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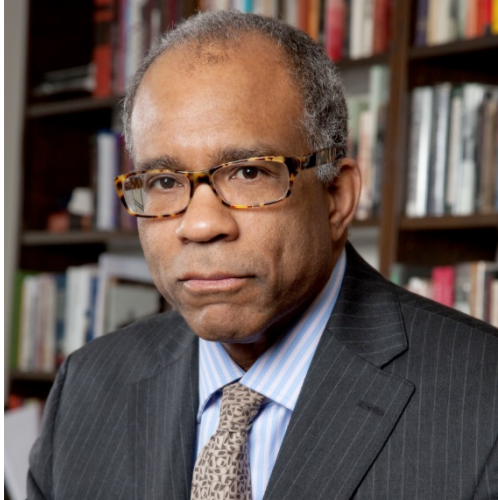
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As we reach the end of a remarkable fall semester of programming—including not one but two visits from Justices from the United States Supreme Court <http://law.rwu.edu/blog/justice-sandra-day-o%E2%80%99connor-and-rwu-law> and <http://law.rwu.edu/blog/justice-kagan-rhode-island-0> - we now pivot to an exciting lineup of programming for the coming spring.

Leading off: the keynote speaker for our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. week of commemorations is a talk by the newest member of the highest court in New York State, the Honorable Jenny Rivera, Associate Justice on the NY Court of Appeals.



Then in February, we are honored to host the sixth Thurgood Marshall Memorial lecture, endowed by the leading regional law firm Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, featuring a talk by iconic Harvard Law Professor Randall Kennedy, author of many important books, including most recently the controversial *For Discrimination: Race, Affirmative Action, and the Law*.



Later that month a wide array of distinguished lawyers, academics, judges, and journalists gather to discuss the 50th anniversary of *New York Times v. Sullivan*, one of the enduring free speech/free press decisions of the Supreme Court. The keynote address will be delivered by Judge Robert Sack, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and will include scholars from the University of Virginia and the University of Texas law schools.



In March, we consider whether the powerful organization that controls college athletics, the NCAA, needs to be “reined in.” The keynote for this day of programming is columnist Joe Nocera from the *New York Times*.



Finally, this year's Women-in-Law Day will be keynoted by Professor Paula Monopoli from the University of Maryland, Founding Director of the Women Leadership & Equality Program.



It's going to be great!