



CASE WESTERN RESERVE  
UNIVERSITY

# MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## CONVOCATION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026



# Program

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## Lift Every Voice and Sing

*J. Weldon Johnson*

Performed by Tario Humphries

## Welcome

Eric W. Kaler

President, Case Western Reserve University

## Speaker Introduction

Stephen E. Haynesworth, PhD

Associate Professor and Director of the Nord Family Emerging Scholars Program, Case Western Reserve University

## Lecture

Anthony Jack, PhD

*The Dignity of Work: On Campus and Beyond*

Author, Boston University Associate Professor and Newbury Center Faculty Director

## Q & A

Moderated by Stephen E. Haynesworth, PhD

Associate Professor and Director of the Nord Family Emerging Scholars Program, Case Western Reserve University

## Closing Remarks

Eric W. Kaler

President, Case Western Reserve University

**Please join us for light refreshments following the program.**



## **Anthony Jack, PhD**

**Author, Boston University Associate Professor and  
Newbury Center Faculty Director**

**Anthony Jack** is the author of *The Privileged Poor and Class Dismissed*. Jack—once a low-income, first-generation college student himself—details how class divides on campus create barriers to academic and career success, and shares what schools can do to truly level the playing field.

As an associate professor of higher education leadership at Boston University, Jack also serves as the inaugural faculty director of the Newbury Center—which serves first-generation students and focuses on student success and inclusion.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Wednesday, April 8, 2026

7:30 p.m. - The F. Joseph Callahan Distinguished Lecture

Think Forum featuring Colm Tóibín

Maltz Performing Arts Center

## Tuesday, May 5, 2026

7:30 p.m. - The Millis Lecture

Think Forum featuring Claudia de Rham

Maltz Performing Arts Center

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