WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

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MLK50: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

On April 4, 2018, all eyes will turn to Memphis, Tennessee to remember the tragic event that occurred 50 years prior and the legacy left by our nation’s greatest peacemaker. It occurred at the Lorraine Motel, now the location of the National Civil Rights Museum. That tragic moment would reverberate throughout the world. On April 4, 2018, we will remember the event that occurred at approximately 6:01pm. The National Civil Rights Museum encourages the world to reflect, but not linger, on the past. Instead, focus on the future.

MLK50: Where Do We Go from Here? is the theme for the commemoration and is inspired by the title of Dr. King’s final book, as well as the title of the speech he delivered August 16, 1967 at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In 2018, our desire is not simply to reflect and recount the history, but to connect to those issues still prevalent today.

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DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION
NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM
10am – 3:30pm

A daylong tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. King with MLK50 reflections, performances, excerpts from Dr. King’s speeches and a gathering of thousands to commemorate this 50th anniversary milestone. Participants include Tamika Mallory, TV host Roland Martin, Freedom Rider Bernard Lafayette, Congressman Barbara Lee (CA), Rev. Charles Steele, Rabbi Ben Kamin, Gina Belafonte, Dr. Hasan Jefferies, Rev. Dr. Alvin O. Jackson, Rabbi Micah Greenstein, Bishop Henry M. Williamson, Rev. Dr. Rosalyn Nichols, Rev. Earle Fisher, Rev. Dr. Stacy Spencer, Rev. Dr. LaSimba Gray, Rev. Darrell Harrington, Fred Davis, Rev. James Netters, State Rep. Johnnie Turner, Calvin Taylor, Rev. Kenneth Robinson and Bishop E. Lynn Brown. Entertainment by saxophonist Kirk Whalum, Deborah Thomas, Aisha Raison, Sebastian Carson, Yolanda Gates, Flo Roach, Collage Dance Collective, Watoto, STAX Street Harmonies and Memphis Mix.

MLK50 Commemorative Ceremony from the Balcony of the Lorraine Motel
3:30 – 6:15pm

The ceremony will include ecumenical presentations, ceremonial wreath laying, tributes, performances, and a symbolic moment of reflection at 6:01pm the time Dr. King was shot while on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. The keynote speaker is Father Michael Pfleger. Other speakers include Rev. Jesse Jackson, Bishop Charles Blake, Rev. Dr. William Barber II, Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Rev. Charles Steele, Poland Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf, Congressman Steve Cohen, Mayor Jim Strickland, Mayor Mark Luttrell, William Lucy, Marc Morial, Derrick Johnson, Sister Peace, Dr. Omid Safi and TN Governor Bill Haslam. Entertainment by Al Green, Kirk Whalum, MLK50 105 HBCU Legacy Voices.

April 4th programming at the museum is free and open to the public.

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As we mark the 50th anniversary of his tragic death, we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s warnings against silence. He knew the danger of complacency. He warned of the perils of indifference. So on April 4th America will be anything but silent—tolling bells from churches and universities as a sign of unity—and we will continue into the future as voices for justice. Where do we go from here?

**Join us on April 4.**

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In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

While many will be in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4 to reflect on this solemn moment, others across the world are invited to recognize this seminal anniversary and connect the past to the present by joining in the tolling of church, campus and municipal bells 39 times to honor the number of years Dr. King dwelled on this earth and to pay homage to his legacy.

On April 4, the massive bell from the historic Clayborn Temple will be placed at the balcony of the Lorraine Motel for a ceremonial ringing. This is a symbolic and meaningful way to acknowledge the loss, but more importantly, the great contributions Dr. King gave to the world.

In the way the news rippled across the country when Dr. King was shot, the bells will first ring at the National Civil Rights Museum at 6:01 p.m. CST. Bells will chime in the City of Memphis at 6:03 p.m. CST, 6:05 p.m. CST nationally and 6:07 p.m. CST internationally. All places of worship, colleges, institutions and municipalities are invited to join us in this solemn reflection.
EVENING OF STORYTELLING

Crosstown Concourse, 1350 Concourse Avenue
Memphis, TN • 5:30pm Pre-Reception
7pm Program • Tickets $100

A gathering of Civil Rights Icons and New Movement Makers, national and local, dialogue about “The Movement” then and now.

