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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

A look at the Supreme Court featuring Wayne State University
Constitutional Law Professor Steven Winter

On Thursday, January 11th 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Ludington Library, 217 E
Ludington Ave., and online via Zoom, Wayne State University
Constitutional Law Professor, Steven Winter, offers an examination of the
U.S Supreme Court. In 2023 the court ruled on Student Loans, Affirmative
Action and the First Amendment. It also faced questions of ethical
improprieties. How does this court compare with courts of the past? And
what cases might be decided in 2024?

Professor Winter has been teaching law for 37 years and is a philosopher of
the law with more than 25 papers examining the intersection of law and
humanity. Now the *Walter S. Gibbs Distinguished Professor of Constitutional
Law*, Winter began his law career in 1978 with the NAACP Legal Defense
and Education Fund. He has argued in front of the Supreme Court and has
worked on nearly 20 cases that have gone before the court. His numerous
articles on constitutional law and legal theory, include "What Makes
Modernity Late?," and "Reimagining Democracy for Social Individuals".
His book *A Clearing in the Forest: Law, Life, and Mind*, makes the case that
the better we understand how our own minds work, the better we
understand the law.

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This program on the Supreme Court is part of the lecture and discussion series: *Cairns & Beacons: Finding Our Way in a Post-Pandemic World* created through a collaboration between the Mason County District Library and the Abondia Center, with support from both Michigan Humanities and the Michigan Arts and Culture Council. Each *Cairns & Beacons* presentation is followed one week later by a discussion on the topic. Winter's presentation will be the 5th of 8 presentations. Future presenters include Sheila Kraus, the Mason County Republican Chair and Paul Pierson of University of California - Berkeley.

The presentation is free in person or online. On Thursday, the library's doors open at 6:45 pm for those joining in person. Alternatively, attend virtually via Zoom at bit.ly/CairnsAndBeacons. More information is available on the library website www.mcdlibrary.org.

Join us January 18th, 7 – 8:30pm, at the Ludington Library, or via the same Zoom link to discuss this presentation and the Supreme Court under the influence of art.

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