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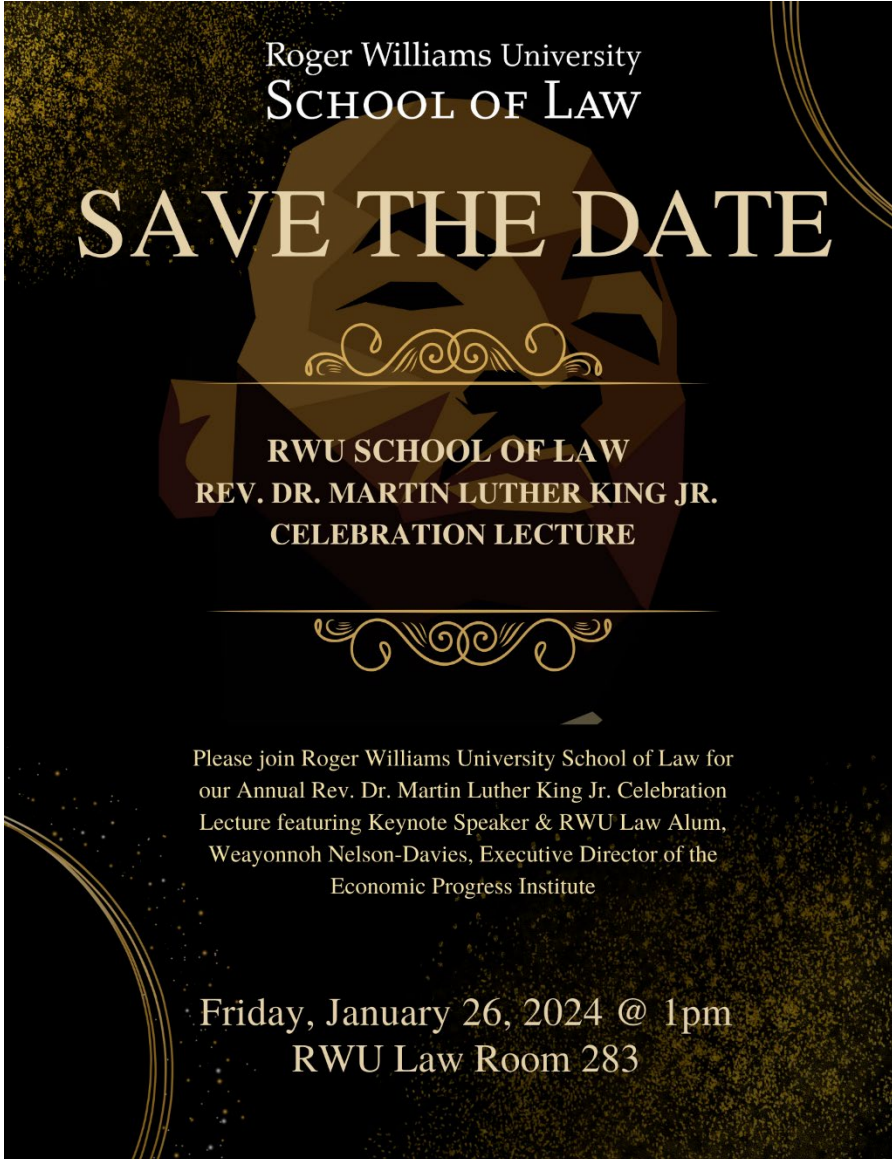
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**ANNUAL REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
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REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
CELEBRATION LECTURE**

Please join Roger Williams University School of Law for  
our Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration  
Lecture featuring Keynote Speaker & RWU Law Alum,  
Weayonnoh Nelson-Davies, Executive Director of the  
Economic Progress Institute

**Friday, January 26, 2024 @ 1pm  
RWU Law Room 283**

# Weayonnoh Nelson-Davies



Weayonnoh joined the Economic Progress Institute as executive director in January 2022, with a vision towards people-powered transformational and equitable budget and policy changes in Rhode Island. Before joining EPI, Weayonnoh worked as a legal aid attorney at South Coastal Counties Legal Services and then Community Legal Aid (CLA), first as a staff attorney and then managing attorney of CLA's Worcester and Fitchburg offices. Her areas of expertise include general poverty law, medical-legal partnerships, the effect of structural racism on communities of color, public benefits, and housing law.

Weayonnoh is a member of Leadership Rhode Island Upsilon II Class of 2024. Previously she served as a small group faculty and capstone project mentor of the Patient Care in Complex Systems Gateway

Program at Brown University Medical School and an adjunct professor at the Community College of Rhode Island. She is a proud alumna of the Rhode Island Foundation's inaugural Equity Leadership Initiative, the Institute of Nonprofit Practice's inaugural Black Leadership Institute, Leadership Worcester, the Shriver Center's Racial Justice Institute, and City Year Rhode Island. She received her Juris Doctorate from Roger Williams University School of Law and undergraduate from Rhode Island College.

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