

Soledad O'Brien Talk Postponed

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Tuesday's Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration lecture at Appalachian State University with Soledad O'Brien is being postponed until later this semester because of weather-related safety concerns for travel Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Award-winning journalist, documentarian, news anchor and producer Soledad O'Brien will speak at the 30th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration. The new date will be announced as soon as it is available.

O'Brien's talk, "Diversity: On TV, Behind the Scenes and In Our lives," will take place in the Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts on Rivers Street. Her talk is cosponsored by the University Forum Committee, the Division of Academic Affairs and the Office of Multicultural Student Development. For more information, call 828-262-6158 or visit <http://multicultural.apps.tate.edu>

O'Brien, the former anchor of CNN's "Starting Point," created the documentary series "Black in America" and "Latino in America," which are among the network's most successful domestic and international franchises.

In June 2013, she launched Starfish Media Group, a multiplatform media production and distribution company dedicated to uncovering and producing empowering stories that take a

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challenging look at the often divisive issues of race, class, wealth, poverty and opportunity, through personal stories.

Starfish Media Group continues to produce “Black in America” and “Latino in America” and other programming for CNN, as well as ABC. Also, in June 2013, O'Brien joined Al Jazeera America and HBO's “Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel” as a correspondent.

O'Brien has reported on breaking news from around the globe. In 2011 she won an Emmy for “Crisis in Haiti Report” on Haitian orphanages, following the massive earthquake. In 2013, she won Emmys for her coverage of the 2012 Presidential Election and her work on “Kids on Race: The Hidden Picture.” Her coverage of Hurricane Katrina earned her and CNN a George Foster Peabody award. She also received another Peabody award for her coverage of the BP Gulf coast Oil Spill. Her reporting on the Southeast Asia tsunami garnered CNN an Alfred I. DuPont award.

In 2013 “Latino in America 2,” the story of a Latina boxer who dreams of Olympic glory, won the celebrated Cine Award for documentaries. Her documentary “Gay in America: Gary and Tony Have a Baby,” and “Unwelcome, the Muslims Next Door” also won several journalism awards.