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Kathy and Romesh Wadhvani Public Lecture
King's Journey to Gandhian Nonviolence
by
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July 18 (Saturday), 2009,

Lecture 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. • Reception 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Cal Poly Pomona Bronco Student Center, Ursa Minor Room

After initial skepticism about pacifism, Martin Luther King Jr. undertook a long intellectual journey toward a philosophical understanding of Gandhian nonviolence. Unexpectedly thrust into a leadership role during the Montgomery bus boycott of 1955, King soon became the nation's best-known proponent of nonviolence. With the encouragement of his wife, Coretta Scott King, and the guidance of veteran Gandhians such as Bayard Rustin, Glenn Smiley, and James Lawson, King became increasingly committed to Gandhian principles. By the time of his 1959 trip to India, King had become more deeply committed to Gandhi's principles than were some of Gandhi's former colleagues in the Indian independence struggle.



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Dr. Carson has devoted his professional life to the study of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the movements King inspired. Since receiving his doctorate from UCLA in 1975, Dr. Carson has taught at Stanford University, where he is now professor of history and founding director of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute. He is also Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Professor at Morehouse College in Atlanta, where he heads

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Dr. Carson has been a visiting professor at American University in Washington, the University of California, Berkeley, and Emory University as well as a Fellow at the Center for the Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford. He has published many books and articles, and have received numerous national and international honors.

Event is free. Pre-registration required by **July 15** as space is limited.

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