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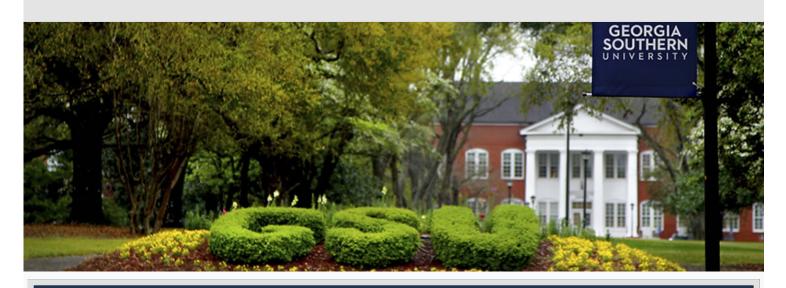


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Professor and best-selling author Michael Eric Dyson will speak on campus as part of Georgia Southern University's annual MLK Celebration.

Author of the New York Times best-seller April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Death and How It Changed America, Dyson will speak on Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at Georgia Southern's Performing Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public.

A sociology professor at Georgetown University, Dyson is a renowned scholar and cultural critic on issues of race, religion, popular culture and contemporary issues in the African-American community. He bridges gaps between generations, connecting civil rights identity to hip-hop culture while forging links

between older and younger Americans, especially black Americans.

Named by Ebony magazine as one of the 100 most influential black Americans, Dyson has authored 16 books commentating on modern social and intellectual thought, interwoven with a combination of cultural criticism, race theory, religion, philosophical reflection and gender studies. His works include Holler if You Hear Me; Is Bill Cosby Right? Or Has the Black Middle Class Lost Its Mind?; and I May Not Get There With You: The True Martin Luther King Jr.

Dyson's visit to campus is sponsored by Georgia Southern University's Multicultural Student Center. For more information, go to http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/vpsaem/speakerspotlight.

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