

The End of Civil Rights in America?

Reflections on the Future of Economic Justice from the Perspectives of Law and Religion

September 6, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Karcher Auditorium,
Room #100, Storey Hall
SMU Dedman School of Law
3315 Daniel Avenue



Rev. James Lawson with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This event is open to the public. Registration is required and seating is limited.

Keynote speaker **Rev. James Lawson**, one of the legendary leaders of the Civil Rights movement, worked closely with the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was influential in shaping the movement's nonviolent resistance strategy. Other speakers include:

- **Eliot Shavin**, attorney-at-law, supervising attorney and lecturer-at-law, SMU Dedman School of Law, "Wealth as a Suspect Classification and The Economic Bill of Rights."
- **John Martin**, attorney-at-law, Carrington and Coleman, Dallas, "Government Enforcement of Voting Rights Laws."
- **Jim Harrington**, attorney-at-law, founder and director of Texas Civil Rights Project, adjunct instructor, UT School of Law, Austin, "Private Actions to Enforce Civil Rights Laws."
- **Dr. Theodore Walker, Jr.**, associate professor of Ethics and Society, SMU Perkins School of Theology, "Beyond Civil Rights to Economic Rights: Prescriptions from the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr."
- **Dr. Evelyn L. Parker**, associate dean for Academic Affairs and professor of Practical Theology, SMU Perkins School of Theology, "Young Women and the Struggle for Economic Justice: A Litany of Issues."
- **Willie Baptist**, Poverty Initiative scholar-in-residence, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, "Reigniting Martin Luther King's Poor People's Campaign Today: From Civil Rights to Human Rights."
- **Dr. Joerg Rieger**, Wendland-Cook Professor of Constructive Theology, SMU Perkins School of Theology, "Why Both Race and Class Matter in Religion: Taking the Long View."

Participants will have the opportunity to interact with panelists during Q&A sessions.

\$20 per person cost covers lunch and parking (waived for pre-registered SMU students, staff, and faculty).

Contact Lisa Montes at lmontes@smu.edu and include your name, e-mail address and phone number.

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CEU Credit will also be available.

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