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Hamline University Invites Community to Attend MLK Event

St. Paul, Minn. -- Hamline University will host a commemoration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. All are welcome to attend this free community event in the Anderson Center from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The morning program will reflect upon Dr. King's life, leadership and pursuit of racial and social justice.

The commemoration will center on a speech titled "The Other America" that was first delivered by Dr. King at Stanford University in 1967 and again in slight variations at different locations throughout 1968. The speech explores the racial economic opportunity divide at that time and the facts King discusses remain true in 2020.

The event program will feature faculty, staff and student reflections from Professor Leticia Basford (CLA/Education), staff member Becky Kaarbo (Student Affairs), undergraduate student leader Dieu Do, as well as readings, musical selections, and remarks from Hamline University President Dr. Fayneese Miller.

Staff and students from The Hedgeman Center for Student Diversity Initiatives and Programs have planned the commemoration program and a campus day of service to follow.

Associate Dean of Students and Hedgeman Center staff member Carlos Sneed said that "The Other America" speech was chosen as the focal point for the program because the content -- from the discussion of war, racial inequality and injustice, and a strategy for moving forward -- remains relevant today.

"In his concluding thoughts, King reminds us that "we are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny," which is a sentiment that offers a guiding light in these highly divisive times," said Sneed.

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