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2009 ROBERT S. MARX LECTURE

# Thurgood Marshall's Global Impact

**Mary L. Dudziak**

Judge Edward J. and Ruey L. Guirado Professor of Law,  
History and Political Science  
University of Southern California Law School

**Tuesday, March 10, 2009  
2:00 p.m.  
UC College of Law  
Room 114**

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The College of Law is honored to present Mary L. Dudziak, Judge Edward J. and Ruey L. Guirado Professor of Law, History and Political Science, as the 2009 Robert S. Marx lecturer. In her lecture, “Thurgood Marshall’s Global Impact,” Professor Dudziak will discuss the impact of Marshall’s work as a civil rights lawyer, especially *Brown v. Board of Education*, as well as its impact outside U.S. borders. She will also discuss Marshall’s work with Kenyan independence

leaders in the early 1960s. Her lecture will draw upon two books, *COLD WAR CIVIL RIGHTS: RACE AND THE IMAGE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY* (2000), and her new book, *EXPORTING AMERICAN DREAMS: THURGOOD MARSHALL’S AFRICAN JOURNEY* (2008).

Professor Dudziak, a legal historian whose research focuses on international approaches to legal history and the impact of war on American democracy, received her AB from the University of California, Berkeley, and her JD, MA, MPhil, and PhD in American Studies from Yale University. Prior to joining USC Law in 1998, she clerked for Judge Sam J. Ervin, III, of the Fourth United States Circuit Court of Appeals. She then worked in the field of education at numerous universities, including the University of Iowa School of Law, Princeton University, Harvard Law School, and the University of Maryland School of Law.

An accomplished author, she has written extensively about the impact of foreign affairs on civil rights policy during the Cold War and other topics in 20th-century American legal history. Her books include *EXPORTING AMERICAN DREAMS: THURGOOD MARSHALL’S AFRICAN JOURNEY* (2008); *COLD WAR CIVIL RIGHTS: RACE AND THE IMAGE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY* (2000). She is also the editor of *SEPTEMBER 11 IN HISTORY: A WATERSHED MOMENT?* (2003);

and the co-editor (with Leti Volpp) of *LEGAL BORDERLANDS: LAW AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AMERICAN BORDERS*, a special issue of *AMERICAN QUARTERLY* (September 2005), reissued in March 2006. Her articles on civil rights history and 20th-century constitutional history have appeared in numerous law reviews and other journals.

*Thurgood Marshall became a living icon of civil rights when he argued Brown v. Board of Education before the Supreme Court in 1954. Six years later, he was at a crossroads. A rising generation of activists were making sit-ins and demonstrations rather than lawsuits the hallmark of the civil rights movement. What role, he wondered, could he now play? When in 1960 Kenyan independence leaders asked him to help write their constitution, Marshall threw himself into their cause. Here was a new arena in which law might serve as the tool with which to forge a just society.*

Quote from inside flap of Professor Dudziak’s newest book, *EXPORTING AMERICAN DREAMS: THURGOOD MARSHALL’S AFRICAN JOURNEY* (2008).

### The Marx Lecture

The Robert S. Marx Lecture was established in 1954 by Judge Marx to enrich the curriculum of the College of Law by bringing to the law school the scholarship and learning of eminent persons in various fields of law.

Judge Marx was a graduate of the College of Law and an outstanding member of the Cincinnati Bar for 51 years. The Lecture was endowed in 1989 through the generosity of the Robert S. Marx Testamentary Trustees.

### CLE Credit

Application for one hour of CLE credit has been submitted for Ohio and Kentucky. Approval is expected. Questions pertaining to CLE credit should be addressed to the CLE administrator in the Dean’s Office of the College of Law at 513-556-0063.

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- March 18, 2009** Glenn M. Weaver Institute for Law and Psychiatry Symposium “Interrogations and False Confessions: Social Science Confronts the Law”
- April 3, 2009** The 22nd Annual Corporate Law Symposium “New Models of Regulating the Financial Market”

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