

JOIN THE MLK INITIATIVE!

All events are free and open to the public—first come, first served. For more information, please contact **Bart Schultz**, the **Director of the Civic Knowledge Project**, at rschultz@uchicago.edu or see the **MLK Initiative webpage** <http://civicknowledge.uchicago.edu/mlk-initiative.shtml>

COMING UP SOON—

On **Thursday, January 25th**, from 12:15 pm to 1:45 pm at the **Center for Identity and Inclusion**, 5710 S. Woodlawn:

“What Dr. King Means to Me”—an inspiring and provocative discussion with one of Chicago's most remarkable and effective social activists, **Rev. Michael L. Pflieger**, Pastor of the Faith Community of Saint Sabina. Father Pflieger is the founder of the Employment Resource Center, the Ark Youth Center, Saint Sabina Social Service Center, Thea Bowman Spiritual Advance Center, Samaritan House for the homeless, Saint Sabina 80-unit Elders Village and the Beloved Community, Inc. At the request of Mrs. Coretta Scott King, he was the keynote speaker for the national Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service held on January 20, 2003, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, and he was one of the speakers to eulogize Mrs. King on February 8, 2006.

On **Saturday, January 27th**, from noon to 2 pm at the **RainbowPUSH Coalition**, 930 E. 50th St.: **Dr. Tim Barnett** (Northeastern Illinois University), **Sarah Ross** (School of the Art Institute of Chicago), **Kai Parker** (University of Chicago), and **Dr. Beth Richie** (University of Illinois, Chicago) will talk about prisons and education, and their work teaching art and humanities and offering a new degree program with the **Prison and Neighborhood Art Project** at the Stateville, Correctional Facility in Joliet.

On **Saturday, February 3rd**, at the **RainbowPUSH Coalition**, former Senior Research Assistant to Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. **Daniela A. Tagtachian**, Mysun Foundation Fellow & Lecturer in Law, Environmental Justice Clinic, University of Miami School of Law, will discuss her work on the current state of housing for low- and moderate-income communities, the displacement of low income communities of color due to the disparate impact of municipal actions such as evictions, condemnations, demolitions, and upzoning, and more.

On **Saturday, February 17th**, at the **RainbowPUSH Coalition**, **Prof. Jacqueline Stewart**, Department of Cinema and Media Studies at the University of Chicago, will do a screening and discussion of MLK themed works from the **South Side Home Movie Project**, an ambitious effort to collect, digitalize, and archive home movies made on Chicago's South Side.

On **Saturday, February 24th**, from 11 am to 3 pm, the MLK Initiative will be in the Community Room at RainbowPUSH, 930 E. 50th St., for a public conversation and panel discussion on “Dr. King's Philosophy of Nonviolent Direct Action,” featuring such panelists as **Rev. Janette Wilson** of RainbowPUSH, **Prof. Timuel D. Black**, **Sherrilynn J. Bevel** of **The Addie Wyatt Center for**

Nonviolence Training, Prof. Benneth Lee, National Alliance for the Employment of the Formerly Incarcerated and Northeastern Illinois University, Kai Parker, University of Chicago, and Todd St. Hill, from BYP 100 and Black Lives Matter.

POSTPONED! This event will be rescheduled in spring. On **Saturday, March 3rd**, at the **RainbowPUSH Coalition**, a panel discussion featuring **Dr. Melissa Gilliam**, MD, MPH, Ellen H. Block Professor, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Vice Provost, Academic Leadership, Advancement, and Diversity, the University of Chicago, will lead a discussion on “Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Chicago.”

On **Saturday, March 31st**, at the **RainbowPUSH Coalition**, there will be a panel discussion of Dr. King’s life and legacy during **Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.’s** morning broadcast.

On **Wednesday, April 4th**, the 50th anniversary of Dr. King’s tragic assassination: “The Day Dr. King Died: A Conversation with **Prof. Timuel D. Black**, with Music of the Civil Rights Era,”

Wednesday April 4, 12 noon to 1:15 pm, at **Rockefeller Chapel**. Starting with a half hour of music of the civil rights era played during the daily 12 noon carillon recital, **Dr. Timuel D. Black**—Dr. King's associate, now 99 years old—speaks to Dr. King's legacy on the 50th anniversary of his tragic assassination in Memphis. Lunchtime refreshments offered.

PREVIOUS EVENTS IN THE MLK INITIATIVE

On Saturday, November 4th, there was an Open House to introduce the MLK Initiative at the Civic Knowledge Project’s Edelstone Bldg. Atrium.

On Saturday, November 18th, there was a “Reading King Day” at Liberty Baptist Church, with special guest Prof. Timuel D. Black.

On Saturday, January 13th, the Civic Knowledge Project in collaboration with the UChicago Alumni Association and the Center for Identity and Inclusion, sponsored “The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tour and Seminar,” featuring Prof. Timuel D. Black, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., Rev. Damon Smith, and Rev. Michael Pfleger.

On Tuesday, January 15th, the Civic Knowledge Project participated in the UChicago 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, featuring activist journalist Dorothy Butler Gilliam, held at Rockefeller Chapel—see <https://www.facebook.com/uchicago/videos/10160063256450650/>