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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

*In honor of the contributions of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the Civil Rights Movement,
the Office of Diversity & Outreach presents:*

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011

“A Day On”

Community Service Project with City Year

On the Monday holiday commemorating Martin Luther King, law students are invited to observe “A Day On” by engaging in a community service project. This year, Roger Williams Law will be joining City Year Rhode Island and more than 400 local community and corporate volunteers to complete school improvement projects at Gilbert Stuart Middle School, paint murals at the West End Community Center, lead activities at the Elmwood Adult Day Healthcare Center and discuss Dr. King’s commitment to social justice at the Knight Memorial Public Library. To participate, email Noah Brown at nbrown11@cityyear.org. Please indicate that you are part of the RWU Law group.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010

4:00 p.m.

Room 285 – Reception to Follow

Keynote Address by Michael Evora

Executive Director, Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights

Title pending



Michael Évora first joined the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights as an Investigator in August 1988. Later promoted to Senior Compliance Officer, he left the Commission in July 1990 to become a Syracuse University Graduate Fellow at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Michael is a magna cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College, where he majored in English/Drama. After receiving a Master’s Degree in Public Administration, Évora was hired as an Equal Opportunity Specialist at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in Boston. He left HUD to attend Yale Law School in 1994. Upon graduation from Yale, he served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Justice

Victoria Lederberg on the Supreme Court of Rhode Island. Évora spent a year as an Assistant Public Defender for the Juvenile Division of the Public Defenders’ Office before returning to the Commission as Legal Counsel in 1999. Mr. Évora became Executive Director of the Commission in 2002, succeeding Gene L. Booth, who had served as the agency’s Executive Director for nearly 20 years.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011

11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Room 285

Movie and Discussion

This lunch event, co-sponsored by the Multi-cultural Law Students Association and the Alliance will feature a screening of the movie *Brother Outsider: the Life of Bayard Rustin*. A discussion facilitated by Professor Diana Hassel will follow.

Brother Outsider illuminates the life and work of Bayard Rustin, who has been described as “the unknown hero” of the civil rights movement. A tireless crusader for justice, a disciple of Gandhi, a mentor to Martin Luther King Jr., and the architect of the legendary 1963 March on Washington, Rustin dared to live as an openly gay man during the fiercely homophobic 1940’s, 1950’s and 1960’s. *Brother Outsider* reveals the price that Rustin paid for this openness, chronicling both the triumphs and setbacks of his remarkable 60-year career.



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