Host
TAMRON HALL
Tamron Hall is an award-winning journalist, former news anchor for NBC’s “Today Show” and MSNBC’s “Live with Tamron Hall.” Hall has been featured in *Forbes*, *Ebony*, *Marie Claire*, *Uptown*, Huffington Post, AOL Black Voices and *Women’s Health*.

Co-Moderators
MICHAEL ERIC DYSON
Commentator, radio host, author and Georgetown University sociology professor

APRIL RYAN
Political analyst, author and journalist/White House correspondent.

See list of participating Civil Rights Movement Icons and New Movement Makers on next page.

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“A man who won’t die for something is not fit to live.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.
MLK50 A Legacy Remembered reflects on the 50 years since King’s tragic death and the historic reaction to his death while also examining the continued impact of his legacy on people and events throughout the world. By focusing on his last year, the exhibition emphasizes rarely examined aspects of King’s social justice agenda by comparing contemporary events like the Occupy Movement and the Living Wage Campaign with the Poor People’s Campaign and Sanitation Strike.

The exhibit uniquely examines King’s relationship to Memphis. Looking beyond the last days of King to his earlier visits to the city, the role of the Lorraine Motel and its owners Walter and Loree Bailey; how the city wrestled with the events surrounding King’s death. Files from the FBI and the State of Tennessee’s evidence collection, partially housed at the museum, were consulted to recreate a timeline of King’s movements during his final 48 hours in Memphis.

MLK50: A Legacy Remembered features over 150 photographs. There are 9 rarely seen photographs from Memphis photographer Ernest Withers, a friend of Dr. King’s who documented his work in Memphis and the sanitation strike. As well as 44 photographs from Chicago-based photographer Art Shay, whose color photographs document the turmoil in the city from the evening of April 4 to April 8 when King’s body was delivered to the Memphis airport.

Additional exhibit highlights include the Lorraine Motel 1968 guestbook; a rare memo from James Lawson instructing Silent March participants; MLK Street Study by team of geographers led by University of Tennessee – Knoxville geographer Dr. Derek Alderman; 6 foot rendition of a Resurrection City Tent from the Poor People’s Campaign.
Presented by
University of Memphis School of Law
Peabody Hotel - Continental Ballroom
149 Union Ave., Memphis, TN • 8:45am – 5:30pm
Doors open at 8am.

LUNCHEON – $75
12 noon, Peabody Hotel
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
The Honorable ERIC HOLDER, JR.
82nd Attorney General of the
United States (2009-2015),
Partner, Covington & Burling LLP

ERIC HOLDER

Introduction by U.S. Senator Doug Jones (D-AL)

PANELS

A legal focus with panel discussions covering criminal justice, voting rights, persistent poverty, and 21st century activism.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE – 9:00-10:15am
Addresses policing in communities of color and contemporary penal policy, while grappling with the complex question of what policing and punishment should look like going forward.

Panelists:
Roy Austin–Partner, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP; former Deputy Assistant to President Obama for the Office of Urban Affairs, Justice & Opportunity.
Toussaint Losier–Assistant Professor, University of Amherst College of Humanities & Fine Arts, W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies
Tracey Maclin–Professor of Law & Joseph Lipsitt Faculty Research Scholar, Boston University School of Law
Mark Osler–Professor and Robert and Marion Short Distinguished Chair in Law, University of St. Thomas School of Law

Moderator:
Demetria Frank–University of Memphis School of Law
VOTING RIGHTS – 10:30-11:45am
Addresses current voting rights challenges and strategies for reform, whether through litigation, legislation or mobilization.

Panelists:
Debo Adegbile–Partner at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP; former Senior Counsel to the Chairman of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
Rick Hasen–Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science, University of California-Irvine School of Law
Sherrilyn Ifill–President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
Pamela Karlan–Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Professor of Public Interest Law, Co-Director, Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Stanford Law School

Moderator: Steve Mulroy–University of Memphis School of Law

CONFRONTING PERSISTENT POVERTY – 2:15-3:30pm
Examines some of the contemporary areas where poverty impacts life chances for individuals.

