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# Michael Eric Dyson to Speak at Georgia Southern University

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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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