

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Lecture

Monday, January 19
4:00 P.M.

Eric P. Newman Education Center
320 South Euclid Avenue
St. Louis MO 63110

***“From Selma to Ferguson:
On Being Faithful to the Moment”***

Guest Speaker:

Ambassador Charles Stith

Former Ambassador to Tanzania
Director of the African Presidential Archives and
Research Center at Boston University

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Program

Welcome/Introduction **Will Ross, M.D., M.P.H.**
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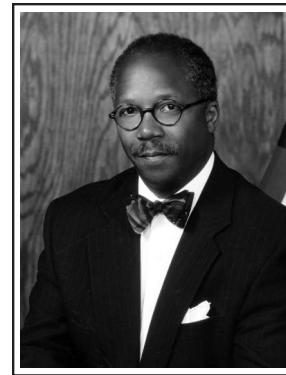
Remarks **Mark S. Wrighton, Ph.D.**
Chancellor, Washington University in St. Louis

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Introduction of Charles Stith **Will Ross, M.D., M.P.H.**
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“From Selma to Ferguson: On Being Faithful to the Moment” **Ambassador Charles Stith**
Former Ambassador to Tanzania
Director of the African Presidential Archives
and Research Center at Boston University

Question & Answer Session..... **Audience**



Ambassador Charles R. Stith is the founder and Director of the African Presidential Center at Boston University, and serves on the International Relations Faculty. He is on the Africa Advisory Committee of the U.S. Trade Representative and a member of the Council of Foreign Relations. Prior to his position at Boston University, Ambassador Stith served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, following the traumatic period after the August 1998 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam. The immediate challenges he faced were stabilizing the Embassy after the August 7th bombing and advancing President Clinton’s “Africa Growth and Opportunity Initiative”. The success of dealing with both challenges is reflected in Embassy Dar organizing the most successful trade mission by an African Head of State to the United States. In addition, Tanzania has become the first African country to sign an Open Skies Agreement with the United States.

Prior to his ambassadorship Stith was appointed by President Clinton to serve as a member of the official United States Delegation to monitor the first democratic multiracial elections in South Africa in 1994. Ambassador Stith is a graduate of Baker University, the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, and Harvard University Divinity School (Th.M). He is also the founder and former National President of the Boston-based Organization for a New Equality (O.N.E.), which focuses on expanding economic opportunity for minorities and women. Most notably during his tenure at O.N.E., he helped negotiate and broker the first comprehensive community reinvestment agreement in the country. The agreement committed Boston financial institutions to \$500 million in mortgage and commercial lending to low- and moderate-income and minority communities in Massachusetts. Prior to heading O.N.E., he was Senior Minister of the historic Union United Methodist Church.

He is the recipient of honorary doctorates from the University of South Carolina, Elizabeth City University, Clark Atlanta University, and Baker University. Ambassador Stith is author of *For Such a Time as This: African Leadership Challenges* (APARC Press, 2008) and *Political Religion* (Abingdon Press, 1995). He is also the Senior Editor of the annual African Leaders State of Africa Report. He is the author of many articles that have appeared in such publications as *The Boston Globe*, *The Boston Herald*, *USA Today*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, and *The Chicago Sun Times*. He is currently working on his new book, *Africa: The Global Markets Final Frontier*. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including Boston’s Paul Revere Bowl, and the key to the City of Cincinnati. Stith and his wife, Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, former Professor of Public Health at Harvard and a principal at Spencer-Stuart, have raised two children: Percy and Mary.