

# Shifting Ground: Religion & Civic Life in America

## Join us for community conversations in Claremont and Salem

The Humanities Council's two-year *Shifting Ground* initiative will continue this fall with community forums in Salem and Claremont. We'll also host a public address on November 20 at the Dana Center at St. Anselm College with Noah Feldman, author of the *NY Times* best-seller *Divided by God*.

Our goal for the *Shifting Ground* project: to get beyond the headlines, to reflect, learn, and cultivate an understanding of divergent views.

Is religion becoming more influential in determining American public policy? Conflicting but deeply-held values affect public policies that range from waging war to the right to die, from same sex marriage to faith-based initiatives. While the public debate generates great heat about American values and the shifting relationship between Church and State, not much light emerges.

### Community Forums

We invite you to join your neighbors for six-part community conversations in Salem or Claremont. Together, we will discuss the shifting role of religion in the public square. Advance readings will help prepare us, and trained facilitators will guide our conversations.

### When, Where, and How Much?

Each forum meets once a week for **six consecutive weeks**.  
*Space is limited, so register early.* **Individual cost is \$10 for the six week session.** Reading materials will be mailed to you in August.

### Who will be there?

We seek a diverse audience with perspectives all along the political and religious spectrum. Anyone may register.



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### Yes, I plan to join the NH Humanities Council at a *Shifting Ground* Community Forum.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will attend in  **Salem** Thursday Evenings, 7 to 9 p.m., September 4, 11, 18, and 25 and October 2 and October 9 at Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital

or  **Claremont** Thursday Evenings, 7 to 9 p.m., September 11, 18, and 25 and October 2, 9, and 16 at the Fiske Free Library

**\$10 per six week session per person**  Check enclosed  
 Charge to Visa/MC# \_\_\_\_\_  
Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_



Return to: NHHC – Shifting Ground, 19 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301.