RELIGION AND THE UNIVERSITY

Where:  The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville
When:   Friday, 25th May 2012 (Final day of term, University of Melbourne)
         9.30am – 5.30pm

INTERIM PROGRAM
Moderator: Wes Campbell

Preliminaries

9.30am – 9.45am
• Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country by Wes Campbell (2-3mins)
  • Greeting from The University of Melbourne (TBC) (2-3mins)
  • Introduction by Brain Howe (5-8mins)

Session 1 (History)

9.45am – 10.30am

Chair: Revd Dr Wes Campbell,
Chaplain, University of Melbourne

'Secular or Godless?
Excavating the Foundations of Australia’s Universities’
A brief history of the ‘secular’ University of
Melbourne

1. Prof Graeme Davison AO (15 minutes)
   Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor, Monash University

   Response and Elaboration:
   2. A/Prof Renate Howe AM (15 minutes)
      School of History and heritage, Deakin University

   3. Discussion (15mins)

(Morning Tea)

10.30am - 11am
Session 2 (Mapping)

11am-12.30pm

Chair: Prof Brian Howe AO, Centre for Public Policy, University of Melbourne

*How is religion implicated in research, teaching and pastoral care within the ‘secular’ university?*

1. **Dr Jason Freddi** (20-25mins)
   On the status of religion in teaching, research and pastoral care at the University of Melbourne today.

   Contributions from the floor: What have we missed? (10 mins)

2. **Dr Kitty Vivekananda & Fr Richard Murray** (15mins)
   Reflections upon recent innovation in the involvement of religion (esp. in terms of pastoral care and chaplaincy) within RMIT

3. **Revd Dr Wes Campbell & A/Prof Derek McDougall** (15mins)
   Chaplaincy at the University of Melbourne

4. **Discussion** (20mins)

   *(Lunch)*

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Session 3: (Case Studies)

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Chair: Prof David Runia, Master Queen’s College

*How is the religious perspective incorporated—explicitly and implicitly—in teaching, research and pastoral care within the different academic fields, and is it adequately addressed at present?* (10-15mins each)

1. Islamic Studies: **Prof Abdullah Saeed**
Director, National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies


   *Aboriginal Religion and the student experience at Garma*

3. Medical Studies **Dr Alison Morgan**, Nossal Institute for Global Health

4. Jewish Studies: **Dr Dvir Abramovich**, Director, The Centre for Jewish History and Culture

5. Scientific Studies: **Revd Canon Dr Stephen Ames**, MCD University/ School of HPS, University of Melbourne

6. Discussion

   *(Afternoon Tea)*

   3.30pm – 4pm

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**Session 4: (Where to from here?)**

4.00pm – 5.30pm

Chair: Fr Bill Uren SJ, Rector, Newman College, University of Melbourne

A *moderated response to the day’s discussion and presentations.* (5-8 minutes each)

1. **Dr Peter Sherlock**, V-C of MCD University

2. **Dr Laura Griffin**, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne

3. **A/Prof Rufus Black**, Master, Ormond College, University of Melbourne

4. **Prof Des Cahill**, Intercultural Studies, RMIT University