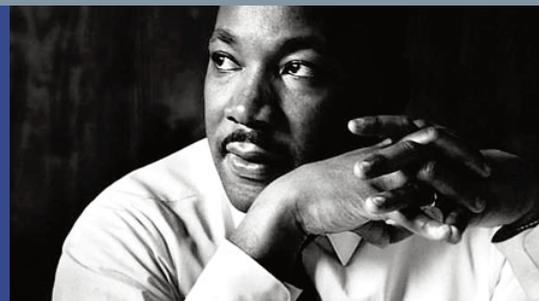


# Honoring the Legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



“ Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable...  
Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice,  
suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and  
passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”

**Dr. Martin Luther King Junior** devoted his life to helping America live up to its promise of equality and opportunity for all of its citizens. His efforts, and the toil and tears of countless other Americans of all races, creeds and religions, helped our nation move closer to its pledge of freedom and justice for all. This year Villanova University School of Law's annual celebration of Dr. King's life and work will recall the barriers that have disintegrated, or at least been fractured, in contemporary America and we are pursuing this quest through the stories and memories of distinguished Law School alumni. When one observes our current student body, it may be surprising to learn that there was a time in America when women could not practice law; racial segregation reigned either in practice or by law meaning African Americans and indeed, people of any color were largely excluded from most law schools; and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons remained invisible. The photographs that line the halls of Villanova Law School reveal that we have a long history of both inclusion and, in some respects, exclusion. Yet, however one views this history, these photos do not divulge what it was like to be 'the only' or one of the 'very few'. We hope to bring this account to life with our 'Breaking Barriers' panel where our alumni will discuss their experiences as law students, and as members of a profession that helped shatter the bonds of segregation, discrimination and intolerance, but also a profession where barriers had to be broken.

We are also very pleased to welcome Professor Angela Harris of the University of California Berkeley School of Law at Boalt Hall. A renowned and nationally known scholar, Professor Harris will deliver the annual Martin Luther King Keynote Address sponsored by Pepper Hamilton LLP.

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## **Monday, January 17** **DAY OF SERVICE**

Volunteer with Villanova Law at The Arc of Philadelphia from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Each year in honor of Dr. King the Villanova Law community comes together for a Day of Service. This year, we will be volunteering at The Arc of Philadelphia. The Arc provides advocacy, referral, family support, and legislative action services to people with intellectual disabilities and their families. We will be painting, cleaning and doing yard work. For more information, contact Liz Dunn at 610-519-7228 or [dunn@law.villanova.edu](mailto:dunn@law.villanova.edu)  
**Register at [www.law.villanova.edu/events](http://www.law.villanova.edu/events)**

## **Tuesday, January 18** **5:00 p.m., Room 101** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND RECEPTION**

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**Mindfulness and Social Justice: Meditation and the Legacy of Dr King**  
Angela P. Harris, Professor of Law; Executive Committee Member, Center for Social Justice Boalt Hall at Berkeley Law, University of California

Harris's writing and research focus on feminist legal theory and critical race theory. Her recent publications include *Gender and Law: Theory, Doctrine, Commentary* (with Katherine Bartlett, 1998) and *Race and Races: Cases and Resources for a Diverse America* (with Juan Perea, Richard Delgado and Stephanie Wildman, 2000).  
**Reception to follow in Student Lounge**

## **Thursday, January 20** **5:00 p.m., Room 103** **PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Breaking Barriers: Celebrating Over Five Decades of History**  
at Villanova Law School

**Panelists include:** Delores Sesso Spina '66, The Honorable Kathryn Streeter Lewis '76, Thomas G. Jackson '91, David Berman '02, Bahar Shariati '05

**Reception to follow in Law School Commons**

## **VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY FREEDOM SCHOOL**

Series of lectures paying tribute to the life of Dr. King.  
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