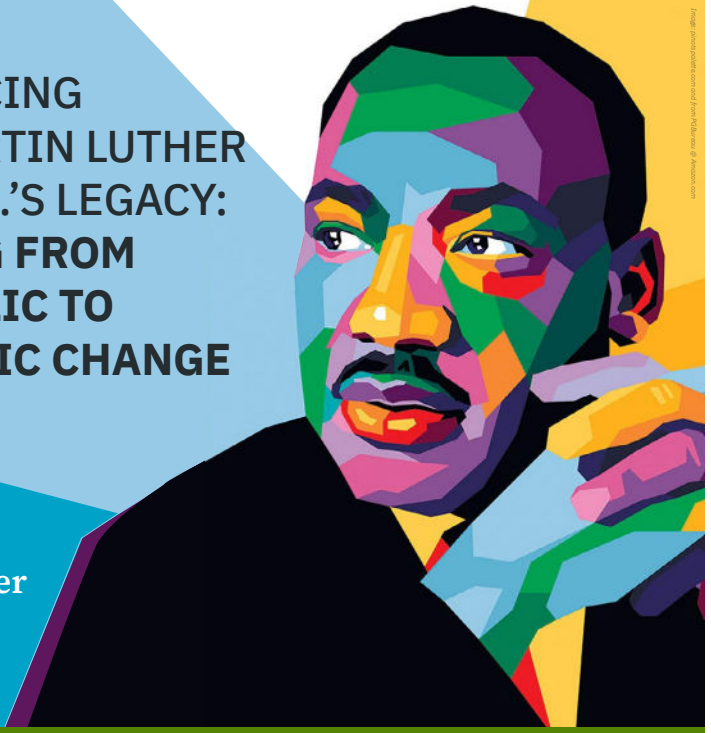


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**EMBRACING
DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.'S LEGACY:
MOVING FROM
SYMBOLIC TO
SYSTEMIC CHANGE**

**Featuring
Guest Speaker
Mia Schultz**



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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

WELCOME

LISA RYAN

Associate Dean, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

MUSICAL SELECTION

“LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING”

The Black National Anthem

(poem by James Weldon Johnson, music by J. Rosamond Johnson)

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OPENING REMARKS

RODNEY A. SMOLLA

President, Vermont Law and Graduate School

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

MIA SCHULTZ

Commissioner, Vermont Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and
President, Rutland Area NAACP

PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION

SERENA NELSON JD'24

President, Black Law Students Association (BLSA)

MUSICAL SELECTION

“WE SHALL OVERCOME”

(hymn by Charles Albert Tindley)

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GUEST SPEAKER
MIA SCHULTZ



Mia Schultz (she/her)—a mixed-race Black woman and commissioner for the Vermont State Truth and Reconciliation Commission—is a devoted advocate for truth, healing, and reconciliation in Vermont’s diverse communities. Originally from Arizona, Mia’s transformative journey led her to Bennington, Vermont, in 2016. Recognized as a human rights champion by both the American Civil Liberties Union and National Education Association, Mia currently serves as president of the Rutland Area NAACP. She also made history as the first Black woman to assume the role of chair for the Bennington Democratic Party. Her leadership extends to engaging in community organizing, empowering individuals from diverse backgrounds, and addressing systemic issues for positive change.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

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