

An abstract painting serves as the background for the poster. It features a central butterfly with dark blue wings and light green spots. To the left, there are green and yellow leaves on a branch. Below the butterfly, there are several green, star-shaped floral motifs. The background is composed of various textured brushstrokes in shades of red, orange, green, and blue.

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VISITING PROFESSOR FALL SEMESTER 2026

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AMY-JILL LEVINE

LECTURE: PARABLES OF JESUS

**ADDITIONALLY, TWO MORE EVENTS IN THE CONTEXT
OF THE VISITING PROFESSORSHIP**

ABOUT THE PERSON



Amy-Jill Levine is a Jewish New Testament scholar and, since her retirement in 2021, holds the title of Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace in Hartford, Connecticut, USA. After earning her PhD on the Gospel of Matthew and its concept of salvation history from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, in 1984, she initially taught at Swarthmore College before becoming a long-serving professor of New Testament studies and holding the Mary Jane Werthan Chair in Jewish Studies at the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

She is currently an Affiliated Professor at the Woolf Institute at the University of Cambridge and has been a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences since 2021. In her research, she integrates historical-critical biblical exegesis with literary criticism and her expertise as a Judaic scholar. Having grown up in a Jewish family in a predominantly Roman Catholic area of North Dartmouth and having taught for most of her life at a theological school shaped by cultural Protestantism, Amy-Jill Levine personally aligns herself with Orthodox Judaism. She is deeply committed to fostering exegetical dialogue between Jewish and Christian scholarship and has consistently worked to challenge anti-Semitic, sexist, and homophobic interpretations of the Bible as both a woman and a scholar. For her efforts in promoting Jewish-Christian dialogue, Amy-Jill Levine received the Seelisberg Award in 2022. She is the first Jewish person to be elected as the president of the Catholic Biblical Association of America in 2026.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Amy-Jill Levine, *Short Stories by Jesus* (New York: Harper One 2014) or *Le parabole di Gesù: I racconti enigmatici di un rabbi controverso* (Milan: Effata Editrice, 2020).
- Amy-Jill Levine/Marc Zvi Brettler (ed): *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, Oxford University Press, New York 2011. (German version: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, Stuttgart 2021).

LECTURE

PARABLES OF JESUS

In her public lecture on October 5 at 6.15 pm (HS 7), Amy-Jill Levine will focus on Jesus' parables as understood through a Jewish perspective. During eight days in October, she will examine the nature and form of Jesus' parables, along with their various interpretations. Methods will range from historical- and literary-critical analysis to autobiographical, liberationist, post-colonial, and ideological criticisms. Students and listeners will also explore the nuances of the Greek text.

Thanks to the Daniel Gablinger Foundation, visiting professorships are regularly held at the IJCF.

LECTURE DATES

- 1. Week:** Mon., October 5, 2026, 6:15 PM - 8:00 PM, HS 7 (PUBLIC LECTURE)
Wed., October 7, 2026, 4:15 PM - 7:00 PM, 4.B01
- 2. Week:** Mon., October 12, 2026, 4:15 PM - 7:00 PM, 4.B01
Wed., October 14, 2026, 4:15 PM - 7:00 PM, 4.B01
- 3. Week:** Mon., October 19, 2026, 6:15 PM - 8:00 PM, Zürich im Musée Visionnaire,
Predigerplatz 10, 8001 Zürich, on-site and as a podcast (PUBLIC PODIUM).
Wed., October 21, 2026, 4:15 PM - 7:00 PM, 4.B01
- 4. Week:** Mon., October 26, 2026, 4:15 PM - 7:00 PM, 4.B01
Wed., October 28, 2026, 4:15 PM - 7:00 PM, 4.B01

PUBLIC PODIUM IN ZURICH

Professor Amy-Jill Levine will speak alongside her husband, Professor Jay Geller, Associate Professor of Modern Jewish Culture at Vanderbilt Divinity School. She will address the Jewish Jesus, while he will discuss Freud and his Judaism. This will be followed by a joint panel discussion.

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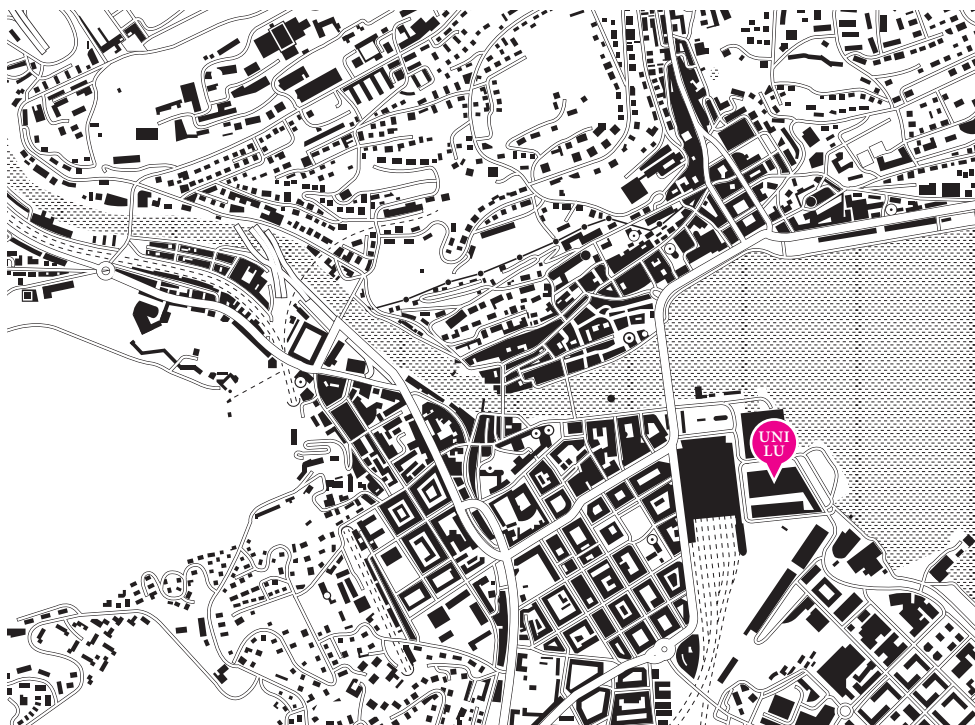
SEMINAR WITH JAY GELLER, PH.D.

MEANINGS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE HOLOCAUST: NAMES, DATES, NUMBERS

Jay Geller is an Associate Professor of Modern Jewish Culture at Vanderbilt Divinity School, where his wife, Amy-Jill Levine, also teaches. In his seminar, Jay Geller discusses the meanings and implications of the Holocaust. He aims to establish a shared understanding of the event or series of events we seek to comprehend. This is particularly relevant to the events surrounding the attempted destruction of European Jewry, commonly referred to as «the Holocaust.» This attempted destruction has been given various names. Do they all refer to the same thing?

**The seminar is exclusively for students and listeners.
For more information, scan the QR code:**





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REGISTRATION

The lecture by Prof. Amy-Jill
Levine and the seminar on
Holocaust by Prof. Jay Geller
is open also for listeners:
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