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With the four articles and five reviews published in October 2006, the first volume of STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS is concluded. Spanning 2005-2006, this volume testifies to the multiplicity of disciplines that contribute to the field of Christian-Jewish relations. Peer-reviewed articles concerning Bible, Christian Theology, Documents, Jewish Theology, and Liturgy were published in this volume, and others involving History and Religious Education are in preparation for Volume 2.

The study of Jewish-Christian relations has been dominated by the discipline of theology, religious studies, history or Jewish studies and insufficient attention has been given to history, psychology, politics and so on. We hope the creation of this journal will lead to a broadening of the conversation so that Jewish-Christian relations becomes a *field* of study, within which people use tools and insights from a range of different disciplines to tackle broadly related questions.<sup>1</sup>

We are also pleased that in the first volume articles were written by scholars from several different countries on both sides of the Atlantic. We are grateful to those authors for submitting to this fledgling scholarly electronic periodical and for their patience as we all grew accustomed to the journal publication software.

We would like to thank the peer reviewers, book reviewers, and reviews editors for their important contributions to this initial volume. Special thanks are due to Dr. Audrey Doetzel, NDS for her invaluable assistance as Managing Editor in launching this first volume and in standardizing its procedures and format. Thanks, too, to Mark Caprio, the Digital Repository Program Manager at Boston College's O'Neill Library for his technical assistance. We also thank the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations for its support.

Beginning next year, each volume of STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS will correspond with the calendar year. Volume 2, therefore, will include materials published in 2007. Unlike this first volume in which all articles and reviews were contained within one number, subsequent issues will be published in three separate numbers throughout the year. Thus, Volume 2, Number 1 is projected for publication in March 2007, Number 2 in July, and Number 3 in November.

Finally, we welcome suggestions from readers and contributors and hope they will help us in our goal of making this journal, and the field of Christian-Jewish Relations, more widely known and studied.

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<sup>1</sup> See further, Melanie J. Wright, "Reflections on the Goals and Nature of Jewish-Christian Relations" in Edward Kessler, John Pawlikowski, and Judith Banki, eds., *Jews and Christians in Conversation* (Cambridge: Orchard Academic, 2002), 259.