

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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