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Ebony Utley, author and speaker about pop culture, race and romantic relationships, is scheduled to speak at the University of Dayton as part of the University's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

Utley will deliver a lecture on "Social Movement Strategies and the Hip-Hop Generation" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, in the Kennedy Union ballroom. The event is part of the 2011-12 University of Dayton Speaker Series and is free and open to the public.

Utley is the author or editor of two forthcoming books, *Rap and Religion: Understanding the Gangsta's God* and *Power and Pleasure in Popular Culture*. She co-edited the 2009 book *Hip-Hop's Languages of Love*. A former Javitz Fellow at Northwestern University, she now teaches in the communication studies department at California State University, Long Beach.

The University of Dayton's office of multicultural affairs is promoting events for students throughout the week, Jan. 16-20, with the theme "How I'm Living the Dream." Visit <http://oma.udayton.edu> for more information.

- **Monday, Jan. 16:** The MLK Dayton Community March. Students meet at 10 a.m. at the office of multicultural affairs in Gosiger Hall for breakfast and to make signs and posters. The march begins at 11 a.m. at Welcome Stadium and ends at the Dayton Convention Center.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 17:** Ebony Utley lecture.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 18:** A campus Day of Unity with an open microphone at 6 p.m. in Kennedy Union Boll Theatre.
- **Thursday, Jan. 19:** Open discussion, "What will your legacy be: How are you living the dream?" 1-4 p.m. in Roesch Library.
- **Friday, Jan. 20:** Video, *How am I living the dream?*, shown on television sets in Kennedy Union all day between classes.

The University of Dayton Speaker Series is in its inaugural season, dedicated to the theme: "Building Movements for Social Justice." The series evolved from a combination of the University's popular Diversity Lecture Series and the Distinguished Speaker Series.

David Suzuki, co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation and award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster, is slated to give the final lecture of the season April 16 on "The Challenge of the 21st Century: Setting the Real Bottom Line."

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