Dr. Gibson will discuss civil rights visionary and legend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an ordinary man with extraordinary talent. Using video snippets and documentation, she will address questions, myths, and the relevance of King’s message today while performing a comparative analysis with current social and political events.

Dr. Casarae Gibson, a Purdue Alumnus and an Assistant Professor of African American Studies at Syracuse University. Her research examines recent conversations surrounding civil unrest in the United States and how literature and artistic expression found in the works of Henry Dumas, John Edgar Wideman, Anna Deavere Smith, and Spike Lee plays an undeniable role in shaping our national consciousness about protest and resistance.

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