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THURGOOD MARSHALL MEMORIAL LECTURE

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PURSUING JUSTICE IN MULTICULTURAL SOCIETIES: *Gender, Religion, Conflict and Compromise*

Martha Minow

Dean and Jeremiah Smith, Jr., Professor

Harvard Law School

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

The School of Law presents its fifth lecture in this series, which honors the memory of Thurgood Marshall. Thurgood Marshall was a key architect of the legal strategy that convinced the Supreme Court to declare unconstitutional the doctrine of "separate but equal," which had allowed racial segregation in public education and many other aspects of American life. Thurgood Marshall later served with distinction and as a protector of civil rights as Solicitor General of the United States and later as the first African-American Justice on the United States Supreme Court.



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Martha Minow is the Dean and Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Professor at Harvard Law School, where she has taught since 1981. An expert in human rights – with a focus on members of racial and religious minorities and women, children and persons with disabilities – her scholarship also has addressed a broad array of issues relating to law, culture, and social change. She has published over 150 articles and many books, including 2010's *In Brown's Wake: Legacies of America's Educational Landmark*. She is also co-editor of several law school casebooks, including *Civil Procedure: Doctrine, Practice and Context*; and *Women and the Law*. Following nomination by President Obama and confirmation by the Senate, she serves as vice-chair of the board of the Legal Services Corporation. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Michigan and the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Minow received her law degree at Yale Law School before serving as a law clerk to Judge David Bazelon and Justice Thurgood Marshall.

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Dean David A. Logan

Lecture:
Martha Minow

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Justice Thurgood Marshall's commitment to justice reached far beyond racial justice – to issues of gender, religion, poverty and age. With his example in mind, how should advocates today approach conflicts between claims of gender discrimination and assertions of religious freedom? How much room should a secular democracy ensure for religious and ethnic subgroups – including room to treat women differently from men? What approaches can be used to protect these subgroups? Alongside court-ordered enforcement of rights, political compromises can also provide a route to secure solutions, as can legal structures of federalism and private ordering. Pursuing justice, with attention to multiple aspects of individual identity, calls for a broad selection of legal and political tools.

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