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2/24/2018—Penn Statim, which is the online Penn State Law Review, has published my short non-fiction piece—originally written for a nonfiction contest I did not win—When I Left the Darwin Day Committee (here). The story is about my experience in 2008 with the evolution wars in public school and their fallout among scientifically oriented people. The events took place in 2008, but, unfortunately, they predict very well the place we have ended up and why. Think of these events when you think about Donald Trump's narrow win in Pennsylvania. Here is the opening. I did not quit the Darwin Day Committee at Duquesne University over its plans for Darwin Day 2008. I did not really quit at all. Nor was I actually asked to resign. I just sort of drifted away by mutual consent. The Committee was celebrating a Pennsylvania victory over reactionary creationism. I saw that victory too—I really did. But, at the same time, I was mourning a tragedy of confused parents trying to maintain a meaningful world for their children. The Committee could not see the harm they were doing. They thought they were doing the right thing. It was a long time ago now. But, today's supporters of Donald Trump are some of those same parents, and the Darwin Day Committees of the world still don't understand them.