

Living Dr. King's Dream For Civil and Human Rights in the New Millennium

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In the 1950s and 60s, while many marched in the streets, sat-in at lunch counters, and participated in freedom rides in the south, the Leadership Conference coordinated a campaign of 30 organizations to make simple justice the law of the land by helping to pass the Civil Rights Acts of 1957, 1960, and 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968. Since then, the Leadership Conference has increased its coalition to more than 185 groups representing people of color, women, children, labor unions, individuals with disabilities, older Americans, religious groups, gays and lesbians, and civil liberties and human rights groups.

Wade Henderson discusses the daily realities of monitoring public policies affecting these groups, speaking in detail about the Conference's activities to address the detrimental effects of hate crimes.

This lecture is held in conjunction with the University's week-long Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Symposium "Living Dr. King's Dream in the New Millennium." For more information on the symposium, please contact Nathaniel Banks, African American Cultural Program, 217-333-2092.

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