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Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2020 - Schedule

Please join us for a day of events celebrating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 20th, 2020. This year we will be celebrating Dr. King by thinking about ways in which we can "become participants in the greatest creative venture in the history of our world: that of remaking, reshaping, yes, restructuring our whole world order" (Corretta Scott King, 1968).

Schedule

10am Rediger Auditorium – Chapel – Rev. Dr. Barbra Reynolds (<https://reynoldsnews.info/>)

1:15pm – 2:15pm Euler Science Center, Various Rooms – Educational Workshops

3pm – 4:45pm Euler Atrium – Performance of the play *Defamation* with discussion to follow (<https://www.defamationtheplay.com/>)

7pm – 8:45pm Euler Atrium – Performance of the play *Defamation* with discussion to follow

Defamation

Acted and directed by Taylor University Students, "DEFAMATION is an old-fashioned courtroom drama. The premise is a civil suit: Ms. Wade, an African-American business owner, is suing Mr. Golden, a Jewish real estate developer, for defamation. What follows is a 75-minute riveting trial that "holds our prejudices and assumptions under a powerful lens, and does not let go except by way of an unsettling self-examination"

Workshops**Celebrating the Unity and Diversity of the Human Race through the Use of Forensics/Science**

Dr. Dan King – Euler 109

This presentation will use scientific perspectives, specifically considering DNA and fingerprints, to explore how our uniqueness and commonness as Humans are both thoughtfully woven into our being. You will be asked to consider concepts within your own discipline that speak both to unity and diversity. A case will be made that these dual-sided concepts provide compelling evidence that you are *very complex, you undeniably belong, you are undeniably unique, and you were designed by God.*

Martin Luther King, Jr. in Historical Context

Dr. Ben Wetzel – Euler 100

Dr. King lived and worked in a particular time and place. In this workshop, you will explore the American context in which King lived, learn more about his life and work, and interact with excerpts from some of his most important writings.

Understanding Environmental Racism: The Disproportionate Burden of Pollution on Minorities in the U.S.

Dr. Phil Grabowski – Euler 118

In this workshop we will learn about the "Environmental Justice" movement and explore some case studies showcasing how minority communities are more likely to face pollution levels that endanger their health. There will be opportunities for group discussion on the topic as well.

The Last Lynching in Indiana: Racism and the Continuing Problem of Evil

Dr. Ed Meadors – Euler 130

This session will take the form of a "minds on" workshop, which will "listen" to the events surrounding the last lynching in Marion, Indiana, "see" the historical photograph of the tragic event in its 1920s Grant County context, "speak" personal, emotional, and intellectual reactions to the event, and finally propose and discuss the significance of the atrocity in Grant County's current social fabric. The session will conclude with observations on the inhumanities that all sensational acts of evil have in common. Those who attend should come prepared to participate actively.