2014 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration

**Title:** “Little Rock Central High: 50 Years Later”  
**Date:** January 13, 2014  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** MSU Main Library Building, Room W449  
**Description:** This documentary film interviews participants of the “Little Rock Nine,” a group of African-American students who fought for their right to education in Arkansas in 1957. A group of angry whites prevented them from entering the high school, even though desegregation in schools was ruled unconstitutional three years earlier. This documentary also traces how much has changed since the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court case, Brown v. Board of Education, and how much inequality remains in the United States education system today. Sponsored by the MSU Libraries and a part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration.  
**Speaker:** Valencia Moses, PhD, College of Education  
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**Title:** Jazz Musicology Workshop  
**Date:** January 18, 2014  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Hart Recital Hall, Music Building  
**Facilitator:** Marcie Hutchinson, Arizona State University  
**Collaborator:** College of Music and co-sponsored by James Madison College  
**Contact:** College of Music

**Title:** 10th Anniversary of the MLK Student Leadership Conference  
**Theme:** “Embracing History, Overcoming Struggle, Demanding Justice”  
**Date:** January 18, 2014  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** MSU Student Union Building  
**Description:** Leadership is a highly complex form of human behavior that requires the integration of character, knowledge and experience. Because the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural
Initiatives aims to contribute to the development of future leaders, we bring educators and students from different cultural backgrounds together to share their experiences and insights. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Leadership Conference is a critical part of the Office for Inclusion’s mission to develop leaders for tomorrow’s global challenges.

The purpose of the conference is to develop the leadership potential of current and prospective MSU students.

The conference goals are:

1. To inspire individuals to seek and accept leadership responsibilities as part of their contribution to society.
2. To increase awareness of current and emerging leadership challenges.
3. To develop a network of students to support future collaboration among these emerging leaders.

During this conference students will develop their leadership abilities through opportunities to be speakers and to see and hear other inspirational student leaders in small-group sessions. They also will learn from the opportunity to be a part of workshop discussions and to meet and exchange ideas with a culturally diverse group of college and high school students. The conference will provide developmental experiences. Students will be better prepared to take on leadership roles and learn from their experiences as leaders and followers when they return to their classrooms and communities following the conference. Eventually they will be better prepared to assume leadership responsibilities domestically and internationally. The conference is sponsored by the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives and is a part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration.

Registration: Register here!
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Title: Showtyme @ MSU featuring Mary Lambert
Date: January 18, 2014
Time: 8:00 p.m. -- The house will open at 7:15pm
Location: Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center for Performing Arts
Description: This year, featuring Grammy Nominee, Mary Lambert, this is a family-friendly and educational event where students perform their many talents in front of a panel of judges and enthusiastic audience. This event is free and has been designed to be an evening of entertainment and fun. This event is sponsored by the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives and is a part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration.
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College of Music pays tribute to MLK with concerts, and presents the full recording of ‘I Have A Dream’ speech

MSU College of Music will take part in the campus-wide celebration commemorating the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a free concert and the audio recording of Dr. King’s famous “I Have A Dream” speech.

Two performances of the concert, “Jazz: Spirituals, Prayer and Protest,” will be held at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 19 at Wharton Center’s Pasant Theatre. Then, on Monday, Jan. 20, the College of Music will host “Listen: MLK Speaks,” a continuous loop audio of Dr. King’s full “I Have A Dream” speech that will play approximately every 20 minutes between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Cook Recital Hall of the Music Building at 333 West Circle Drive.

Title: Jazz: Spirituals, Prayer & Protest
Date: January 19, 2014
Time: 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Location: Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center for Performing Arts
Description: Concerts featuring the performance of famous historical American Gospel and Jazz singers: Mahalia Jackson, Dinah Washington, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, and Billie Holiday. Music performed by the MSU Jazz Orchestras I, II and III.
Collaborator: College of Music and Jazz Studies Program
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Title: “I Have A Dream”
Date: January 20, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Location: Cook Recital Hall, Music Building
Description: A continuous loop audio of Dr. King’s full “I Have a Dream” speech (~ 20 minutes)
Collaborator: College of Music
Contact: Kathleen Adams, (517) 353-9958; adamsk10@msu.edu

