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Amidst California Fires, American Jewish University to Co-Host Los Angeles Symposium on Ecologically Informed Theological Education with The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development

WHO American Jewish University (AJU) & The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development

WHAT Los Angeles Symposium on Ecologically Informed Theological Education

WHEN November 3-5, 2019

WHERE AJU's Brandeis Bardin Campus
Simi Valley, CA

DETAILS

From November 3-5, 2019, the Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development will convene clergy, faculty, staff, and administrators from key Western U.S. seminaries, theological schools, and rabbinical schools for a three-day seminar at AJU's Brandeis Bardin Campus, exploring how theological education can adapt to meet our current ecological reality. Amidst wildfires in Southern California, the timely [Symposium](#) will offer cutting-edge resources to prepare seminarians to address growing ecological concerns from a theological and educating perspective, as well as the opportunity to hear from a number of thought leaders, including AJU President Dr. Jeffrey Herbst, Rabbi Elliot Dorff, and Rabbi Dr. Bradley Artson. ***The Symposium is open to media—please register via the contacts below. Interviews with religious figures will be available upon request.***

The Symposium comes at a critical moment in the theological community, as millions of people concerned with the climate and ecological crisis are turning to pastors, priests, imams, rabbis, and other religious leaders for wisdom and guidance. The Symposium aims to better equip spiritual and religious leaders to help congregants grapple with the difficult questions of climate change, address the injustice and implications of pollution and waste, and build a more ecologically-aware international religious and spiritual community.

The Symposium is co-organized by The Interfaith Center of Sustainable Development, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, The Green Seminary Initiative, the Martin Gang Institute for Intergroup Relations, and the American Jewish Committee, and will feature representatives from Fuller Theological seminary, Hebrew Union College, American Jewish University, and Pepperdine University.

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