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Summary:

(April 5, 2005)-Brian Bix, Frederick W. Thomas Professor of Law and Philosophy, University of Minnesota, will address the final session of the 29th Midwest Philosophy Colloquium on the topic of Contemporary Debates on the U.S. Constitution. Bix will present "Natural Law and the Constitution" at 7 p.m. Monday, April 18, at the Newman Catholic Center, 306 East Fourth Street, Morris.

Bix will also present a paper, "Theories of Law and Constitutional Interpretation," at 2:30 p.m. the same day in the Prairie Lounge of the UMM Student Center.

When Clarence Thomas was nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court, supporters had to reassure the Senators that the nominee did not believe "scary things about natural law." In his evening lecture, Bix will address the question "What is 'natural law' and what connection is there between that theory about the nature of law and morality, and the proper approach to interpreting the Constitution?" among other questions. A panel will be comprised of Kristin Schaupp, UMM philosophy faculty, and Deb Economou, Morris attorney.

Both lectures are free and open to the public.

These lectures are made possible by a grant from the Minnesota Humanities Commission in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Minnesota State Legislature, and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean, UMM.

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