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## Champlain College 2020 MLK Week of Learning and Engagement: Advocacy and Activism to Honor and Celebrate the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Award-winning speaker and former Vermont State Representative,  
Kiah Morris, to give keynote address on Monday, January 20.

**What:** LET US TEACH, LET US ENGAGE, LET US SERVE:

2020 MLK Week-long Celebration and Keynote Address

Champlain College presents a week filled with workshops, screenings, discussions, and lessons to advance social justice and honor the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Keynote speaker, Kiah Morris, will lead a conversation titled, "False Advocacy in Academia: Unpacking Performative Anti-Racism and Lethargic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Higher Education."

**Who:** Free and open to the public

Champlain faculty, students, and staff

Award-winning speaker, performer, and former Vermont State Representative Kiah Morris

**When:** January 20-24, 2020

LET US TEACH: Monday, January 20

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| Morgan Room,<br>Aiken Hall   | 9:45-10:15 AM     | The Danger of a Single Story: TED talk discussion   |
|  | 10:30-11:15 AM    | Disrupting Racism: A reflective panel discussion  |
|  | 11:30 AM-12:15 PM | Reading of "I Have a Dream" Speech by students and faculty  |
|  | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM | Practicing the Difficult Conversation: A discussion with Professor Eric Ronis   |
|  | 1:00-1:45 PM      | Reflections on White Fragility: A Readers' Panel  |
| Champlain Room,<br>Center for<br>Communication &<br>Crativee Media | 2:00-3:15 PM      | Disrupt, Dissent: How Anti-Racism Work is Tied to the Anti-War Movement   |
|  | 3:30-5:00 PM      | Keynote Address: <i>False Advocacy in Academia: Unpacking Performative Anti-Racism and Lethargic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Higher Education</i> by Kiah Morris |
|  |                   | A Cappella Performance by Purposeful Dissonance   |

**When: LET US ENGAGE: Tuesday, January 21–Thursday, January 23**

Students, staff, and faculty will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a week of engagement and education, including screenings of *Selma* and *Harriet*, and a “Mobilize Your Mind” educational presentation by student Diversity Ambassadors.

Fireside Lounge,  
IDX Center

**LET US DISCUSS: Wednesday, January 22**

11:30 AM-1:30 PM: Meet our Social Impact Scholars in Fireside Lounge for a drop-in discussion on how to talk about social political issues using non-violent communication techniques. Led by Professor Eric Ronis, each table will introduce a topic and invite people to discuss.

**LET US SERVE: Friday, January 24**

9 AM-5 PM: Students can participate in a day of service supporting local organizations like Clemmons Family Farm, Fletcher Free Library, Lund, Migrant Justice, ReSource, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Vermont, or help make lasagna for a handful of other community agencies.

**Where:** Champlain College, Center for Communication & Creative Media  
Champlain Room & Champlain Auditorium  
375 Maple Street, Maple St, Burlington, VT 05401

Champlain College, Aiken Hall  
83 Summit St, Burlington, VT 05401

Champlain College, IDX Center  
262 S Willard St, Burlington, VT 05401

**BURLINGTON, VT–Tuesday, January 14, 2020**—Champlain College is proud to present Kiah Morris as the keynote speaker for the College’s 2020 MLK Week of Learning and Engagement, and a full schedule of events to challenge, inspire, and motivate students, staff, faculty, and the Burlington community. “To honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, it is important to reflect on where we are as an academic community,” says Nadia A. Mitchell, Champlain’s Equity Initiatives Director. “As we challenge ourselves to understand the full legacy of this remarkable man, we are exploring the theme of *Advocacy and Activism: Advancing Social Justice Together* on our campus.”

Champlain’s neighbors and the general public are invited to join us in this celebration as we learn, engage, and serve.

[Full schedule of LET US TEACH events](#)

[More information about Kiah Morris](#)

### About Champlain College

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. Champlain offers a traditional undergraduate experience from its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain, and more than 90 residential undergraduate and online undergraduate and graduate degree programs and certificates. Champlain’s distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. Champlain College is included in the Princeton Review’s The Best 385 Colleges: 2020 Edition. It was named a “Most Innovative School” (for the fifth year in a row), ranked among the top 100 Regional Universities in the North, and is featured as “One of the Best Undergraduate Teaching Programs” and a “Best Value School” by *U.S. News & World Report*. The Fiske Guide to Colleges for 2020 calls Champlain one of the “Best and Most Interesting Schools” in the United States, Canada and Great Britain. Champlain is also a 2020 College of Distinction. For more information, visit: [www.champlain.edu](http://www.champlain.edu).



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