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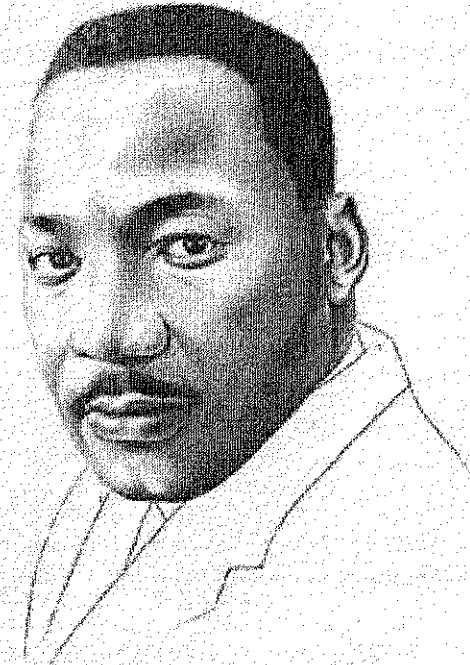
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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. UNITY LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012



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MLK UNITY LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

Kazu Haga was born in Tokyo, Japan, Kazu moved to the US with his family when he was seven. His introduction to Social Justice work came in 1998 when he participated in the Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage. He has since been involved with many organizations in the US and abroad as a volunteer, board member, advisor, or trainer. He began his work with the Peace Development Fund in Massachusetts in 2002, relocated to the Bay Area in 2006, and now resides in Oakland. He currently serves as Board President of Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ), sits on the Advisory/Steering Committees for the Gathering for Justice, the Bay Area Justice Funders Network and the National Priorities Project, and is a certified trainer in Kingian Nonviolence and Alternatives to Violence.

MLK PEACEMAKER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Brandford Davis, *Senior, Africana Studies*. Brandford's passion and desire to make the climate at the University more inclusive was demonstrated in his coordination of the "Here and Now" project as part of 2011 Black History Month, and last spring's campus-wide "Stop the Hate" march. He currently interns at the Multicultural Center and works as a member of AmeriCorp. He is the former URI Student Senate Cultural Affairs Chair and Founder of the awareness organization Classy Leaders Achieving Student Services (C.L.A.S.S.). In May, Brandford will complete his second undergraduate degree in Africana Studies having completed his first degree in Communication Studies with a minor in English and Leadership Studies. Brandford Davis is a Level 1 Kingian Nonviolence & Peace Trainer.

The **URI LGBTQ Women's Group** is made up of undergraduate and graduate women who meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7PM in the Women's Center. The Group provides community, support and opportunities for its members to make connections with other Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning women. In the spring of 2011, five members of the LGBTQ Women's group, Portia Burnette, *Sophomore, Microbiology*; Jen Kaye, *Graduate Student, Physical Therapy*; Christina Kinney, *URI Alumni '11, Marine Affairs*; Kimberly McGuinness, *Graduate Student, Speech Language Pathology*; and Dana Speesler, *Junior, Sociology*, spearheaded the project *It Gets Better at URI: Coming Out for Change*. This film was created to portray the amount of support URI has for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Question (LGBTIQ) individuals. The film made it possible for students to identify supportive faculty, staff and alumni on campus and show how the entire campus can play a part in

PROGRAM

- Emcee Tyler Curry, *Undergraduate Student, Journalism and Communication Studies*
Francisco Vargas, *Undergraduate Student, Film Media*
- 12:25pm **Acknowledgements**
Melvin Wade, *Director, Multicultural Center*
- 12:30pm **Welcome**
Tyler Curry and Francisco Vargas
- 12:35pm **2011-2012 MLK Peacemaker Award**
Presentation to Brandford Davis and URI LGBTQ Women's Group
Presented by Amy Olson, *Executive Director, Hillel and Chair, URI Chaplains Association*
- 12:45pm **Keynote Address by Kazu Haga**
Introduction by Dr. Paul Bueno de Mesquita, *Director, Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies*
- 1:15pm **Freedom Anthem - "We Shall Overcome"**
Led by Amy Olson, *Executive Director, Hillel and Chair, URI Chaplains Association*

We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe: We shall overcome some day.

We shall live in peace,

We shall all be free