2010 Commemoration Week

Accomplishing the Impossible: Stories of Historic Humanitarian Efforts - Ken Kragen
Thursday, January 14, 12 NOON - 1 PM, Avery Dining Room
Ken Kragen, Harvard Business School graduate and United Nations Peace Medal recipient, will kick off Martin Luther King week by sharing his philosophy: “It’s easier to accomplish the impossible than it is the ordinary.” He will give a behind-the-scenes look at how he created three of the most impressive humanitarian events in history, and share a sneak preview of the 25th anniversary celebration of “We Are the World.” From past successes, he will extract elements we can use in our everyday lives and careers to accomplish the impossible. Coordinated by the Caltech Management Association, A Leadership Forum. Lunch is provided. RSVP required, visit www.cpg.caltech.edu for a link to the sign up.

I Have A Dream - Speech Delivered at the 1963 March On Washington
Tuesday, January 19, All Day, Center for Student Services & Caltech Y
Come view Dr. King’s most famous speech, “I Have a Dream”, and discover why it is still significant today. The nine minute speech will be available for viewing on video throughout the day in the lobby of the Center for Student Services, or at the Caltech Y. A display, and handouts, will provide the text for those who would like to follow along.

MLK’s Legacy and Civil Rights Today - Reverend Eric P. Lee
Wednesday, January 20, 12 NOON - 1 PM, Avery Dining Room
Reverend Eric P. Lee is one of Los Angeles’ most vocal and visible civil and human rights activists. As the current President and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) of Greater Los Angeles, he made national headlines when his stance against California’s Proposition 8 highlighted divisions within the organization. Founded by MLK, the SCLC is a civil rights organization committed to non-violent action to achieve social, economic, and political justice. Inspired at a young age by Dr. King, Reverend Lee has committed his life to fighting for justice against oppressive forces that continuously hinder people from achieving equality, freedom, justice and dignity. The Reverend Lee will reflect on the civil rights issues facing the nation today. Lunch is provided. RSVP required, visit www.cpg.caltech.edu for a link to the sign up.

A Journey Through Civil Rights with David Doll
Thursday, January 21, 12 NOON - 1 PM, Center for Student Services, 3rd Floor
Graduate student, David Doll, will walk us through historical readings from important movements in the US’s struggle for equality for all. Readings include excerpts from the movements for Civil Rights, Women’s Rights, Gay Rights and others. Join in this unique opportunity to reflect on the struggles that continue to impact our daily lives.
Lunch is provided. RSVP required, visit www.cpg.caltech.edu for a link to the sign up.

Revisiting the Voting Rights Act: Can Caltech Help? - Dr. Morgan Kousser and Judy Mou
Friday, January 22, 12 Noon -1 PM, Center for Student Services, 2nd Floor
The 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA), one of the Civil Rights Movement’s most successful works of legislation, has protected minority voting rights for more than 40 years. Section 5 is one of the VRA’s most important sections because it requires covered states or counties to submit changes in election laws to the U.S. Department of Justice or the D.C. District Court before putting them into effect. Recent attempts have been made to rule the Section 5 “coverage scheme” unconstitutional. Come learn how Caltech research is providing evidence for a new coverage scheme for the VRA section 5 that could help Congress propose amendments in the law and save it.
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MLK Service Projects - Saturdays January 16 & 23, Coordinated by The Caltech Y
Join a nation wide effort to transform Dr. King’s teachings into a day of service - to make a tangible difference in our community. Guided volunteer projects, transportation, meals, and t-shirts provided.
Sign up required - for more information visit www.caltechY.org or visit the Caltech Y in person.

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