Title: What’s Your 110?
Date: January 20, 2014
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Location: MSU Union, Ballroom / Lake Huron Room
Description: Make a difference! Do good! Contribute to healthy communities! As part of University-wide Initiative Project 60/50, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration, the Center for Service Learning & Civic Engagement (CSLCE), Into the Streets student organization, the MSU Libraries and Clerical-Technical Union of MSU be sponsoring a community partners fair. The fair will feature dozens of local and statewide nonprofit and community organizations looking for volunteers. As part of the event, the MSU Libraries will be showing a film “The Intolerable Burden”; a documentary that
follows an African-American sharecropper family in Mississippi as they enroll their children in the public school system in 1965. Jeffrey C. Wray will be presenting in the Lake Huron Room at 11:30 a.m. with the movie to follow at 12:00 p.m. There will also be several opportunities to do fun and helpful on-site service projects in honor of MLK Jr. Food vouchers and T-shirts will be given to those that commit to 110 hours of service during the next year.

Contact: Kristopher Keyton, (517) 353-4400; keytonkr@vps.msu.edu

Title: **29th Annual Greater Lansing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission Luncheon**

Date: January 20, 2014  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Location: Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933  
Description: Please join the Commission in the largest celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. within the state of Michigan. This year’s keynote speaker is Michigan State University Graduate, Philanthropist, Civil Rights Icon, and Member of the Little Rock Nine, Ernest Green. Additionally, our musical guest is world-renown Gospel Artist J. Moss.  
Tickets: Single tickets are $35; a table is $280. Sponsorships are still available.  
Contact: For more information, please email MLKHolidayCommission@lansingmi.gov.

Title: **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: A Person Nurtured by His Community**

Date: January 20, 2014  
Time: 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Erickson Kiva, Erickson Hall, 620 Farm Lane, East Lansing  
Description: This event is FREE to community members, staff, & students. What family, cultural, social, community, political, and historical influences inform the people we become? Come prepared to learn about how the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. can be examined through a “Person in Environment” lens. Special focus will be paid to how social institutions shape us as we celebrate the legacy of Dr. King’s work.  
Sponsors: The School of Social Work Diversity Committee, Lansing area Black Social Workers, the College of Social Science, students for Multi-Ethnic Community Action, MSU School of Social Work Continuing Education Department.  
Special guest Speaker: Dr. Margaret S.E. Counts-Spriggs, Chair of the Baccalaureate Social Work Program, Clark Atlanta University.  
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“The Intolerable Burden”

Date: January 20, 2014
Time: 11:30 a.m. introductory presentation by Professor Jeff Wray; Film showing at 12:00 p.m.
Location: MSU Union, Ballroom / Lake Huron Room
Description: In partnership with the MSU Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement, the MSU Libraries will screen an award-winning film, The Intolerable Burden. This documentary explores the challenges experienced by an African-American sharecropper family in Mississippi as they enroll their children in the public school system in 1965. Dr. Jeffrey C. Wray, Associate Professor of English and Film Studies, will give an introductory talk prior to the film screening.

This film event is part of the MSU Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement’s “What’s Your 110?” service fair, which will host dozens of local and statewide nonprofit and community organizations looking for volunteers. Please join us for an engaging talk and film, and for an opportunity to explore rewarding service opportunities!

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Lyman Briggs College Diversity Workshop

Date: January 20, 2014
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: C-106 Holmes Hall, 919 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48825
Description: Lyman Briggs will be hosting a workshop for students and faculty on diversity and inclusivity issues at Michigan State. Faculty-student pairs will very briefly introduce several issues (such as the use of race in university admissions, and how MSU includes/excludes international students) and then lead small groups of interested attendees in conversations about those issues, focusing on how MSU can better promote a diverse and inclusive environment. This is a Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration event.

