

Marquette's Martin Luther King, Jr. lecture ft. writer and activist Barbara Ransby

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MILWAUKEE - Marquette University's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture will feature noted historian, writer and longtime activist Barbara Ransby, who will lead a discussion titled "Black Women and Long Struggle for Racial, Gender and Economic Justice, 1969 to 2019." The event will be held Thursday, April 4, at noon in Raynor Memorial Libraries, 1355 W. Wisconsin Ave. This lecture is part of the Marquette Forum, a yearlong series of events focusing on civic dialogue and the state of democracies across the world.

This event is rescheduled from Jan. 31 due to weather and coincides with the 51st anniversary of the King assassination.

Ransby is this year's Metcalfe Chair, a non-residential visiting scholar of African-American, Latinx or Native American heritage. She is a distinguished professor of African American studies, gender and women's studies, and history at the University of Illinois at Chicago where she directs the campus-wide Social Justice Initiative. She is the author of the highly acclaimed biography, *Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision*, which received eight national awards and recognitions. Ransby is also the author of *Eslanda: The Large and Unconventional Life of Mrs. Paul Robeson* (Yale University Press, January 2013) and, most recently, *Making All Black Lives Matter: Reimagining Freedom in the 21st*

Century (University of California Press, 2019).

The event is free and open to the public; [register online by April 3.](#)