

**Poverty Scholars Program Strategic Dialogue #2**  
Re-Igniting the Poor People's Campaign:  
Finishing the Unfinished Business of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King  
**November 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**What is a Poverty Scholar?**  
**What does a Poverty Scholar need to be today?**  
**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 10:30AM – 1PM**

**1) Discussion of Martin Luther King Jr.'s final speech "I See The Promise Land"**

Listen to audio-recording of the speech and then break into small groups. Each group will discuss one selection from the speech.

Discussion question: In light of the passage your group is discussing from this speech, What can we take from this speech that applies to our work today and that applies to what a Poverty Scholar needs to be today?

**2) Videos of Sanitation Workers Struggles Today**

Philadelphia Student Union "Teacher Quality/Equity" (2:52)

Domestic Workers United "Work and Respect" (Excerpt 4:00)  
(<http://www.domesticworkersunited.org/media.php?show=18>)

United Taxi Workers Alliance – Prelabor Day Rally (5:57)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9T5LLpx4mo>

Direct Action Welfare Group (Slideshow)

United Workers "Historic Victory for Human Rights" (2:12)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csYab5zJB-U>

Michigan Welfare Rights Organization "The Waterfront" (Excerpt 6:00)

Priority Areas: Church of Scotland "Big Hearted Communities" (1:56)

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**3) Discussion of videos in whole group**

What work is going on behind the actions that we watched in all of these videos (study, research, use of media, role of leadership development, role of human rights framework, etc)?

What do these videos suggest that the roles of individual leaders (poverty scholars) are in this movement?

How do each of the struggles relate to a broader movement to reignite the Poor People's Campaign?

**4) What is a Poverty Scholar?**

Presentation on strategic concepts on What is a Poverty Scholar? What does a Poverty Scholar need to be today?

- Need for Intellectual Rigor/ Engaged Scholarship – Exploring questions including: Who are the poor today? In context of new forms of struggles and new form of poverty, why do we need education and what kind of education? How can our leadership development and strategic understanding be comparable to those we are up against? What is engaged scholarship?

Questions  
1:1 Discussion  
Group Discussion

- Two types of Leadership for a Social Movement: Exploring issues including: The Strategic Importance of the Leaders from the Ranks of the Poor and the Leadership of the Poor as a Social Group.

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Group Discussion on Defining Poverty Scholars in the upcoming Strategic Dialogues and Leadership School