Scaling the Wall of Separation Between Church and State

Reflections on the 50-Year History of the Temple University Department of Religion

Friday, January 27, 2017
3:30-6 pm

Samuel L. Paley Library Lecture Hall
Room 021 (ground floor) / 1210 Polett Walk

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Brian Ortale, former Temple graduate student and current adjunct faculty member at Chestnut Hill College and Gwynedd Mercy University, will present based on his pending dissertation, “Scaling the Wall of Separation Between Church and State: A Narrative History of the Development of the First Departments of Religion at State Universities in America,” with faculty/student responses and discussion.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT & RECEPTION

A light reception will follow, accompanying an opportunity to view and discuss a special exhibit on the legacy of interfaith pioneer Leonard Swidler, Professor of Catholic Thought and Interreligious Dialogue, Co-Founding Editor of the Journal of Ecumenical Studies and Founder/President of the Dialogue Institute, who is also celebrating his 50th anniversary at Temple. The exhibit, “Bridging Dialogue and Renewal: Professor Leonard Swidler’s 50 Years at Temple,” highlights his global impact on the ecumenical and interfaith movements, and will remain on display through January.

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