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The Voting Rights Act & The Courts

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3:30 p.m. Blanchard Hall 339

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Although the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act marked a great legislative victory in the struggle for political equality in the United States, it is now increasingly vilified. Professor Burton contends that historians have a responsibility both to the courts and to the general public to explain the history, purpose, and efficacy of the Voting Rights Act. Professor Burton will share about how his Christian faith has informed his commitment as an expert witness for minorities in discrimination and voting cases.

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