



Cambridge Public Library to Welcome Professor Randall Kennedy for 49th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day

CAMBRIDGE, MA, January 5 – The Cambridge Public Library will welcome Professor Randall Kennedy, the Michael R. Klein Professor at Harvard Law School, for the 49th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day keynote speech. On Tuesday, January 16, the Library will host Professor Kennedy in the [Main Library](#) Lecture Hall at 6 p.m. This event is hybrid, and [registration is required](#).

Every January, the Library welcomes a prominent Black leader to deliver a lecture to honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and impart the importance of continuing his work. Martin Luther King Jr.'s belief in community service and equity for all aligns with the Library's vision to create a Cambridge where everyone has equitable opportunities to learn, people live their best lives, and democracy thrives.

At Harvard Law School, Professor Kennedy teaches courses on contracts, criminal law, and the regulation of race relations. He was born in Columbia, South Carolina. He attended St. Albans School, Princeton University, Oxford University, and Yale Law School. He served as a law clerk for Judge J. Skelly Wright of the United States Court of Appeals and for Justice Thurgood Marshall of the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and the Supreme Court of the United States. Awarded the 1998 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for *Race, Crime, and the Law*, Mr. Kennedy writes for a wide range of scholarly and general interest publications.

"We're honored to welcome Professor Kennedy for our 49th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration," says Maria McCauley, Director of Cambridge Public Libraries.

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