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Cynthia V. Ward is Professor of Law at the College of William & Mary. Professor Ward received her B.A. from Wellesley College and her J.D. from Yale. She taught at Arizona State University College of law for five years before coming to William & Mary in the fall of 1997.

Professor Ward teaches Criminal Law and Philosophy of Law, and her research is also in those fields. She has published in a variety of academic journals, including the Columbia, University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and University of Texas law reviews.

In two controversial cases last year – one challenging the Pledge of Allegiance and the other a school voucher plan in Cleveland – federal courts affirmed the importance of coercion in determining when government action has violated the Establishment Clause. In her lecture, Professor Ward will examine the core meaning of coercion, compare it with the conception of coercion that has appeared in the Supreme Court’s recent Establishment Clause opinions, and suggest the proper role of coercion in a coherent Establishment Clause jurisprudence.

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