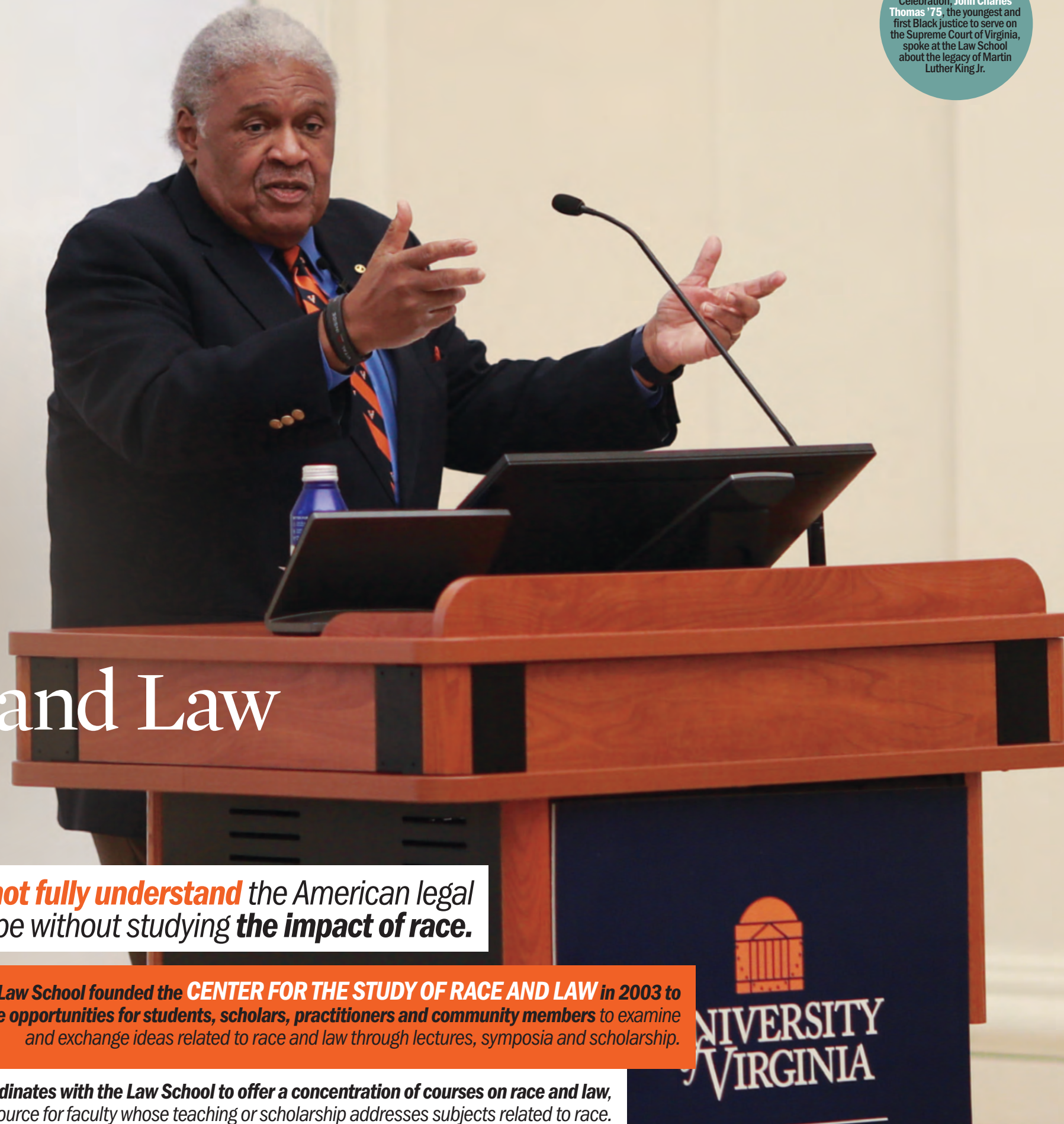


As part of UVA's Community MLK Celebration, **John Charles Thomas '75**, the youngest and first Black justice to serve on the Supreme Court of Virginia, spoke at the Law School about the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.



# Race and Law

**Lawyers cannot fully understand** the American legal landscape without studying **the impact of race.**

The Law School founded the **CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF RACE AND LAW** in 2003 to provide opportunities for students, scholars, practitioners and community members to examine and exchange ideas related to race and law through lectures, symposia and scholarship.

