

Lessons from Medieval Spain

Religion's Power to Unite or Divide

Lectures by Dr. Albert Hernández

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013

Welcome and introduction of the speaker

Jay Rundell

The Tragedy of Andalucía:

Albert Hernández

A Lost Legacy of Coexisting Religions

Discussion

Reception

11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013

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Randy Litchfield

Nationalism and Memory:

Albert Hernández

Casting Religions as Neighbor or Foe

Discussion

Dr. Albert Hernández is associate professor of the history of Christianity at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver. A member of the Iliff faculty since 2001, he began serving as interim president in June 2012.

His teaching areas include the history of Christianity from Antiquity through the Medieval and Early Modern periods. His research interests include the history of Muslim and Christian relations beginning with the Crusades, the problem of religious diversity in medieval and early modern Spain, and the role of mystical movements in Christian history.

Hernández is the author of the 2010 book Subversive Fire: The Untold Story of Pentecost and co-author of the 2011 book The Quest for the Historical Satan. He holds Ph.D., M.A. and M.Phil. degrees from Drew University, an M.S. from Nova Southeastern University, and a B.A. from Florida International University.

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