

# “Voting Rights: A Civil Rights Challenge Yesterday and Today”

a talk by Pulitzer Prize-winning author

## TAYLOR BRANCH

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Winner of the 1999 National Humanities Medal, and recipient of both a Guggenheim and a MacArthur Fellowship, Taylor Branch is an American author and historian best known for his groundbreaking history of the civil rights era, *America in the King Years*. The first volume in the three volume series, *Parting the Waters: America in the King Years* won the **1989 Pulitzer Prize** along with the **National Book Critics Circle Award** and several other awards. The two other volumes in the series, *Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years, 1963-65* and *At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years, 1965-68*, also received critical accolades and numerous awards and prizes. Civil rights is the topic of his latest book, *The King Years: Historic Moments in the Civil Rights Movement* (2013).

*The MLK Committee is proud to be bringing this noted historian and chronicler of the civil rights era to Lehigh to discuss the issue of voting rights, a timely topic in our national political life.*

“Change is hope that is tenaciously pursued through adversity.”

—Taylor Branch

