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"Teach-In" to Commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 8, 2007

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — In commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, there will be a "Teach-In" on Monday, January 15 at 2 p.m., in the Hansen Student Center, 300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington.

This event, sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha, is free and open to the public. Pi Sigma Alpha is a national honorary society for the study of politics and government, and has had a chapter established on Illinois Wesleyan's campus since 1985.

The theme for the "Teach-In" will be affordable housing, which will be addressed in a national context as well as through discussion centered on a local level.

Doris Latorre, national director of quality assurance at the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) Housing will be the keynote speaker. Latorre will speak about her recent tour of New Orleans and its housing crisis in a presentation, "Affordable Housing in the field of Social Justice: from Squatters to Katrina."

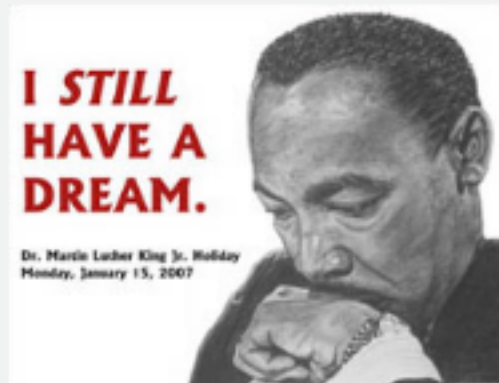
Other speakers will be:

- Lori Manning, State Farm Bank community director, discussing the Community Reinvestment Act;
- John Burrill, executive director of Mid-Central Community Action, sharing a plan for creating affordable housing neighborhoods; and
- Alex Cardona, senior community advisor for State Farm Bank, highlighting outreach strategies to Hispanic communities and discussing ways everyone can make an impact on affordable housing in our community.

Sobeira Latorre, assistant professor of Hispanic Studies, will be the moderator.

For additional information, contact Deborah Halperin at the Action Research Center, (309) 556-1357.

[Click here](#) for information regarding other events commemorating Dr. Martin King, Jr. Day.



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