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A MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SERVICE IN  
HEALTHCARE JUSTICE CONVERSATION

# Health Equity as Civil Rights: Policy, Power, and Institutional Responsibility

Thursday, January 29, 2026  
3:00PM – 4:30PM

395 Lenox Road, Classroom 1A

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## ABOUT THE EVENT

This Martin Luther King Jr. Day program centers health equity as a civil rights obligation, reinforces the role of institutions in advancing justice, and connects reflection to service and action.

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL  
BE PROVIDED.**

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