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Martin Luther King's "Dream Speech" - Its Sources and Legacy

Readings for the seminar, including King's "Dream Speech" and a selection of speeches by Obama:

[Barack Obama Speech.pdf](#)

[Kings Dream Speech.pdf](#)

BIO:

Eric J. Sundquist is the UCLA Foundation Professor of Literature and a member of the Department of English. He received his B.A. from the University of Kansas (1974) and his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University (1978). Professor Sundquist is the author or editor of eight books in the area of American literature and culture, including *Strangers in the Land: Blacks, Jews, Post-Holocaust America* (2005) and *To Wake the Nations: Race in the Making of American Literature* (1993), which received the James Russell Lowell Prize from the Modern Language Association for best book published during the year, the Christian Gauss Award from Phi Beta Kappa for the best book in the humanities, and the Choice Outstanding Academic Book Award. His other works include *Home as Found: Authority and Genealogy in Nineteenth-Century American Literature* (1978), *Faulkner: The House Divided* (1983), *The Hammers of Creation: Folk Culture in Modern African-American Fiction* (1992), the co-authored Volume 2 of the *Cambridge History of American Literature* (1995), and essay collections or anthologies on American Realism, Frederick Douglass, Mark Twain, W. E. B. Du Bois, and Ralph Ellison.

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