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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Neighborhood native, former state representative and retired pastor Michael Haynes will discuss his experiences working at a Roxbury church alongside Martin Luther King Jr. as part of a speaker series the week the country celebrates the King's birth.

Haynes and King both joined the [Twelfth Baptist Church's](#) ministerial staff in fall 1951 and became friends.

Haynes, who went on to become a political insider and work closely with at-risk youths, led the church from 1964 until retiring and becoming a pastor emeritus in fall 2004. The 83-year-old Roxbury native is expected to discuss his ministry and his experiences as a colleague of King.

Hayne's talk will be held at Haley House Bakery Café at 7 p.m. on Jan. 19 – four days after the date King would have turned 82 and two days after the national holiday celebrating his birth. The event will be co-sponsored by the café and fellow nonprofit Discover Roxbury.

The speech is free with dinner available to purchase starting at 5 p.m. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. The talk is an installment in a series of Roxbury-related history talks, including [one last month](#) on the history of the Somali community in Boston.

For more information, visit www.haleyhouse.org and www.discoverroxbury.org.

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