All College Crown Forum
Honoring
The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ’48

Thursday, January 27, 2011
11:00 A.M.
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia
Jason D. Hill was born and raised in Jamaica and migrated to the United States in 1985 at the age of 20. He earned his Ph.D from Purdue University in 1998. His areas of specialization are ethics, social and political philosophy, and race theory. Dr Hill is Associate Professor of philosophy at De Paul University in Chicago. His areas of specialization are in ethics and political philosophy, with a special passion reserved for human rights and cosmopolitanism.


Dr. Hill is also the author of numerous articles published in Salon, The Detroit News, Issues and Views, The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, and Destiny Magazine. His articles have been published in anthologies and journals in China, Germany, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands.

He has appeared on several radio and television programs including Wisconsin, New York, Toronto, and Chicago public radio and NBC’s Today Show as a commentator with host Mike Leonard.

Dr. Hill has extensive experience in writing for a large audience. His training has its roots in the harsh realities of international political journalism in Jamaica. After graduating from high school he began work there as a reporter at the largest newspaper in the Caribbean, The Gleaner. There he wrote feature stories, theatre, book and art reviews, hard news, and, when time permitted, he did some court reporting. As a result he has a no-nonsense, down to earth approach to writing. At the same time, this concreteness is always tempered by his passion for ideas and reverence for coherent theory.
Program

The Reverend Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter Sr.
Dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
Presiding

PRELUDE
“Chaconne”
Louis Couperin

OPENING PRAYER

Mr. Chavis Travon Jones ’13
Chair, Community Service Committee
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Assistants

TRIBUTE

Mr. David Malcom McGruder ’11
2010-2011 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar

LITANY
“Let My People Go”
Mr. Rashad Raymond Moore ’12
President
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Assistants

ANTHEM
Morehouse College Glee Club

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Robert Michael Franklin ’75
President, Morehouse College

ADDRESS
Moral Becoming and the Evolution of Leadership
Dr. Jason D. Hill
Associate Professor of Philosophy
DePaul University

*COLLEGE HYMN
“Dear Old Morehouse”
J.O.B. Moseley ’29

WREATH LAYING
Martin Luther King Jr. Statue
Mr. Moore ’12

POSTLUDE
“Cortege”
Gordon Young

Dr. David Edward Morrow ’80
Associate Professor of Music/Director of the Glee Club

Dr. David Francis Oliver
College Organist and Director of Music Ministries

*All who are able, please stand
LEADER: In the grand order of the universe, our Lord God wisely has chosen men and women to serve Him in each era. Such a servant of our Lord God was Martin Luther King Jr., whose birth we now commemorate. We are thankful for the life of this 20th Century prophet of freedom, who joined the prophets of history in the cry:

CONGREGATION: In the name of freedom, let my people go.

LEADER: Martin Luther King Jr. envisioned the ultimate freedom: the freedom achieved in struggle; the freedom reached in brotherhood; the freedom fired by the dream of a man; the freedom inspired by the lot of a people; the freedom free of hate; the freedom full of love.

CONGREGATION: In the name of freedom of love, let my people go.

LEADER: He came into our lives when the yearning of people to be free had turned their attention to justice. For justice, and only justice, we shall follow, that we may live and inherit the land which the Lord our God gives us.

CONGREGATION: In the name of justice, let my people go.

LEADER: He reminded us that the spirit of man soars from depths of despair with the strength and belief in the promise of the Creator of the universe. We know and we testify: The Lord loves justice; He will not forsake his saints.

CONGREGATION: In the name of the Lord, let my people go.

LEADER: And so he set off with us on a journey for justice. It was a journey proclaiming the words of the ancient prophet, Amos: “Let justice roll down like waters; and righteousness like a mighty stream.” It was a journey calling forth the modern Christian ministry—touching the hungry, clothing the naked, setting the oppressed free.

CONGREGATION: In the name of the prophet, Amos, and in the name of suffering people, let my people go.

LEADER: The journey went to Montgomery, to affirm human dignity and courage; to Birmingham, to defeat the sickness of separating human life; to Selma, to ensure the equality of people in human affairs; to a hundred nameless communities, to remove painful shackles of oppression and light joyous torches of liberty.

CONGREGATION: In the name of this journey toward freedom, let my people go.

LEADER: When war was encountered, the leader of this journey sang with the people: “Ain't gonna study war no more.” When violence was met, he spurned it and said: “Hate is too great a burden to bear.”

CONGREGATION: In the name of peace and love, let my people go.

LEADER: And even when death was confronted, as the journey reached Memphis, he could say in final triumph, that in life he had found something worth dying for; something worth life itself—the Promised Land, a land of freedom with justice.

CONGREGATION: In the name of the Promised Land, let my people go.

LEADER: So, we are thankful that the Spirit of the Lord anointed a man who preached good news to the poor, who rejected segregation and embraced liberation, who prophesied the greatness of his people in struggle for the deliverance of all people.

CONGREGATION: In the name of the Spirit of the Lord, let my people go.

LEADER: We praise the Lord God for sending us a man of peace who resisted tyranny, a man of nonviolence who fought for liberty, a man of God who worked for people. Thank you, Lord, for Martin Luther King Jr., who inspired with his dream, who walked into our lives and our hearts with his marches for justice, who demanded freedom with great courage in the face of grave danger, and who has now passed on into your Promised Land. Thank you for this noble legacy to continue the journey to that land here on earth, in life for all people. Thank you, God; You have sent us one who now causes us to say:

ALL: In the name of Martin Luther King Jr., let my people go.