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Please join Brookline's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee for Brookline's celebration of the life and values of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 3 pm Monday, January 17, 2022. This year our event will be virtual and thanks to a generous donation of production work from the team at Brookline Interactive Group (BIG) you can access the Premiere on BIG's Civic Channel 3 on RCN and Comcast and live on BIG's online channel <http://brooklineinteractive.org/mlk>. The recorded event will also be available to stream afterwards at: <https://www.brooklinema.gov/465/MLK-Celebration-Committee>. This year's event is generously sponsored by the Brookline Community Foundation, in collaboration with the Brookline Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations.

"Our Voting Rights: The Struggle Continues "

This year's program will feature Professor Robert L. Tsai as the Keynote Speaker. Robert L. Tsai is Professor of Law at Boston University and an expert in constitutional law and history. He is the author of three books, including *Practical Equality: Forging Justice in a Divided Nation* (Norton 2020). He has appeared on Meet the Press, Morning Joe, and ABC News and his essays can be found in *New York Review of Books*, *Politico*, *Washington Post*, and *Boston Globe*. You can learn more about Professor Robert L. Tsai at <http://roberttsai.com/bio/>

The program will also feature original poetry performance from Literary Performer and Author, Regie Gibson, and a poetry reading from Brookline Poet Laureate, Jennifer C. Barber, as well as a video compilation of Remote Learning Academy students reading their winning submissions of a collaborative contest held in March 2020.

Also featured will be music and inspirational words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This event is free. For more information or for any questions, please contact Caitlin Starr at cstarr@brooklinema.gov or at 617-730-2345.

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, you can also participate in a virtual Brookline Day of Service Project:

Inspo:Expo and Welcome Blanket Presents: Who's Welcome in Brookline?

MLK Day (Monday, January 17), 11am, Zoom

We see the “everyone is welcome here” yard signs. How does it play out in practice? Join Inspo:Expo and Welcome Blanket Brookline’s Hadassah Margolis in a conversation on the status of immigration in Brookline. Four panelists will share their own experiences as immigrants in Town, and guests Select Board Vice-Chair Raul Fernandez and Brookline Library’s Lily Weitzman will discuss local policies and grassroots activism to make our community open to all (the successes and the obstacles). Come learn how you can get involved.

Panelists:

- Suzette Abbot, from Apartheid South Africa
- Nour Alhusaini, from Syria
- Homa Sarabi-Daunais, from Iran
- Bishnu Tamang, from Nepal

Use the link here to register in advance and up to the start of the program:

https://brooklinema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsduiqjsuH4oOm5mJg_GiwYjB9LcICOI.

For more information, email Hadassah at inspoexpo.brookline@gmail.com.