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Street-Smart Scholar Addresses “Real Democracy and Class Power” at Century College Jan. 20

Century College’s Martin Luther King guest lecturer this year is Dr. Michael Parenti, a street-smart scholar with a PhD from Yale University who will speak at the college on Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 11 to 12:30 p.m. in the West Campus Theatre. A small-group discussion will follow in the West Cafeteria Conference Room from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The events are free and open to the public.

Parenti’s lecture on “Real Democracy and Class Power” will analyze the King legacy and how the Obama administration is fulfilling or falling short of the dream. Says Parenti, “Here at home and throughout the world, people are fighting back against the forces of wealth, privilege and militarism – some because they have no choice, others because they would choose no other course but the one that leads to peace and justice.”

Parenti is the author of 22 books and is often invited to appear on radio and television talk shows to

discuss current issues and ideas. He lectures on college campuses and before a wide range of community audiences, peace groups, labor organizations and scholarly conferences. He has won awards from Project Censored, the Caucus for a New Political Science, the City of Santa Cruz, New Jersey Peace Action, the Social Science Research Council and the Society for Religion in Higher Education.