catholic Studies programs learn from
the experience of the Jewish Studies programs
which provide one of their models?

Perhaps the answer will lie in the ways in
which both types of academic programs re-
spond to the challenges of our time, where both
religious traditions are tested in any number of
fronts, a time when Jews feel involved in the
politics of the Vatican, and Christians in the
politics of Israel.

Scholarly energy has always been generated
by committed individuals rather than being in-
voked by institutions, and in our time Christians
and Jews are the grateful beneficiaries of their
intellectual and spiritual largesse. But institu-
tions too have a role to play in continuing what
Nostra Aetate set in motion, and by continuing
to support both Jewish Studies and Catholic
Studies, they are playing it.

-- Dr. Zaas

Program

1. Sunday, October 30, 2005, Sarazen Student Union, Siena College

2:30 p.m. **Remarks**
Dr. Peter S. Zaas
Director, Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies,
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Welcome

Fr. Kevin Mackin
President, Siena College

2:45 p.m. **Lecture**
Professor Robert Goldenberg
Stony Brook University

3:45 p.m. **Lecture**
Professor W. T. Dickens
Siena College

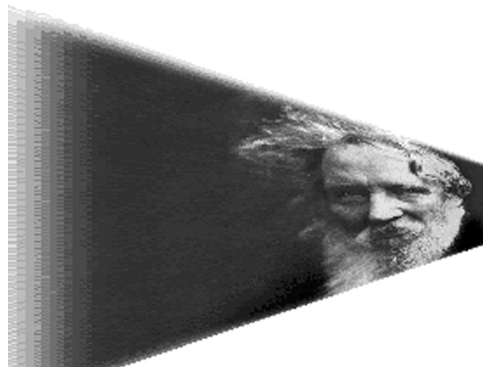
4:45 p.m. **Discussion**

2. Monday, October 31, 2005, Serra Hall West Dining Room

Siena College

10:00 a.m. **Brunch and Discussion**
Professor Goldenberg
Professor Dickens
Rabbi Bernard Bloom, Presiding

12:00 a.m. **Final Greetings**
Bishop Howard Hubbard
Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany



Robert Goldenberg holds degrees from Cornell University, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the PhD from Brown. One of his generations foremost historians of rabbinic thought, particularly as it applies to non-Jews, he is the author of a large number of monographs and scholarly articles, including the book *The Nations that Know Thee Not: Ancient Jewish Attitudes towards Other Religions*, published by NYU Press in 1998. He is Professor of History at SUNY-Stonybrook, where he oversees the program in Judaic Studies.



W. T. Dickens is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Siena College and Director of Siena's new Franciscan Center for Catholic Studies. He has held teaching appointments at Cornell University and the University of Miami, and holds degrees from Carleton College (AB) and Yale Divinity School (M. Div., MA., M. Phil., and PhD.) A rising star in the contemporary study of Catholic Theology, he is the author of *Hans Urs von Balthasar's Theological Aesthetics: A Model for Post-Critical Biblical Interpretation* (Notre Dame) and other publications.

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