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Friday, October 11, 11:15 am
Fellowship Hall, Church of Reconciliation
110 North Elliott Rd, Chapel Hill

Originalism and Its Discontents

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Professor Marshall joined the UNC Faculty of Law in 2001. His teaching and research has investigated the First Amendment, presidential power, and election law among other areas. Prior to joining the UNC School of Law, he served as Deputy Counsel and Deputy Assistant to President Clinton as well as Solicitor General for the State of Ohio. He has authored numerous books and articles on free speech and on separation of powers, among other subjects.

Professor Marshall will describe the Supreme Court's shift toward a so-called originalist approach to Constitutional interpretation. His lecture will then ask and analyze three related questions. A) Is originalism consistent with the Framers own understanding of Constitutional interpretation? B) What results would originalism lead to – if consistently applied? C) Is the Supreme Court actually using an originalist understanding to decide key cases? Time will also be reserved after the presentation for audience questions.

We emphasize that this Lecture is free and open to the public. Since there is limited seating available in Fellowship Hall, advanced registration is required for Shared Learning members as well as the general public. You can easily register by clicking on this link or by visiting sharedlearning.us. Early registration is encouraged.