The center also coordinates with the Law School to offer a concentration of courses on race and law, and serves as a resource for faculty whose teaching or scholarship addresses subjects related to race.

**VIRGINIA offers courses in civil rights and anti-discrimination law, along with a wide array of courses in constitutional law and history. These offerings reflect the ways in which the struggle for civil rights shaped—and continues to shape—our country and institutions.**

## THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF RACE AND LAW

brings a visiting professor to teach a short course each year.

Past visitors include:

**Ralph Richard Banks,**  
Stanford Law School

**Khiara M. Bridges,**  
University of California,  
Berkeley School of Law

**Mohammad Fadel,**  
University of Toronto  
Faculty of Law

**Michael J. Klarman,**  
Harvard Law School

**Mari Matsuda,**  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
William S. Richardson  
School of Law

**Juan F. Perea,**  
Loyola University Chicago  
School of Law

**Camille Gear Rich,**  
USC Gould School of Law

## COURSES AND SEMINARS

- American Legal History Seminar
- Asian Americans and the Law
- Civil Rights and Antidiscrimination Law
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Civil War and the Constitution
- Constitutional Law II: Poverty
- Criminal Adjudication
- Criminal Investigation
- Criminal Procedure Survey
- Critical Race Theory
- Critical Race Theory and Criminal Justice
- Designing Democracy: Participation
- Designing Democracy: Representation
- Education Law Survey
- Employment Discrimination
- Housing Law and Poverty Seminar
- Immigration Law and Policy
- International Human Rights Law
- Land Use Law
- Law and Inequality Colloquium
- Law and Inequality Writing Seminar
- Law and the Social Determinants of Health
- Law of the Police I: Rules, Rights and Regulation
- Law, Inequality and Education Reform
- Monument Litigation
- Native American Law
- Parental Choice in K-12 Education
- Perspectives on Sovereignty - Native American Law
- Poverty Law and the Lawyer's Role
- Poverty Law, Advocacy and Policy
- Race and Criminal Justice
- Race and Slavery on UVA's North Grounds
- Race, Class and Democratic Legitimacy
- Race, Education and Opportunity
- Race, Law and School Policing
- Race, Meritocracy and Justice on Campus
- Racial Justice and Law
- Reparations: Identity, Law and Politics
- Reproductive Rights and Justice
- School Desegregation, School Integration
- The Constitution, Democracy and U.S. History

### CLINICS

- Civil Rights Clinic
- Project for Informed Reform Clinic

These courses represent the 2022-25 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.



► Elaine Jones '70, the first Black woman to graduate from UVA Law and the first woman to lead the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, recently joined then-Dean Risa Goluboff in speaking about her career during a ceremony marking the hanging of her portrait at UVA Law.

## Fellowship Supports Scholarship On Race

Christopher Williams, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Chicago, has been named a research assistant professor and a Race, Place and Equity Fellow.



Williams, who already holds a J.D. and M.A., earned his Ph.D. in sociology during his fellowship. His dissertation, **"Finding Fairness in Abolition: The Elimination of Cash Bail in Illinois,"** explores how Illinois became the first state in the U.S. to eliminate the use of cash bail in its pretrial system.

"I'm charting the history through the stories of the activists, the organizers, the impacted people, the legislators—they're saying, 'This is what we did, this how we did it, this is what it felt like, this is what it looked like when we were riding on buses to go downstate to talk to the legislators when all this

racial upheaval was going on in 2020, and this is how we got it across the finish line,'" Williams said. "I'm also analyzing the law, and the implications of what it means—for communities of color and everyone in Illinois—to eliminate cash bail."

## FACULTY UNCOVER NEW INSIGHTS



► Kim Forde-Mazrui's scholarship focuses on equal protection, especially involving race and sexual orientation.



► Craig Konnoth explores issues of health and civil rights, and health data, in his scholarship. His work looks broadly at minority and marginalized communities, including the LGBTQ+ community.



► Joy Milligan studies the intersection of law and inequality, with a particular focus on race-based economic inequality, and federal officials' long-term role in extending racial segregation.



► Kimberly Jenkins Robinson, editor of the book "A Federal Right to Education," leads the Center for the Study of Race and Law. She is an expert on how federal and state law and policy can close educational opportunity gaps.

CONTACT

RACE AND LAW  
 Professor Kimberly Jenkins Robinson  
 (434) 924-3181  
 krobins@law.virginia.edu  
 law.virginia.edu/race