

Wisdom from the Middle Ages:
Philosophical Contributions from the Abrahamic Traditions
The University of New Brunswick, Fredericton
May 12-13, 2026

May 12, 2026
The Wu Centre,

Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast: **8.30AM-9.15AM**

Morning Plenary Session: 9.15AM-10.30AM

Auditorium.

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Jennifer Hart Weed, The University of New Brunswick

Mor Segev, University of South Florida. "Love of God and Error: Ibn Kaspi on Maimonides and Aristotle"

Eric Lawee, Bar-Ilan University. "Lessons from Medieval Jewish Philosophy at the Limit: Eleazar Ashkenazi's *Revealer of Secrets* and the Radicalization of Maimonideanism"

Coffee Break: 10.30AM-11AM

Morning Session B: 11AM-12.15PM

Room 203.

Chair: Gabriela Tymowski-Gionet, The University of New Brunswick.

Desmond Antonio Conway Restrepo, St. Edmond's College, University of Cambridge. "Why is Lying Worse Than Misleading? Past, Present, and Future Accounts"

Dianna Roberts-Zauderer, Independent Scholar. "Defining and Caring for the Mentally Ill in Medieval Jewish Society"

Room 204. Chair: Ronald Weed, The University of New Brunswick.

Jordan Waverman, Bar-Ilan University. "Place without Space in the Anthropology of the Maharal"

Görge K. Hasselhoff, Technische Universität Dortmund. “Wisdom in Ramon Martí’s *Pugio fidei*”

Aitken Room

Lunch: 12.15PM-1.30PM

Afternoon Session: 1.30PM-2.45PM

Room 203. Chair: Matthew Robinson, St. Thomas University.

Conor Barry, St. Thomas University. “The Structure, Purpose and Audience of the *City of God*”

Sergey Dolgopolski, SUNY Buffalo. ““Yet” and *Jetzt*: Language and Law in Rabbinic and Muhammadan Narratives”

Room 204. Chair: Alexander Green, University of Florida.

Max Geiszler, University of Oklahoma. “Understanding Spinoza’s Christ through Julian of Norwich and Marguerite Porète”

Max Wade, Saint Joseph’s University. “Mental and Extramental Time in Crescas and Descartes”

Coffee Break: 2.45PM-3.15PM

3.15PM – 4.15PM

Auditorium.

Special Plenary Session, Sponsored by the Ethics Centre in the Department of Philosophy, at the University of New Brunswick.

Chair: Jason Bell, Director of the Centre for Ethics, The University of New Brunswick.

Colleen McCluskey, Saint Louis University. “Aquinas on Wisdom in Secular Life”

4.15PM-5.15PM

Wine and Cheese Reception, Sponsored by the Centre for Ethics in the Department of Philosophy, The University of New Brunswick.

5.15PM-6.30PM

Auditorium.

Keynote Lecture I.

Chair: Jennifer Hart Weed, The University of New Brunswick.

Alexander Fidora, ICREA Research Professor, Autonomous University of Barcelona.

**"Aristotle in Tortosa, or: Can one only understand what one is convinced of?
Reflections on the role of philosophy during the great Talmud disputation under Benedict
XIII (1412-1414)"**

**Aitken Room
Conference Dinner. 6.30PM-8.30PM**

Day 2
May 13, 2026

Continental Breakfast: 9AM-9.30AM

Morning Plenary Session: 9.30AM-10.45AM
Auditorium.

Chair: James Diamond, University of Waterloo.

Alexander Green, University of Florida. "Joseph Albo and the Case for Religious Tolerance"

Heidi Ravven, Hamilton College. "How Maimonides Tried to Save Judaism through (what we call today) a Civil Religion of Science in the Public Interest"

Coffee Break: 10.45AM-11.15AM

Morning Session B: 11.15AM-12.30PM

Room 203. Chair: Heidi Ravven, Hamilton College.

Avishag Damari, Yeshiva University. "Metaphor as a Pedagogical Tool Between Imagination and Intellect in Maimonides"

Jennifer Hart Weed, The University of New Brunswick. "Maimonides and Analogical Reasoning"

Room 204. Chair: Conor Barry, St. Thomas University.

Julia Sedlack, Boston College. "Whereof We must be Silent: Augustinian Influence and Wisdom as Silent Rest in Bonaventure and Wittgenstein"

Matteo Sperandini, École Pratique des Hautes Études (EPHE Paris)/Fondazione Collegio San Carlo (Modena). "Appetite for Wisdom. *Sapientia* as *sapida scientia* in Twelfth-Century Monastic Thought"

Aitken Room

Lunch: 12.30PM-1.45PM

Afternoon Session: 1.45PM-3PM

Room 203. Chair: Jeff Frooman, The University of New Brunswick. (Microsoft Teams)

Muhammad Samiullah, University of Management and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan.
“Epistemic Hierarchies in *Risālah al-Funūn*: Shah Waliullah’s Post-Classical Theory of Knowledge”

Room 204. Chair: Colleen McCluskey, Saint Louis University.
Matthew Robinson, St. Thomas University. “Agent Intellect in the Latin Tradition: St. Bonaventure’s Sources”

Timothy Quinn, Xavier University. “The Medievalism of a Modern Heretic: Salomon Maimon’s Maimonidean Influences”

Coffee Break: 3PM-3.30PM

Auditorium.

3.30PM-4.30PM

Special Plenary Session, Sponsored by the Department of Philosophy at the University of New Brunswick.

Chair: Jennifer Hart Weed, The University of New Brunswick.

James Diamond, University of Waterloo. “Maimonides on Confusing Physics with Metaphysics: The Case of the Cherub”

Short Break: 4.30PM-4.45PM

Auditorium.

4.45PM-6PM

Keynote Lecture II – Chair: Alexander Green, University of Florida.

Professor Warren Zev Harvey, Hebrew University. “The Medieval Invention of Free Will”

6PM-6.15PM

Closing Remarks: Jennifer Hart Weed, The University of New Brunswick.

Aitken Room.

6.15PM-8.15PM

Conference Banquet.