

**Martin Luther King, Jr.
Celebration Lecture**

**Monday, January 18, 1999
4:00 p.m.**

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

**“China’s Yesterday,
Today & Tomorrow”**

**Guest Speaker:
Harry Wu**

**Founder and Executive Director of the
Laogai Research Foundation
Human Rights Campaigner**

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Harry Wu

Making the front page of every newspaper and magazine worldwide, Harry Wu, founder and Executive Director of the Laogai Research Foundation, is a well-known and respected Human Rights campaigner. Having spent 19 years incarcerated by the Chinese government in the "Bamboo Gulag" as a political prisoner, he repeatedly risked his life returning to China to document slavery and human rights abuses.

Since 1991, Wu returned to China three times in order to secretly visit prison camps and film the human rights atrocities occurring there. He testified before the U.S. Congress on these human rights abuses in 1985, and in 1993, he received the prestigious Martin Ennals Human Rights Award. Returning to China again in 1995, he was arrested, found guilty of "stealing state secrets," sentenced to 15 years in prison, and was then expelled. In recognition of his heroic efforts, Wu received the AFL-CIO Award "For Outstanding Public Service and Leadership on Issues Affecting All Working Men and Women" in 1993. Wu courageously vows to continue to expose China's forced labor camps to focus the world's attention on Human Rights violations.

His international best-seller *Bitter Winds* is a powerful account of Wu's imprisonment and survival that displays extraordinary acts of courage and of unforgettable heroism. Wu recalls life in the prison camps in great detail - scavenging barren fields for frogs and snakes, and engaging in elaborate "food imaging" sessions in the barracks at night. Left for dead in nightmarish solitary confinement, Wu fought back from the brink of insanity, refusing to relinquish his dignity. *Bitter Winds* is a deeply moving story of personal triumph. Harry Wu invites you to partake in his victorious journey of suffering and survival.