



Noted U.S. Civil Rights Activist to talk on Influence of Gandhi on the U.S. Civil Rights Movement



Noted American author Dr. Clayborne Carson will visit Chennai and Madurai for lectures organized by the U.S. Consulate General's Public Affairs Section.

Dr. Carson is the Professor of History, Stanford University and Director of Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute, Stanford, U.S. He has devoted his professional life to the study of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the movements King inspired. Dr. Carson participated in civil rights and antiwar protests, and many of his subsequent writings reflect his experiences by stressing the importance of grassroots political activity within the African-American freedom struggle. His first book, *In Struggle: SNCC and the Black Awakening of the 1960s*, remains the definitive history of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the most dynamic and innovative civil rights organization. Published in 1981, *In Struggle* won the Organization of American Historians' Frederick Jackson Turner Award. His other publications include *Malcolm X: The FBI File* (1991). He is co-author of *African American Lives: The Struggle for Freedom* (2005), a comprehensive survey of African-American history. Dr. Carson also served as senior advisor for a fourteen-part, award-winning, public television series on the civil rights movement entitled "Eyes on the Prize" and co-edited the *Eyes on the Prize Civil Rights Reader* (1991).

Under Dr. Carson's direction, the King Papers Project, a component of the King Center, Atlanta, has produced six volumes of *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr.* -- a projected fourteen-volume comprehensive edition of King's speeches, sermons, correspondence, publications, and unpublished writings. In addition to these volumes, he has written or co-edited numerous other works based on the papers.

Dr. Carson wrote "Passages of Martin Luther King," a play that was initially produced by Stanford's Drama Department in 1993. Dr. Carson also collaborated with the Roma Design Group of San Francisco to create the winning proposal in an international competition to design the national King memorial now being built in Washington, D. C. Additional information on Dr. Carson is available at <http://www.stanford.edu/~ccarson/>

Dr. Carson will lecture on "**Influence of Gandhi on the U.S. Civil Rights Movement**" at the following institutions and interact with public in Chennai and Madurai:

CHENNAI

Monday, September 15, 2008

- 3.00 p.m. **Lawrence Sundaram Auditorium, Loyola College, Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 034**
Event co-sponsored by the Department of History, and Loyola Institute of Industrial and Social Science Research, Loyola College, Chennai
- 6.15 p.m. **Potti Sriramulu Memorial Building, 215 Royapettah High Road, Luz, Chennai 600 004**
Event co-sponsored by the Centre for Contemporary Studies, Chennai

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

- 11.30 a.m. **The Department of Politics and Public Administration, Univ. of Madras, Chepauk, Chennai 600 005**
Event co-sponsored by the Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Madras, Chennai

MADURAI

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

- 12.00 noon **The Department of Modern History, Madurai Kamaraj University, Palkalainagar, Madurai 625 021**
Event co-sponsored by the School of Historical Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University
- 5.00 p.m. **Library Hall, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Tamukkam, Madurai 625 020.**
Event co-sponsored by the Gandhi Memorial Museum

All are Welcome