



JANUARY 16, 2018

**THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE IMAGINATION:
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND THE POLITICS OF
FREEDOM**

A lecture by Dr. Corey Walker (Virginia Union University)

The Humanities at Virginia Tech, SPIA, and the Equity, Social Disparity and Human Condition Strategic Growth Area invite the public to a talk by Corey Walker, noted scholar of African American social, political, and religious thought, and vice president, dean, and professor of religion and society at Virginia Union University.

Walker's talk, "The Sovereignty of the Imagination: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Politics of Freedom," will be held Tuesday, January 16, at 2:30 p.m. in the Biocomplexity Institute Auditorium.

Walker has published broadly on African American religion and philosophy, African American history and culture, and religion and American public life. His books include "A Noble Fight: African American Freemasonry and the Struggle for Democracy in America," and the forthcoming "Between Transcendence and History: An Essay on Religion and the Future of Democracy in America."

Walker and Virginia Union University are partners with Virginia Tech in the Beloved Community Initiative led by Virgil Wood, a civil rights compatriot of Martin Luther King Jr. and Ridenour Faculty Fellow in Virginia Tech's School of Public and International Affairs.

More information about the Beloved Community Initiative is available at <https://www.spia.vt.edu/beloved-community-initiative/>

More information about Walker is available at <https://www.vuu.edu/theology/faculty-and-staff/corey-walker>

2:30 - 3:45 PM

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