Panelists:
Dorothy Brown–Professor of Law, Emory Law School, Tomiko Brown-Nagin–Daniel P.S. Paul Professor of Constitutional Law; Faculty Director, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice
Dayna Matthew–William L. Matheson and Robert M. Morgenthau Distinguished Professor of Law; F. Palmer Weber Research Professor of Civil Liberties and Human Rights, University of Virginia Law School
Dorothy Roberts–George A. Weiss University Professor of Law and Sociology and the Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Professor of Civil Rights, University of Pennsylvania School of Law

Moderator: Amy Campbell–University of Memphis School of Law

21ST CENTURY ACTIVISM – 3:45-5:00pm
Examines the ways in which shifts in the legal landscape, modern technology, and the understanding of more subtle manifestations of discrimination impact advocacy and activism.

Panelists:
Cornell Brooks–Former President of the NAACP, 2014-2017
Charles McKinney–Neville Frierson Bryan Chair of Africana Studies; Associate Professor of History at Rhodes College
Claude Steele–Professor of Psychology, University of California – Berkeley
Beverly Tatum–President Emerita, Spelman College

Moderator: Daniel Kiel–University of Memphis School of Law
Hosted by National Civil Rights Museum
University of Memphis, Michael D. Rose Theatre
470 University, Memphis, TN
9am – 3:30pm
Doors open at 8am for registration.

LUNCHEON – $50
12 noon, Holiday Inn
University of Memphis

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
TAYLOR BRANCH
Historian and Author of the Pulitzer Prize Winning
Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-63.

PANELS
Scholars, historians and thought leaders from across the country to present on the state of civil and human rights issues and racial and economic equity 50 years after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Moderator
MICHELE NORRIS
Michele Norris is an American radio journalist and former host of the National Public Radio (NPR) evening news program "All Things Considered." In 2015, Michele left NPR to focus on The Race Card Project, an initiative to foster a wider conversation about race in America that she created after publishing her family memoir, The Grace of Silence. Norris received a Peabody Award for her work on The Race Card Project. Norris has interviewed world leaders, Nobel laureates, Oscar winners, American presidents, military leaders and even astronauts.
MEMPHIS MOVING FORWARD – 9:30-10:30am

Examines the environment in 1968 for organized labor in Memphis, providing the audience with an understanding of what led to the 1968 strike. Discussion will also include the current state of poverty in Memphis and the environmental trends that will influence how we create a supportive, innovative, and sustainable labor pool for the future.

Panelists:

**Michael K. Honey**–Fred T. and Dorothy G. Haley Endowed Professor of the Humanities at the University of Washington, Tacoma

**James H. Johnson Jr.**–William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship and Director, Urban Investment Strategies Center at the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, University of North Carolina

**Charles McKinney**–Neville Frierson Bryan Chair of Africana Studies and Associate Professor of History at Rhodes College

**Wendi Thomas**–Editor and publisher, MLK50: Justice Through Journalism

**Dr. Elena Delavega**–PhD, MSW is Assistant Professor of Social Work at the University of Memphis

ECONOMIC EQUITY & JUSTICE FOR ALL – 10:45-11:45am

Explores the long-term effects of systemic economic disenfranchisement. Panelists will discuss the historic roots and review the economic landscape for people of color in 2018.

Panelists:

**Julianne Malveaux**–Economist, Author and Founder of the nonprofit, Economic Education

**Randall Robinson**–Author and Professor of Law at Penn State Law School

**Dorian Warren**–President of the Center for Community Change Action (CCCA), Vice-President of the Center for Community Change (CCC), and Fellow at the Roosevelt Institute
Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.
THE PROMISE OF EDUCATION – 2:00-3:15pm
Discussion about the eco-system for education today: the impact of early childhood education on academic achievement; the competitive landscape traditional public school systems must operate within today; and the role of higher education, particularly HBCUs in a desegregated society. What is required for immediate improvement in learning outcomes for young people?

Panelists:
Karen Harrell--Vice President of Early Childhood Services at Porter-Leath
Dorsey E. Hopson II--Shelby County Schools Superintendent
Walter M. Kimbrough--Author and President of Dillard University
John B. King Jr.--President and CEO of The Education Trust

Following the MLK50 Symposium, the National Civil Rights Museum and the University of Memphis School of Law will publish the papers and commentary presented at the Symposium in a separate volume that will be available and distributed nationally.

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