The Board of Directors of the University of Delaware Library Associates cordially invites you to its Annual Faculty Lecture

“Littleton Mitchell and the Littleton and Jane Mitchell Papers”

by

Dr. Leland B. Ware

Louis L. Redding Professor of Law and Public Policy and Interim Director of the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware

Tuesday, May 14, 2013
4:30 p.m.

Reading Room (formerly the Reserve Room), Morris Library
University of Delaware

All guests are invited to a reception that follows.

Exhibitions in the Morris Library available for viewing:

“Fighting for Equality: Littleton P. Mitchell”
Information Room, First Floor

“In Focus: Photography from Daguerreotype to Digital”
Special Collections Exhibition Gallery, Second Floor

“Emancipation Proclamation and Its Legacies”
Lincoln Exhibit Case, Second Floor

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Remarks begin at 4:35 p.m.
About the Littleton and Jane Mitchell Papers and Dr. Leland B. Ware

Dr. Leland B. Ware, the Louis L. Redding Professor of Law and Public Policy and Interim Director of the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware, will give the 2013 Faculty Lecture sponsored by the University of Delaware Library Associates on “Littleton Mitchell and the Littleton and Jane Mitchell Papers.”

The Littleton and Jane Mitchell Papers

The University of Delaware Library is the repository of the papers of Littleton P. Mitchell (1918-2009) and Jane Mitchell (1921-2004) which were a gift of the Mitchells’ son, Philip Vann Mitchell, who followed the wishes of his father. The exhibition “Fighting for Equality: Littleton P. Mitchell” will be on view from May 14, 2013 to June 2, 2013.

Littleton “Litt” P. Mitchell of Milford, Delaware, attended West Chester State College until his education was interrupted by enlistment in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Mitchell served as a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree at West Chester State College.

In 1984, Litt Mitchell retired from his career as a teacher and counselor at Governor Bacon Health Center in Delaware City. He was the first African American educator to teach white school children in Delaware. Through numerous organizations and in partnership with his close friend Louis L. Redding, Mitchell championed equal rights for African Americans and other disenfranchised citizens in areas of education, public housing, public services and voting rights. He served thirty years (1961-1991) as president of the Delaware State Branch of the NAACP.

Jane Mitchell, Class of 1963, was the first African American nurse to work in a Delaware hospital. She served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware; the Delaware State Board of Nursing and the University of Delaware Nursing Visiting Committee.

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The bulk of the Littleton and Jane Mitchell collection consists of Littleton Mitchell’s papers relating to his public service with the NAACP and various other organizations. There is also a significant group of Jane Mitchell’s professional papers. One of the largest components of the collection is photographs of the family, of community gatherings and of professional meetings Littleton and Jane Mitchell attended. Dr. Ware, as well as Judge Charles H. Toliver IV, facilitated in bringing the Littleton and Jane Mitchell papers to the University of Delaware Library.

Dr. Leland B. Ware

Dr. Leland B. Ware received a B.A. in History from Fisk University in 1970 and a J.D. from Boston College Law School in 1973. His research interests include civil rights law and employment law.

Dr. Ware is a former trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. He previously taught law at St. Louis University School of Law, Boston College Law School and Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany.

He is the author of more than ninety articles appearing in academic journals and other publications on various aspects of civil rights law. He is co-author of two books, *Brown v. Board of Education: Caste, Culture and the Constitution* and *Choosing Equality: Essays and Narratives on the Desegregation Experience*. Dr. Ware has lectured and made presentations throughout the United States and Europe.

Dr. Ware is a member of the American Law Institute, a member of the Board of Directors of WHYY Inc. which is the public broadcasting radio and television affiliate for Philadelphia and Delaware, a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Defense Fund for the American Association of University Professors, a member of the Legal Steering Committee for the National Office of the NAACP, an Advisory Board Member of the American Civil Liberties Union and a member of the Board of Directors of the Delaware Civil Liberties Union.