

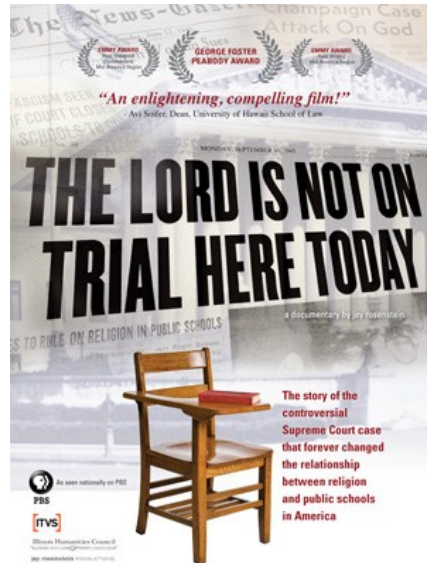
Saturday 13 October 2012

5:30

Arrive - Meet, greet, drinks & mingle

6:30 - 7:30

Movie - The Lord is not on Trial Here Today



She was called "that awful woman" by her neighbours, and "that atheist mother" by newspapers across the country. Her friends stopped returning phone calls rather than risk speaking with her. She was branded a communist, and the Illinois State Legislature nearly outlawed her and her husband from ever working at the state university again. She received up to 200 letters a day, some of the writers claiming they would pray for her; many wishing for much worse. All because, in 1945, Vashti McCollum would file a historic lawsuit that would forever change the relationship between religion and public school in America – and turn this young housewife from central Illinois into an unlikely champion of the separation of church and state.

7:30 - 8:45

Discussion

9:00

Close

Sunday 14 October 2012

9:00 - 9:10

Ms Maria Proctor - HSQ President - *Welcome and Introduction.*

9:15 - 9:45

Mr Hugh Wilson - National Director, Australian Secular Lobby (ASL) - Subject: *Religious imposition in Queensland state schools: an overview since 2006.*

9:50 - 10:20

Dr Cathy Byrne - Post-Doctoral Research Fellow Macquarie University - Subject: *History of religious education in schools—particularly in Queensland—today.*

10:25 - 10:55

Mr Peter Garrigan - President, Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO) - *ACSSO support for their policy on secular state schools.*

11:00 - 11:15 - Morning tea

11:20 - 11:50

Mr Greg Purches - Deputy General Secretary, Queensland Teachers' Union (QTU) - Subject: *QTU support for their policy on secular state schools.*

11:55 - 12:30

Mr Peter Harrison - New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists (NZARH) - Subject: *NZARH 'Keep Religion Out of School' campaign.*

12:30 - 1:45 - Lunch

1:50 - 2:20

Mr Ron Williams - Australian Humanist of the Year 2012 - Plaintiff Williams v. Commonwealth of Australia and Ors. - Subject: *Creationism in Queensland state schools: born 1983 - still going strong.*

2:30 - 3:15

Prof Marion Maddox - Author 'God Under Howard'. Marion Maddox is the leading authority on the intersection of religion and politics in Australia. Currently Director of Macquarie University's Centre for Research on Social Inclusion - Subject: *Waiting for the Great Leap Backwards.*

3:15 - 4:00

Q&A and discussion

4:00 - 4:15

Maria Proctor thanks and closes