



THE UNIVERSITY  
of NORTH CAROLINA  
at CHAPEL HILL

# Faith and Learning – The Role of Religion in Higher Education

Stetson Law and Higher Education Conference

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## Public vs. Private Campus

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- Student Affairs and Student Development
- Legal Issues
- Campus Chaplains: on or off campus
- Support for ALL students



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## My Context

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### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Public, Research Intensive, AAU institution
- Approximately 28,000 students
- Churches ring the campus
- History of controversy and free speech issues
- 600+ student organizations (44+ faith based)



## Policy Statements

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- Focus on learning
- Religious pluralism
- Discourage isolation
- Celebrating various holy days



## Academic Connections @ UNC-CH

- UNC summer reading program
- Religious studies – Jewish studies
- Western Civilization Proposal
- Academic Responsibility Report
- Difficult Dialogue Project – Ford Foundation Project



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## Student Organizations @ UNC-CH

- Alpha Iota Omega case (recognition and funding)
- Campus spaces for groups (student union, residence halls, etc.)
  - Office space
  - Meeting space
  - Artwork
- UNC Chaplains
  - Campus Ministries Association
  - Evangelical Campus Ministries
- Baccalaureate Service



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## Campus Controversies @ UNC-CH

- Pit Preachers
- Team Prayer
- Celebration of religious holidays
- Religious displays (menorah, nativity scene)
- Speakers on Campus



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