

Voting Rights are Human Rights

Wednesday, October 17, 2012
6:00-8:00PM

The Reeves Theater at the
University of Tampa
401 W. Kennedy Blvd
Tampa, FL 33606

This event is free and open to the
public

The forum will provide a history of voter suppression in the United States, and discuss how voting rights continue to be under attack today as state legislatures nationwide pass voter suppression laws that make it harder for Americans – particularly African-Americans, the elderly, students, and people with disabilities – to exercise their fundamental constitutional and human right to cast a ballot. The forum will also address the long-held recognition of the right to vote as a fundamental prerequisite for the full and equal enjoyment of human rights under international human rights law, and will offer ways to advocate for full implementation of U.S. human rights commitments to protect the right to vote at the federal, state and local level.



PANELISTS:

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*President of the Florida Rights
Restoration Coalition*

JAMIL DAKWAR

*Director of the American Civil Liberties
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