

Religion and Gay Marriage: Do They Have To Be At Odds?

Sponsorship: #ToleranceMeans Dialogues

Date and Times:

Thursday, March 16, 2017 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Location:

University of Pittsburgh School of Law
3900 Forbes Avenue Teplitz Memorial Moot Courtroom
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
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A Dialogue between

- **William Eskridge, Jr.**
John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence, Yale Law School
- **Robin Fretwell Wilson**
Roger and Stephany Joslin Professor of Law, University of Illinois College of Law

Moderated by: Professor Mary Crossley, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

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Scholarship Opportunities

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- Submit 500 Words on the meaning of tolerance and attach a tweet tagged with #ToleranceMeans by March 10 to tolerancemeans@gmail.com.
- Winners meet a legislator and participate in the Dialogue.
- Compete for two \$750 Scholarships (undergrad and grad winners).

Speakers

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