



Prof. Garrett Power

“ATTICUS FINCH, JIM CROW & BALTIMORE’S BEST”

On **Thursday, February 11**, Professor Garrett Power will present “Atticus Finch, Jim Crow & Baltimore’s Best.” The presentation will examine the role played by the pseudo-science of eugenics in the justification for racially discriminatory law and practices in twentieth century Baltimore. Particular attention will be paid to the infatuation Baltimore’s leading citizens had with eugenics. Many of these individuals were leaders of the Bar. Included among them, John Prentiss Poe (1836-1909) Dean of the University of Maryland School of Law, William L. Marbury, Sr. (1858-1935), Philip Perlman (1890-1960), and numerous others. The presentation will focus on early twentieth century efforts to deny African-Americans the right to vote, the residential segregation ordinances, school segregation and more

Professor Garrett Power is Professor Emeritus of Law at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Professor Power continues as an active teacher and scholar teaching courses in constitutional law and legal history. Professor Power’s more recent scholarship has considered both constitutional law and legal history. He has prepared both teaching materials and articles considering the constitutional limitations on governmental power. His historical work has resulted in a series of monographs considering the origins of the land system in Maryland and development of the City of Baltimore. As President of Westminster Preservation Trust, Professor Power directs the stewardship of the historic Westminster Burying Ground (the site of Edgar Allan Poe’s grave) and the operation of the restored 19th century Westminster Hall.

Place: Mitchell Courthouse – 100 North Calvert Street – Main Reading Room of the Bar Library (Room 618).

Time: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 11, 2016, with a wine & cheese reception immediately following.

Invitees: Members of the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar and their guests, judges, employees of Baltimore City and its courts, courthouse employees, government lawyers, law librarians, law and college faculty and students. Others may attend by paying \$20 or subscribing to a Bar Library membership.

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