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# About the Speaker



**Cornel West** is a prominent and provocative democratic intellectual. He is Professor of the Practice of Public Philosophy at Harvard University and holds the title of Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. He has also taught at Union Theological Seminary, Yale, Harvard, and the University of Paris. Cornel West graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard in three years and obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy at Princeton. He has written 20 books and has edited 13. Though he is best known for his classic *Race Matters* — which celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a new release — he has also written *Democracy Matters* and his memoir, *Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud*, as well as the critically acclaimed *Black Prophetic Fire*. Dr. West is a frequent guest on Real Time with Bill Maher, Colbert Report, CNN, C-Span and Democracy Now.

He made his film debut in *The Matrix* — and was the commentator (with Ken Wilbur) on the official trilogy released in 2004. He also has appeared in over 25 documentaries and films including *Examined Life*, *Call & Response*, *Sidewalk and Stand*.

Last, he has made three spoken word albums including *Never Forget*, collaborating with Prince, Jill Scott, Andre 3000, Talib Kweli, KRS-One and the late Gerald Levert. His spoken word interludes were featured on Terence Blanchard's *Choices* (which won the Grand Prix in France for the best Jazz Album of the year of 2009), *The Cornel West Theory's Second Rome*, Raheem DeV Vaughn's Grammy-nominated *Love & War: Masterpeace*, and most recently on Bootsy Collins' *The Funk Capital of the World*. In short, Cornel West has a passion to communicate to a vast variety of publics in order to keep alive the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. — a legacy of telling the truth and bearing witness to love and justice.

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## Program

### **Master of Ceremonies**

Dr. Mrinal Varma, Provost, Auburn University at Montgomery

### **Welcome to the 2018 Durr Lecture**

Dr. Carl A. Stockton, Chancellor, Auburn University at Montgomery

### **Welcome from the Durr Family and Introduction of Speaker**

Mr. Stephen Black

### **Key note**

Dr. Cornel West, Professor of the Practice of Public Philosophy,  
Harvard University Divinity School, Harvard University

## Lecture

April 14, 2018

Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist  
Church

Montgomery, Alabama

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