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Power of One Week 2016  
Montana State University Billings  
Challenging the Gender Binary

Please help us to celebrate the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Power of One Week, on January 18-26, 2016. The Power of One Week has been a tradition on our campus for many years. It is a week dedicated to increasing awareness of diversity, social justice, and inclusivity. This year MSUB will once again be the host of many events and activities. This year's theme is "Challenging the Gender Binary" and will focus on gender, sexuality, & the LGBT+ community.

## **Bell Ringing Ceremony**

*Monday, January 18 at 9:50am at Peaks to Plains Park*

Montana State University Billings has been commemorating Dr. King's life for over 20 years with a Bell Ringing Ceremony. The ringing of the bell symbolizes the quest for peace, along with justice, human rights, and social and economic progress for all people. Our keynote speaker will be Rob Kirby who is the Director of Campus Ministries at Montana State University Billings. Please join us at Peaks to Plains Park for the ringing of the bell followed by a ceremony & reception in the Student Union Building Atrium.

## **Wade Davis Keynote Lecture: Masculinity and Intentional Diversity & Inclusion**

*Wednesday, January 20 at 7pm in Petro Theater*

Wade Davis is a thought leader, advocate, writer, public speaker and educator on gender, race and orientation equality. Davis played for the Tennessee Titans, the Washington Redskins and the Seattle Seahawks, as well as for two different teams within the NFL Europe league. In 2014, Davis began consulting for the NFL to ensure that LGBT athletes have a safe and affirming space. In his role as Executive Director of the You Can Play Project, an organization dedicated to ending discrimination, sexism and homophobia in sports, Davis works to develop curriculum, programming, training and conversations that are focused on inclusion and diversity. The You Can Play Project has partnerships and/or relationships with organizations and leagues including the NFL, NHL, MLB, MLS, WWE and the Canadian Olympic Committee. Wade will be speaking on Masculinity and Intentional Diversity & Inclusion.

## **Lunch & Learn: What is Gender & Sexuality?**

*Friday, January 22 at 12:30pm in Banquet A&B*

Gender and sexuality are often confused and used interchangeably when, in fact, they are two distinct words. In this workshop, led by Dr. Joy Honea & Shawn Reagor, discover the difference between gender and sexuality, how to support those that are struggling with their identity, as well as the resources available both on campus and within the community.

## **Trans 101 Workshop with J. Mase III**

*Monday January 25 at 1:30pm in SUB Beartooth-Staff & Faculty ONLY*

*Tuesday January 26 at 9:30am in SUB Beartooth -Students ONLY*

It can often be challenging to understand the issues and oppression faced by the transgender community.

Slam poet, J. Mase III, will offer the opportunity for students, faculty, & staff to have a safe space to learn and ask questions about the LGBT+ community.

## **Slam Poet Performance by J. Mase III**

*Monday January 25 at 7pm at the Nova Center for Performing Arts*

J Mase III is a Black/Trans/Queer/Rowdy-as-Hell Poet with a capital [P] currently based in Brooklyn. As a performer and teaching poet J Mase III has rocked venues all across the US to the UK, from colleges and radio stations to group homes and youth centers. An organ donor, J Mase is the author of *If I Should Die Under the Knife, Tell My Kidney I Was the Fiercest Poet Around* and creator of the annual performance event *Cupid Ain't @#\$%!*: An Anti-Valentine's Day Poetry Movement. A bit of a public intellectual (not in the snotty way, though) J Mase can also be found contributing to publications such as the Huffington Post as a repeat blogger, the Vanderbilt African American Lectionary Online to talk about LGBTQ teens in the church and the anthology *Nina Arsenault: An Unreasonable Body of Work*, to share insight about gender and genitalia.

## **Tunnel of Oppression**

*Tuesday, January 26 at 7pm in Petro Hall Lobby*

Tunnel of Oppression strives to give people a way to experience oppression in a hands-on way. By engaging emotions of the participants, it allows for the accounts expressed in the program to be truly effective. Meet in the Petro Hall Lobby to meet the guide that will lead you through the event.

## **Solidarity Framework Workshop with J. Mase III**

*Tuesday January 26 at 1:30pm in SUB Beartooth*

Join Slam Poet J. Mase III as he provides a specific framework on how to engage in solidarity work and be an ally for the LGBT+ community. He will teach you how to beyond allyship and think intersectionally about social justice. This workshop is an advanced workshop that will be great for staff and student development.