34TH ANNUAL FOX CITIES **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** *Celebration*

keynote speaker: Dr. Charisse Burden-Stelly

JANUARY 20 6:00-7:30 P.M. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY MEMORIAL CHAPEL















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Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered. We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered; Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, God who hast brought us thus far on the way; God who by your might, led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget you. Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand, True to our God, true to our native land.

- James Weldon Johnson- 1921

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"THE ARCH OF JUSTICE"

Prelude	NOIR, Lawrence University
Welcome and Greetings	President, Laurie A. Carter
	nvite everyone to sing) Preston Parker & The Ọmọladé Academy
Prayer	Pastor Walter Ragand
Keynote Introduction	Dr. Jesus Smith
Keynote Address	Dr. Charisse Burden-Stelly
	Eldridge Alexander (MC) elle McCarty MLK Community Leader Award Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Educator Award
	ing On! "Evangelina Rattray STAR Scholar
	Preston Parker & The Ọmọladé Academy, NOIR, & The MLK Community Choir
Closing Words	Eldridge Alexander

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Keynote Speaker

DR. CHARISSE BURDEN-STELLY



Dr. Charisse Burden-Stelly is an Associate Professor of African American Studies at Wayne State University. Her research and scholarship engage the Black radical tradition, 20th century Black social and political thought, the intersection of antiblack racial oppression and U.S. state repression, and globalization and economic development in the African diaspora. She is the author of Black Scare/Red Scare: Theorizing Capitalist Racism in the United States, the coauthor of W.E.B. Du Bois: A Life in American History, and the co-editor of Organize, Fight, Win: Black Communist Women's Political Writings and of Reproducing Domination: On the Caribbean Postcolonial State. Dr. Burden-Stelly's writings appear in peer-reviewed journals including Small Axe, Souls, Du Bois Review, Socialism & Democracy, International Journal of Africana Studies, CLR James Journal, and American Communist History. Her public scholarship can be found in publications such as Essence magazine, The Nation, Monthly Review, Teen Vogue, Boston Review, Black Perspectives, and Black Agenda Report. She is a member of the Black Alliance for Peace and Community Movement Builders.

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