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“On the Frontlines of Conscience: An Account of Four Hutterites Sentenced to Hard Labor at Alcatraz during World War I”

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February 27, 2018
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ABOUT THE 2018 SCHRAG LECTURER

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Stoltzfus received his Ph.D. from Rutgers University (2001), his M.A. from New York University (1988), and his B.A. from Goshen College (1981). At Goshen, Stoltzfus regularly teaches courses on mass media, writing, and media law and ethics among other topics. In addition, he serves as faculty advisor for the Goshen College Record, a weekly student-run newspaper, and as copy editor for The Mennonite Quarterly Review journal. Prior to joining the Goshen College faculty in 2000, he was a staff editor on the national desk at the New York Times.


SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sider Institute Annual Banquet
Tuesday, February 27, 5 p.m.
Jordan Atrium, Jordan Science Center, Messiah College
Advanced reservations required.
The cost of the banquet is $20 per person.
To make reservations, visit messiah.edu/siderinstitute, call 717-766-2511 ext. 2999, or mail a check to:
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Space is limited. Reservations must be made by February 20.

Lecture: “On the Frontlines of Conscience: An Account of Four Hutterites Sentenced to Hard Labor at Alcatraz during World War I” *
Tuesday, February 27, 7 p.m.
Parmer Hall, High Center, Messiah College* *
* This lecture is open to the Messiah College community and the general public. No ticket is required.
** Shuttle service will be available between the banquet and the lecture.

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The Schrag Lectures are named to honor Martin Schrag (1919–2002), professor emeritus of church history at Messiah College, and his wife, Dorothy Schrag (1918–2017), assistant professor emerita of music. Both were also active in the Brethren in Christ Church.

Martin was an outstanding scholar of Anabaptist history and theology. His best-known publication was “The European History (1525-1874) of the Swiss Mennonites from Volhynia” (1974) in which he traced his ancestors’ journey from Switzerland to Russia and then to the United States. With co-author John K. Stoner, he also wrote “The Ministry of Reconciliation” (1973). His last book, “Christian Lesher: Nineteenth-Century Brethren in Christ Bishop” (2003), was in press at the time of his passing. Martin’s biography is one of three that are featured in “Embracing Scholarship, Piety and Obedience” (2009), published by the Brethren in Christ Historical Society.