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# Civil Rights, Civic Equality, and Religious Liberty:

The conflict between claims to equality and religious freedom

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**Professor David Cruz**

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**Tuesday, November 17, 2015**

**12:00PM—1:15PM**

Lunch Provided (Please come early to get your food)

Bechman Institute Auditorium

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The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees that “Congress shall make no law .. forbidding the free exercise” of “religion”; the Fourteenth Amendment extends that guarantee against the federal government to cover the state and local government as well. The Fourteenth Amendment also guarantees “the equal protection of the laws.” Federal, state, and local governments have adopted statutes that complement these constitutional rights. *But what happens when claims to equality and to religious liberty conflict?* Professor Cruz will address this question, considering examples of claims for religious exemption from civil rights laws from the past, the present, and the possible future.



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