Daniel Kealey will trace the development of the modern worldview—as well as the religious resistance that has developed in response to it—as background for understanding a number of contemporary political issues related to Church/State separation. Then, as an alternative to these polarized positions he will explore a range of moderate positions promoted by thinkers and movements from fields such as philosophy, science and medicine that, collectively, can be identified as "postsecularism". Finally, Dr. Kealey will consider what implications may arise for education if the current trend towards postsecularism continues.

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