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In honor of the contributions of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the Civil Rights movement

BRISTOL, R.I. (January 18, 2008): The Office of Diversity and Outreach at Roger Williams University School of Law is hosting a week-long celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The week begins with law students, faculty and staff celebrating "A Day On" the Monday holiday by engaging in a community service project with the Childhood Lead Action Project in Providence.

On Wednesday, January 23, 2008, the keynote address will be given by Samara F. Swanston, Environmental Protection Counsel to the New York City Council. Her speech, "Twenty Years of Environmental Justice Success: A Tribute to the Work of Dr. King," will take place at 4:00 p.m. in the Appellate Courtroom 283 at the School of Law, Ten Metacom Avenue, Bristol, R.I.

Ms. Swanston has been engaged in the practice of environmental law for more than twenty years. In addition to her role as counsel to the New York City Council, she is a part-time administrative law judge with the New York City Environmental Control Board and a visiting professor at the Pratt Institute Graduate School for Urban Planning and the Environment. She will discuss environmental justice successes and focus on how we can use what we have learned from the Civil Rights struggle to hold our leadership morally responsible and accountable for environmental justice. The keynote address is free and open to the public.

On Friday, January 25, 2008, the Multi-Cultural Law Students Association and the Environmental Law Society will hold a joint meeting featuring a screening of the Spike Lee documentary, "When the Levees Broke." Following the screening, Steven Fischbach, a lawyer at Rhode Island Legal Services (RILS) who works on a wide range of racial justice issues, including environmental justice and disaster recovery in New Orleans, will compare his experiences working in New Orleans to environmental justice issues in Providence. Marcus Jones '07, who served as an intern for RILS researching environmental justice under a project funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's small grant program will join the discussion.

For more information, please contact the Office of Diversity and Outreach at (401) 254-4522.

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