September 25, 2018

“Is the Establishment Clause Dead or Alive?”

Time: 4:30pm
Location: GSK100

SPEAKER: Professor Marci Hamilton L’88
Tuesday, September 25
Food & beverages at 4:30pm
Program begins at 5:00pm
Moderated by David Codell, Humanist Legal Society President
Walk-ins welcome

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