

Professor Wendy Gonaver

Speaking On

Freedom of Religion vs. the State Loyalty Oath A Quaker Pacifist's Story

Saturday, April 16th at 2:00 pm

Irvine Ranch Water District¹

15600 Sand Canyon Ave. (at Waterworks) in Irvine



In 2007 Wendy Gonaver was fired from California State University, Fullerton when she asked to submit an addendum to the state loyalty oath. Her objection: As a Quaker Pacifist she wanted to be clear that the obligation to “defend the Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic” did not include taking up arms.

Professor Gonaver was represented by People For The American Way, a frequent partner of Americans United for Separation of Church and State on religious liberty issues. In 2008 CSFU was forced to make religious accommodations and she was rehired.

Please join us to hear her story of religious liberty and principles.

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Professor Gonaver was born in Pennsylvania; one branch of her family tree is occupied by Quakers who settled Pennsylvania in the 17th century. She attended a Quaker high school and has considered herself a Quaker Universalist since age 14. She received her B.A. in 1994 from Bryn Mawr College. After working in the non-profit sector in Philadelphia for a few years, she went to graduate school at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia and received her M.A. from the American Studies Program in 2002. She will receive her Ph.D. from the same Program this year.

Currently she teaches an American Experience class at Soka University in Aliso Viejo.

Our doors open at 1:30 for snacks and socializing; seating will be on a first-come, first-seated basis.

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