

2019 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration

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**Our lives begin to
end the day we
become silent about
things that matter.**

Keynote Address:

Dr. Bettina Love



What Came Before & After King: Abolitionist Teaching & Life

Dr. Bettina L. Love is an award-winning author and Associate Professor of Educational Theory & Practice at the University of Georgia. Dr. Love is one of the field's most esteemed educational researchers in the area of Hip Hop education and is the author of the book *We Want To Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom* (Beacon Press). Dr. Love's keynote address will discuss the struggles and the possibilities of committing ourselves to an abolitionist goal of educational freedom, as opposed to reform, and moving beyond what she calls the educational survival complex. Abolitionist Teaching is built on the creativity, imagination, boldness, ingenuity, and rebellious spirit and methods of abolitionists to demand and fight for an educational system where all students are thriving, not simply surviving.

Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019

12:15pm-1:15pm

Crowell Concert Hall

*This event is free and open to the public with a lunch
reception to follow in Beckham Hall*



