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Law and Religion:
Philosophical and Historical Perspectives
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This conference brings together leading scholars in the fields of constitutional law, history, and political philosophy to examine church-state legal doctrines in American constitutional thought and discuss how the advance of secularism has changed the social and political dynamic between of law and religion in our public life. Intended to promote comprehensive and meaningful discourse on the interaction between law and religion, the conference addresses five timely and enduring questions, with presentations followed by a moderated discussion among a select group of scholars, attorneys, and judges.

Thursday, April 16, 2009

6:30 p.m. Reception, Nassau Inn, 10 Palmer Square, Princeton
7:00 p.m. Dinner, Nassau Inn
8:00 p.m. Welcome - Robert P. George, Director, James Madison Program; Gerard V. Bradley, Visiting Research Scholar in the James Madison Program; Director, The Center on Religion and the Constitution, Witherspoon Institute; Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame

Friday, April 17, 2009

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Check-in / Morning Reception
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Session I: What are the United States’ basic moral responsibilities to promote religious liberty abroad? - Thomas F. Farr, Georgetown University; Daniel Philpott, University of Notre Dame
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 – 12:15 p.m. Session II: What are the state’s basic responsibilities with regard to coercion of belief and practice, and manipulation / unfair proselytizing of people within churches and religious communities? - Richard W. Garnett, University of Notre Dame, The Law School; Kent Greenawalt, Columbia Law School
12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch, followed by book presentation, *Prospect House In Defense of Religious Liberty*, David Novak, University of Toronto

2:00 – 3:45 p.m. *Session III*: Given that the Founders believed in and, in fact, built what Frank Sorauf once described as an “implicit Protestant establishment,” what are the coherent possibilities for an “originalist” jurisprudence of the Religion Clauses in the 21st century? - Gerard V. Bradley, University of Notre Dame Law School, Princeton University, and the Witherspoon Institute; Steven D. Smith, University of San Diego School of Law

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 – 5:15 p.m. *Session IV*: The right to conscientious objection and the right not to be coerced into immoral cooperation with injustice. - Christopher Tollefson, University of South Carolina

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Reception, Nassau Inn, 10 Palmer Square, Princeton

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Dinner, Nassau Inn

Saturday, April 18, 2009

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Morning Reception

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. *Session IV (cont’d)*: The right to conscientious objection and the right not to be coerced into immoral cooperation with injustice. - Christopher Wolfe, Marquette University

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 – 12:00 p.m. *Session V*: How does the increasing globalization of economic life and culture, and the burgeoning power of transnational institutions present unique challenges to religious liberty in the 21st century? - Jose Casanova, Georgetown University; William Inboden, Legatum Institute

12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks & Box Lunch-to-Go

Conference Discussants to Include: Peter Berkowitz, Hoover Institution; Paul D. Clement, Georgetown University Law Center; Donald L. Drakeman, Princeton University; David F. Forte, Witherspoon Institute and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University; Robert P. George, Princeton University; Hon. Neil M. Gorsuch, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit; Kevin J. “Seamus” Hasson, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty; Ken I. Kersch, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College; V. Phillip Munoz, Princeton University and Tufts University; Paul E. Sigmund, Princeton University; Hon. Diane S. Sykes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit