PUBLIC LECTURE

‘After Falwell: Shifts and Continuities in American Religion and Culture Wars in the Obama Era’

When: Wednesday, 1 September 2010 at 1.00-2.00pm

Where: University of Adelaide, Ligertwood Building (Law School), Moot Court Room

Speaker: John Dombrink, Department of Criminology, Law & Society University of California, Irvine (USA). John Dombrink is a sociologist, and professor in the Department of Criminology, Law & Society at the University of California, Irvine. He is the co-author of The Last Resort: Success and Failure in Campaigns for Casinos (1990); Dying Right: The Death With Dignity Movement (2001); and Sin No More: From Abortion to Stem Cells -- Understanding Crime, Law and Morality in America (2007). His ongoing research examines “morality contests” and religious conservatism in American culture, and assesses the status of American laws and attitudes toward the sphere of personal morality. His current project: “After the Culture War? America in the Obama Era,” examines the competing themes of normalization of the core culture war issues (abortion, same-sex marriage, aid-in-dying, stem cell research) against the contemporary backlash, resistance and “tea parties.” It will provide an assessment of the status of social and religious conservatism in America and a measure of the vitality of the culture wars.

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