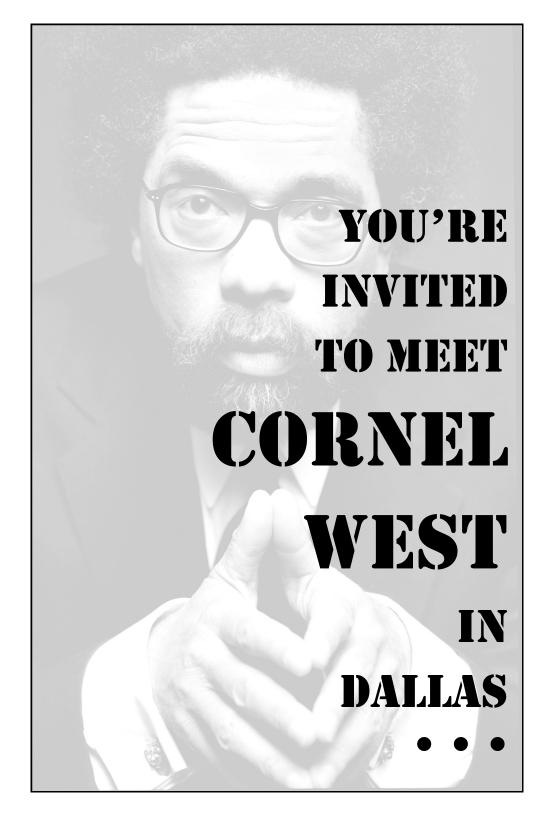
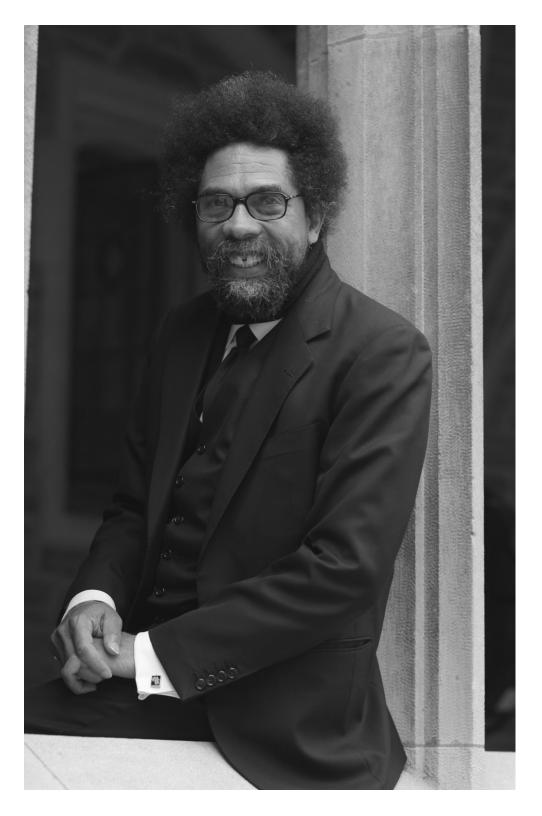
Cornel West is a prominent and provocative democratic intellectual. He is a Professor of Philosophy and Christian Practice at Union Theological Seminary and Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. He has also taught at Yale, Harvard, and the University of Paris. Cornel West graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard in three years and obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy at Princeton. He has written 20 books and has edited 13. He is best known for his classics Race Matters and Democracy Matters, and his memoir, Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud. He appears frequently on the Bill Maher Show, Colbert Report, CNN and C-Span as well as on his dear Brother, Tavis Smiley's PBS TV Show. He is also co-host of the popular radio show Smiley & West heard on PRI around the country. The co-hosts have recently co-authored the book titled The Rich and the Rest of Us: A Poverty Manifesto. The new book is a gamechanging text on economic injustice in America.

He made his film debut in the *Matrix* – and was the commentator (with Ken Wilbur) on the official trilogy released in 2004. He also has appeared in over 25 documentaries and films including *Examined Life, Call & Response, Sidewalk* and *Stand*.

Last, he has made three spoken word albums including *Never Forget*, collaborating with Prince, Jill Scott, Andre 3000, Talib Kweli, KRS-One and the late Gerald Levert. His spoken word interludes were featured on Terence Blanchard's *Choices* (which won the Grand Prix in France for the best Jazz Album of the year of 2009), *The Cornel West Theory's Second Rome*, and Raheem DeVaughn's Grammy-nominated *Love & War: Masterpeace*. In short, Cornel West has a passion to communicate to a vast variety of publics in order to keep alive the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. – a legacy of telling the truth and bearing witness to love and justice.

Mothers Against Police Brutality (MAPB) was founded by Collette Flanagan in 2013 after her son, an unarmed young man in custody, was shot to death by a Dallas police officer. Collette transformed her grief into determination, starting MAPB to change the city's deadly force policy, to support families who have lost loved ones to police violence, and to help restore trust between the police and the communities they are sworn to serve and protect.





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