

**FOURTH ANNUAL MODERN AMERICAN
DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM**

*The Regulation of Morality: Revisiting the Separation of Church
& State in the United States*

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 603, Washington, DC**

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion. . . ." - First
Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America*

Although the United States is constitutionally bound by the separation of church and state, religion has undoubtedly had a major influence on American law and policy. Religion has influenced discourse concerning a variety of issues in America including reproductive rights, foreign policy, marriage, social services, and education. This symposium will revisit the implications of the Establishment Clause, explore to what extent the separation of church and state in America has held true, and discuss which religions have the most legal and political influence, why they do, and the effect such influence has in a religiously and culturally diverse America. The symposium will also analyze recent legislation and state constitutional amendments as well as the interaction between the American people, religion, and state in the "regulation of morality".

3:30 pm

Registration

4:00 pm

Panel Presentation

Speakers: *Mark Graber*, Professor of Law and Government, The University of Maryland School of Law; *Steven Jamar*, Professor of Law and Associate Director of the Institute of Intellectual Property and Social Justice, Howard University School of Law; *Jamin Raskin*, Professor of Law and Director of the Law and Government Program, American University Washington College of Law; and *Josiah Ulysses Young III*, Professor of Systematic Theology, Wesley Theological Seminary

Moderator: *Stephen I. Vladeck*, Associate Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law

6:00 pm

Reception

7:00 pm

End

Registration – free, but required

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