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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— In honor of the steadfast activist and leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Action Research Center, Peace Fellows and Unraveling Inequality liberal arts cluster will sponsor the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Teach-In. This year's event, which will focus on health care and social justice, will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Monday, January 20 in the Center Court of the Hansen Student Center (300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington). Students, faculty, staff and the community are invited to attend and participate.

Each year, the program features three separate, one-hour programs that link to the day's theme. The programs will include a lecture and table discussion among the participants. The discussions seek to engage participants by asking the audience to generate answers to some of the questions raised throughout the program.

At 1 p.m., Professor of Political Science Greg Shaw will discuss the Affordable Care Act. He will discuss the ethical challenges under the Act from various social justice perspectives.

At 2 p.m., Angie McLaughlin, executive director of the Community Health Care Clinic in Normal, will examine the challenges faced by her clinic in delivering free medical care to the those in McLean County who are without health insurance, indigent and part of the working poor.

At 3 p.m., Associate Professor of Anthropology Rebecca Gearhart and Peace Fellow Jennifer Prochotsky '16 will offer a global perspective on health care. Gearhart and Prochotsky will address the role that community volunteers play in preventative health-care delivery in Lamu, Kenya along with the challenges confronting African women who need, but often cannot afford, a necessary type of surgery.

For additional information, contact IWU's Action Research Center at (309) 825-6006 or <http://www.iwu.edu/action/>

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