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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Celebration*

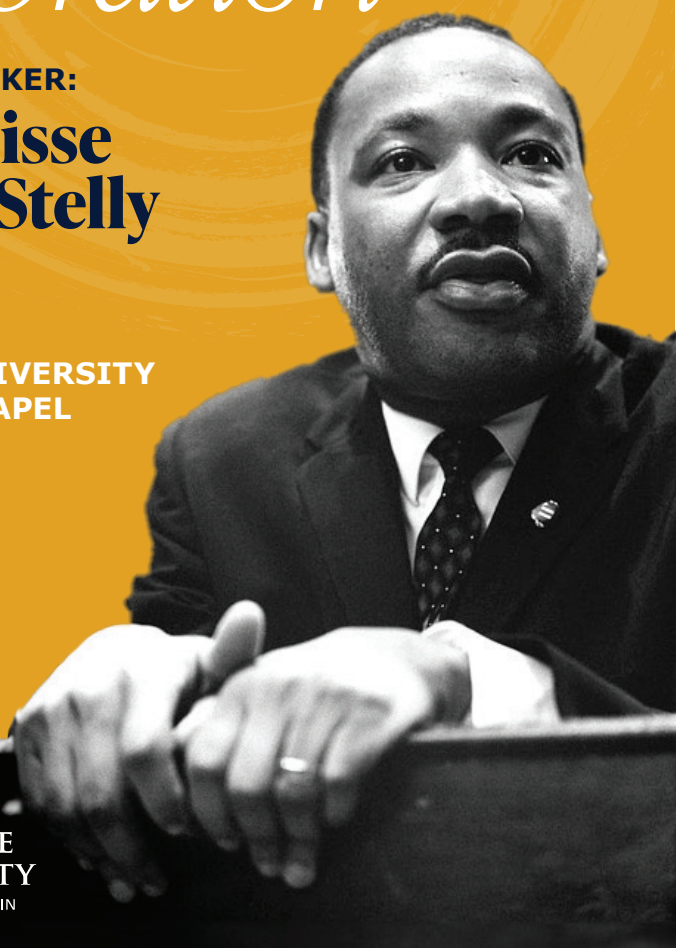
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**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
Song: <i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> (We Invite everyone to sing).....Preston Parker & The Qmqladé Academy
Prayer.....	Pastor Walter Ragand
Keynote Introduction.....	Dr. Jesus Smith
Keynote Address.....	Dr. Charisse Burden-Stelly
Award Presentations.....	Eldridge Alexander (MC) Jane LaChapelle McCarty MLK Community Leader Award Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Educator Award
Excerpt Reading of " Our God is Marching On! ".....Evangelina Rattray STAR Scholar
Song: <i>Lean on Me</i>	Preston Parker & The Qmqladé 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 co-author 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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