“Equality and Dignity Under the Constitution: LGBT Rights and Beyond”

The Supreme Court’s gay and lesbian rights cases have prominently invoked the constitutional value of dignity. But “dignity” does not appear in the Constitution’s text, and it remains an amorphous and controversial concept in constitutional law. Drawing on the gay/lesbian rights cases, as well as the Supreme Court’s major cases on race and gender, Professor Sanders will discuss what makes dignity jurisprudence distinctive, and will explore both its promise and limitations for expanding constitutional equality.

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Thursday, April 13th, 2017
12:00 p.m.
Moot Court Room, IUB Maurer School of Law

This event is free and open to the public. Light lunch will be available. The 2016–17 Remak Seminar is led by Steve Sanders, Associate Professor in IUB’s Maurer School of Law. The IAS thanks the Maurer School of Law for its facilitation of Remak Seminar Programs.

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