



MLK JR. DINNER

BROWN BALLROOM / BONE STUDENT CENTER

Friday, January 22, 2016

5 P.M. (CASH BAR) COCKTAILS

6 P.M. DINNER \$15/STUDENTS \$35/NONSTUDENTS

An evening with ANGELA DAVIS

SOCIAL EQUALITY ACTIVIST AND AUTHOR

Through her activism and scholarship over many decades, Angela Davis has been deeply involved in movements for social justice around the world. Her work as an educator at the university level and in the larger public sphere has always emphasized the importance of building communities of struggle for economic, racial, and gender justice.

Professor Davis' teaching career has taken her to San Francisco State University, Mills College, and University of California, Berkeley. She has taught at UCLA, Vassar College, the Claremont Colleges, and Stanford University. Most recently she spent 15 years at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she is Distinguished Professor Emerita of History of Consciousness—an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program—and of feminist studies.

Davis is the author of nine books and has

lectured throughout the United States as well as in Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and South America. In recent years, a persistent theme of her work has been the range of social problems associated with incarceration and the generalized criminalization of those communities that are most affected by poverty and racial discrimination. She draws upon her own experiences in the early 1970s as a person who spent 18 months in jail and on trial after being placed on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted List." She also has conducted extensive research on numerous issues related to race, gender, and imprisonment. Her recent books include a new edition of the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, *Abolition Democracy*, and *Are Prisons Obsolete?* In 2012 she published a new collection of essays titled *The Meaning of Freedom*.

Davis is a founding member of Critical Resistance, a national organization dedicated to the dismantling of the prison industrial complex. Internationally, she is affiliated with Sisters Inside, an abolitionist organization based in Queensland, Australia, that works in solidarity with women in prison.

Like many educators, Davis is especially concerned with the general tendency to devote more resources and attention to the prison system than to educational institutions. Having helped to popularize the notion of a "prison industrial complex," she now urges her audiences to think seriously about the future possibility of a world without prisons and to help forge a 21st-century abolitionist movement.

Presented by Presidential and Trustee Events and the NAACP student chapter. Reserve seats by mailing the form below, calling (309) 438-8790, or registering at UniversityEvents.IllinoisState.edu/MLK. Reservation deadline: January 11. Confirmations will be mailed, but no tickets will be issued.

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Menu: Spinach Salad with cherries, dates, pecans and goat cheese
(C) – Crusted Chicken Breast, Rice and Peas and Broccolini
(S) – Crab Crusted Salmon Filet, Rice and Peas and Broccolini
(V) – Spaghetti squash stuffed poblano, dirty rice with relish topping
Crème Brulee, Mini Chocolate Mousse Cup and Mini Blackberry Cobbler



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