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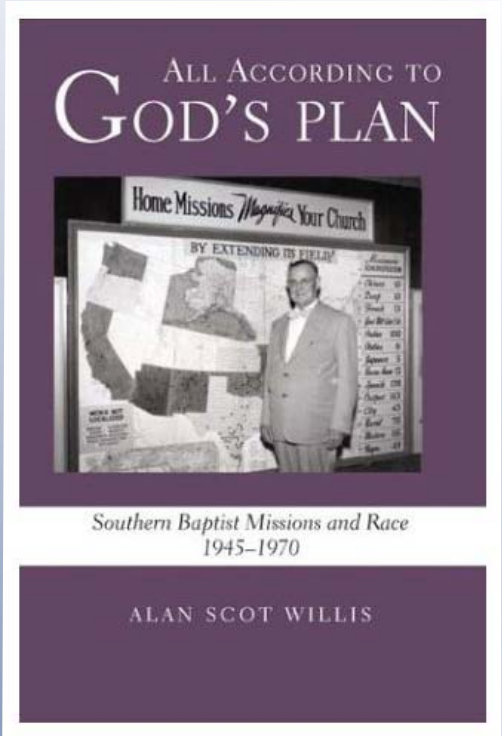
Struggle for Civil Rights

with the Alan Scot Willis

Dr. Willis, NMU Assistant Professor of History, is particularly interested in exploring the history of ideas about race and ethnicity. He focuses mainly on how these ideas are shaped by religious belief.

Willis is the author of *All According to God's Plan*. Published in 2005, the book explores the beliefs of the members of the Southern Baptist Convention and how they had long considered themselves a missionary people. After World War II, they embarked on a dramatic expansion of missionary efforts and confronted headlong the problem of racism.

Believing that racism hindered their evangelical efforts, the Conventions' full time missionaries and mission board leaders attached racism as unchristian, thus found themselves at odds with the pervasive racist and segregationist ideologies that dominated the South.

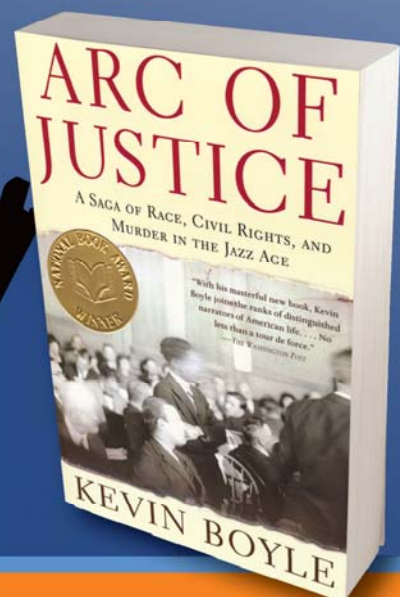


Thurs. Nov. 10 @ 7:00 pm

Peter White Public Library Community Room

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