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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Angelo Ancheta, Director of Legal and Policy Advocacy Programs for The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University and a lecturer on law at Harvard Law School, will speak at Illinois Wesleyan on Thursday, March 25, in conjunction with a class being taught this semester on the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.

Ancheta's lecture, "From *Brown* to *Grutter*: The Constitutional Dimensions of Racial Justice," will be presented 7:30 p.m. in Room 101 of the Center for Natural Science, 201 E. Beecher St., Bloomington.

With the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* coming up in May, a course taught by Robin Leavitt, chair of the educational studies department at Illinois Wesleyan, is devoted to an examination of that case.

Ancheta has been a legal services and civil rights attorney, and has specialized in the areas of immigration law, anti-discrimination law, and appellate advocacy. From 1994 to 1998, he was the executive director of the San Francisco-based Asian Law Caucus, which is the nation's oldest civil rights legal organization focusing on the Asian American population. He has also been a staff attorney at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, and the Asian Law Alliance in San Jose, California.

A former faculty member at the UCLA School of Law where he taught legal research, trial advocacy, and civil rights law, Ancheta has written numerous law review and professional journal articles on civil rights and community-based lawyering. He is the author of *Race, Rights, and the Asian American Experience* (Rutgers University Press, 1998).

Ancheta received his A.B. in political science in 1983 from UCLA and his J.D. in 1986 from the UCLA School of Law, where he was Chief Managing Editor of the UCLA Law Review. He also received an M.P.A. in 2000 from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

The lecture is being sponsored by The Mellon Center Humanities Series, the Social Science Division, the Educational Studies Department, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.