

Save the Date:

February 10, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**Keynote Lecture:**

A Conversation with Dr. Ibram X. Kendi

In this moderated question-and-answer discussion, Dr. Kendi will lead conversations on antiracism education at the university level, initiatives to advance antiracism, engagement and responses to public discourse around antiracism framework, and the role of policy-based initiatives in creating societal change.

IBRAM X. KENDI

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*“The opposite of ‘racist’ isn’t ‘not racist.’
It’s ‘antiracist.’”* — Ibram X. Kendi

Dr. Ibram X. Kendi is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities and the founding director of the [Boston University Center for Antiracist Research](#). He is also the 2020-2021 Frances B. Cashin Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University.

Dr. Kendi is the author of [The Black Campus Movement](#), which won the W.E.B. Du Bois Book Prize, and [Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America](#), which won the National Book Award for Nonfiction in 2016 and made Dr. Kendi the youngest winner of the award. Dr. Kendi is also the author of three #1 New York Times bestsellers, [How to Be an Antiracist](#); [Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You](#), co-authored with Jason Reynolds; and [Antiracist Baby](#), illustrated by Ashley Lukashevsky.

Dr. Kendi has published 14 academic essays in books and academic journals, including *The Journal of African American History*, *Journal of Social History*, *Journal of Black Studies*, *Journal of African American Studies*, and *The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics and Culture*. He co-edits the [Black Power Series](#) at NYU Press with historian Ashley Farmer.

For more information on Ibram X. Kendi, please visit [prhspeakers.com](#).

STAMPED FROM THE BEGINNING

In his award-winning book, Dr. Kendi focuses on tracing and understanding the generation and persistence of racist ideas. In [this lecture](#) from the United Philanthropy Forum’s 2018 Annual Conference, he offers the book’s central premise that racist ideas are produced and perpetuated by racist policies, and yet we focus on the leaders and pundits rather than address the policies that are the root cause of our inequities. A recent example Dr. Kendi [discussed in The Atlantic](#) has been blaming Black individuals for dying of coronavirus. In [this keynote](#) at the National Museum of African American History and Culture, he discusses how monuments function as unloaded guns of racial violence as they assert a celebration of white supremacy.

ADVANCING ANTIRACISM

In a [recent TED Talk](#), Dr. Kendi discusses the difference between “not racist” and antiracist which is the basis for his best-selling book, *How to Be an Antiracist*. He focuses on how the tenets of antiracism can challenge policy and create a more equitable society. In his [appearance on PBS](#), Dr. Kendi discussed how current racist policies harm all of society and the ways in which an equitable society improves health outcomes, wealth inequality and social safety nets that benefit everyone.