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On April 2, 2010, EJIs Bryan Stevenson discussed the status of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of economic justice on PBS's Bill Moyers Journal. [Watch it here.](#)

Also this week, PBS will broadcast the critically-acclaimed film, [The Dhamma Brothers](#). [EJI supported the Dhamma Brothers project and film.](#)

Joined by Ohio State law professor Michelle Alexander, Mr. Stevenson examined the ongoing harms to individuals, families, and communities created by racial inequality, mass incarceration, and poverty. In America, the opposite of poverty is not wealth, Stevenson said. The opposite of poverty is justice. I think there are structures and systems that have created poverty, and have made that poverty so permanent, that until we think in a more just way about how to deal with poverty in this country, we were never going to make the progress that Dr. King envisioned.

The Dhamma Brothers, which airs on PBS this week, documents the stories of inmates at the maximum-security Donaldson Correctional Facility in Bessemer, Alabama, as they enter into an intensive 10-day Vipassana meditation retreat.

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