

## Speaker Biography



### **Larry D. Kramer**

Larry D. Kramer is the Richard E. Lang Professor and Dean at Stanford Law School. Prior to joining the Stanford faculty, Dean Kramer was the Associate Dean for Research and Academics and Russell D. Niles Professor of Law at New York University School of Law. He was also Professor of Law at the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan law schools, in addition to serving as a consultant to the New York law firm of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP. Considered to be one of the leading legal scholars in the country, Dean Kramer's areas of special interest include Federalism, Separation of Powers, Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, Conflict of Laws, Civil Procedure, and American Legal History. His early writing focused on the conflict of laws, and many of his ideas are embodied in a leading casebook in the field. In the 1990s, he turned his scholarship from state-state conflicts to state-federal conflicts, and his work on the question of federalism and the history of early federalism is cited widely. His most recent work has addressed the broader question of judicial review and the role of courts in a constitutional democracy. His recently released book, *The People Themselves: Popular Constitutionalism and Judicial Review*, promises to revive and alter the ongoing debate about the relationship of the U.S. Supreme Court to politics. He received his AB from Brown University and a JD from the University of Chicago Law School. He clerked for Judge Henry J. Friendly on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., of the U.S. Supreme Court.