Save the Date:
IUPUI Symposium on Civil Discourse:
April 4, 1968

Monday, April 4, 2016, 1:00 to 4:15 p.m.
Campus Center, CE 450

Keynote Address:
James Still, Playwright, April 4, 1968: Before We Forgot How to Dream
1:00 to 2:45 p.m.

James Still is Playwright-in-Residence at the Indiana Repertory Theater. His play, April 4, 1968: Before We Forgot How to Dream, which premiered at the IRT last fall, is an intimate look at an Indiana family’s collision with history when Bobby Kennedy delivered his powerful speech in Indianapolis on the night of Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination. Inspired by true stories of those who were there, Mr. Still will share what he learned from interviewing them and researching this historical event during a turbulent time and how these experiences influenced the play. He will also explore what we can learn from April 4, 1968 as we experience and respond to significant political, social and cultural change today. A brief presentation to provide historical context to April 4, 1968 will precede the keynote.

About the play: https://www.irtlive.com/plays-and-events/2015-2016-season/april-4-1968
(Note: Play was presented at IRT in October/November 2015)


Other Events:
Concurrent Sessions: Models for Civil Discourse
3:00 to 4:15 p.m.
Campus Center (various rooms)

Making the Dream a Reality: April 4th Annual Festival
Starts at 5:00 p.m.
Landmark for Peace Memorial, 17th Street and Central Avenue

Participants are invited to stay after the keynote to participate in concurrent sessions which will provide additional context to April 4, 1968 as well as models for civil discourse for students and others to consider as they raise awareness of and respond to situations and events on campus or across the nation and world. Individuals are also encouraged to attend in the evening the Making the Dream a Reality: April 4th Annual Festival at the memorial site of Kennedy’s speech.

Information about the Festival: http://www.kennedykingindy.org/about/

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