

# DIVERSITY

2009-2010

## Lecture Series XV



**Eric Alva, Iraq War Veteran, LGBT Rights Activist**  
**"Ending Don't Ask, Don't Tell"**  
**October 14, 2009**

Eric Alva was the first American wounded in Iraq and the war's first Purple Heart recipient. Alva is the national spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign fight to repeal the military's discriminatory LGBT policy. He joined Congressman Martin Meehan in introducing the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, a bill designed to repeal the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.



**Prince Cedza Dlamini, Humanitarian, Social Entrepreneur**  
**"Global Forgiveness and Connectedness"**  
**November 11, 2009**

Cedza Dlamini's vision is to create a unified global order of young leaders working to collectively address world problems, such as HIV/AIDS, poverty, hunger and illiteracy. He founded the Ubuntu Institute for Young Social Entrepreneurs, to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, the United Nation's eight point strategy to eradicate poverty, hunger and disease in Africa.



**Morris Dees, Civil Rights Activist, Attorney, Author**  
**"With Justice for All"**  
**December 9, 2009**

Civil rights and diversity speaker Morris Dees is the co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit group specializing in lawsuits involving civil rights violations, domestic terrorism, and hate-motivated crimes. He focuses his attention on anti-government militias. In his brilliant expose *Gathering Storm: America's Militia Threat*, Dees explains the dangers these groups represent.



**Angela Davis, Human Rights Activist, Author**  
**"Frameworks for Social Justice"**  
**February 10, 2010**

Angela Davis is known internationally for her ongoing work to combat all forms of oppression from the Civil Rights Movement through today's injustices. Over the years, as a student, teacher, writer, scholar, activist and organizer - and even prisoner - she has become a living witness to the historical struggles of two generations of American life.




**Brigitte Cazalis-Collins, Social Justice Activist**  
**"The Front Lines of the War against Child Sex Trafficking"**  
**March 10, 2010**

Over the past twenty years, Brigitte along with her husband, Joseph Collins, have worked to bring world-wide attention to the tragic crisis of the sex trade. Each year more than one million women and children are kidnapped and sold into sex slavery. Maiti Nepal, founded by Brigitte and Joseph is a charitable organization based in Kathmandu, Nepal, formed in 1993 to combat the sex trafficking of women and children.

For more information, please call (616) 234-3390.

- Free and open to the public
- On-campus parking \$3.00
- Lectures begin at 7 p.m. at Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain NE

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