

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Lecture

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Washington University School of Medicine
Eric P. Newman Education Center
320 S. Euclid Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

“Civil Rights and the 21st Century: Building on King’s Legacy”

Guest Speaker:
Mr. Ellis Cose

Columnist and Contributing Editor Newsweek Magazine
Author: “The Rage of a Privileged Class”

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Program

Welcome/Introduction	Will Ross, M.D. Associate Dean & Director Office of Diversity Programs
Remarks	Mark S. Wrighton, Ph.D. Chancellor, Washington University in St. Louis
Introduction of Mr. Ellis Cose	John Baugh, Ph.D. Margaret Bush Wilson Professor in Arts and Sciences
"Civil Rights and the 21st Century: Building on King's Legacy"	Mr. Ellis Cose Columnist and Contributing Editor Newsweek Magazine Author: "The Rage of a Privileged Class"
Question & Answer Session	Audience



Ellis Cose, author, columnist and contributing editor for Newsweek magazine and former chairman of the editorial board and editorial page editor of *The New York Daily News*, began his journalism career as a weekly columnist for *The Chicago Sun-Times*, becoming, at the age of 19, the youngest editorial page columnist ever employed by a major Chicago daily.

In addition to serving as a columnist, editor and national correspondent for *The Chicago Sun-Times*, Cose has been a contributor and press critic for *Time* magazine, president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Journalism Education, chief writer on management and workplace issues for *USA Today* and a member of the editorial board of the *Detroit Free Press*. He has also been a fellow at the Gannett Center for Media Studies at Columbia University, at the National Research Council/ National Academy of Sciences, and a senior fellow and director of energy policy studies at the Washington-based Joint Center for Political Studies.

His best-selling, *The Rage of a Privileged Class*, a book-length essay on race in America, was published by HarperCollins in January 1994 and issued in paperback in January 1995. It was also featured as a *Newsweek* cover story and described by *The New York Times Book Review* as a "disciplined, graceful exposition of a neglected aspect of the subject of race in America." His next book, *A Man's World*, was featured in a front-page review in *The New York Times Book Review*. *The Washington Post* called *A Man's World* "a valuable, cogent and well-written contribution to an enormously complex subject." Cose is also the author of *A Nation of Strangers*, a history of American immigration and of *The Press*, published by Morrow in 1989. He is the author of *Energy and the Urban Crisis* and the editor of *Energy and Equity: Some Social Concerns*. He also wrote *The Rebirth of Community Power*.

Cose's *Colorblind: Seeing Beyond Race in a Race-Obsessed World* explores America's continuing obsession with race. *The New York Times Book Review* called it "a book this country desperately needs, one with genuine healing potential," and included *Color-Blind* among its recommendations for 1997. In addition, Cose has edited an essay collection entitled *The Darden Dilemma*. Cose is also a "Weekend Edition" commentator for National Public Radio and formerly served as an occasional columnist and member of the board of contributors for *USA Today*.

Cose's latest book, *The Envy of the World*, an in-depth essay on the state of black men in America, has appeared on several bestseller lists, including the *Essence* magazine list, where it was number one. Newsweek featured the book on its cover and National Public Radio produced a special program based on it. *Kirkus Reviews* called *The Envy of the World*, "A slender volume with a substantial and significant message." *The Washington Post* described it as "lucid, eloquent and deeply personal book." And *The Chicago Tribune* called its author "a gifted, rhapsodic essayist." "Cose charts both an urgently argued history of black masculinity and a moving nuanced snapshot of where it is now," declared *Publishers' Weekly*.

At the Institute for Journalism Education, Cose designed and directed a widely quoted study on journalism careers published by IJE: *The Quiet Crisis: Minority Journalists and Newsroom Opportunity*. He also instituted and served as inaugural director of IJE's Management Training Center at Northwestern University.

Cose has appeared on *Nightline*, *Dateline*, *ABC Evening News*, *Good Morning America*, *Rivera Live*, *Charlie Rose*, *CNN's Talk Back Live*, and a variety of other nationally televised and local programs. He has also been interviewed for British, Brazilian, and Canadian television. He is also a judge for the New York Public Library Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism. Cose has received fellowships or individual grants from the Ford Foundation, the Andrew Mellon Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, and numerous journalism awards-including the University of Missouri medal for career excellence and distinguished service in journalism, three National Association of Black Journalists first place awards, for commentary and for magazine writing, and two Clarion Awards, for commentary and writings on the incarceration crisis. He has been named the 2002 winner of the New York Association of Black Journalists' Lifetime Achievement Award.

A Chicago native, Cose is a graduate of the University of Illinois (Chicago) and holds a master's degree in Science, Technology, and Public Policy from George Washington University.