Sponsors: Lyman Briggs College Inclusivity Committee; Briggs Multicultural Alliance; LBC Student Advisory Council; History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science Student Association
Contact: Dr. Sean Valles, (517) 884-0592; valles@msu.edu

MLK Commemorative March

Date: January 20, 2014
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: First Floor Lobby, MSU Student Union Building
Description: The Zeta Delta Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is the official MLK Commemorative March Captains. For over 30 years, thousands of MSU students, administrators and staff have come together to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King and other Civil Rights activists. This year, for the first time, residents of the City of Lansing will join us in this symbolic event in honor of Dr. King and the significance that marches have played and continue to play around the world as individuals come together to stand up for their civil and human rights. This is an opportunity for everyone to engage.
Bring your organization banners to join others as we gather at the Union Building. A brief program led by members of the Alpha Fraternity will precede the march. This event is sponsored by the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives and a part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration.

Contact: Ignacio Andrade, (517) 353-3922; Andrade@msu.edu

**Title:**

**The Impact of Conscious and Unconscious Bias in Health Care Delivery: Improving Health Outcomes for the Underserved**

**Date:**

January 20, 2014

**Time:**

3:30 p.m.

**Location:**

Radiology Auditorium (Broadcast Secchia Center)—R.S.V.P. for either locations by January 17, 2014 at noon to Beth Dow at Bethany.Dow@hc.msu.edu

**Description:**

“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.” (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Committee for Human Rights, 1966.)

The College of Human Medicine will be hosting their Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day Program on Monday, January 20, 2014. Our theme for this year is “The Impact of Conscious and Unconscious Bias in Health Care Delivery: Improving Health Outcomes for the Underserved”. Dr. King was a strong voice for the fact that “access to health care” was of fundamental importance as a civil right in our country. Dr. King knew during his life that lack of access of care was one of most cruel forms of discrimination and lack of parity. The work that the three of you are doing collectively to address the impact of Conscious and Unconscious Bias in Health Care Delivery in an effort to deliver culturally competent health is critical to improve the delivery of care to diverse patients and to the education of future and current physicians.

Guest speakers for the CHM Dr. Martin Luther King Day events will be: David Newhouse, MD, MPH, MSU ’74 from the Kaiser Permanente & Institute for Culturally Competent Care; Tawara D. Goode, MA, Georgetown University, National Center for Cultural Competence; Sheryl McCalla, JD, American College of Rheumatology, The Lupus Initiative; Kimberly Papillon, Esq., Papillon Institute & Think Tank for the National Center for Cultural Competence.

**Sponsor:**

College of Human Medicine

**Contact:**

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**Title:**

Ruby Bridges, Brown v. Board of Education and Civil Rights History in Lansing

**Date:**

January 20, 2014

**Time:**

4:00 p.m.

**Location:**

MSU Museum and various sites in Greater Lansing Area
Description: Opening reception and Gallery Tour—this exhibition focuses on Brown v. Board of Education through the lens of the story of Ruby Bridges (http://www.rubybridges.com/), the child who was volunteered in 1960 by her parents to be the first black student to attend an all-white elementary school in New Orleans. Anchoring the exhibition is a quilt owned by the MSU Museum which was made by Marion Coleman, a national award-winning contemporary artist who lives in California and who specializes in pictorial quilts on African American history and culture. One of the key related activities would be a student/community mapping of sites in the Greater Lansing area that mark events or people that were important to advancing local and national Civil Rights.

This exhibition aims to build awareness of an important event in American history and an individual who played a specific role in that event; to increase awareness of the events and locales in local Civil Rights history; and to demonstrate how a signature piece of art can be used to illustrate an important event in American history. This event is sponsored by the MSU Museum and is a part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration and Project 60/50.

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Title: Ahmed “Kathy” Kathrada: A South African Activist for Non-Racialism and Democracy Exhibition

Date: January 20, 2014 – April 13, 2014
Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: Main Floor Gallery, MSU Museum

Description: This exhibition introduces visitors to South African Ahmed “Kathy” Kathrada, a champion of human rights, democracy, and non-racialism and a renowned figure in the anti-apartheid struggle.

Nelson Mandela’s prison mate, confidante, parliamentary counselor and friend, Kathy is a beloved figure in South Africa and his exemplary leadership continues to inspire South Africans and others around the world to work for freedom, non-racialism, and democracy. Through an examination of his life, the exhibition also traces the history of the South African struggle for a democratic government.

This powerful exhibition includes a series of colorful flexible free-standing panels and banners featuring photographs, images of documents, and extended quotes from Kathrada and his liberation colleagues. One of the more moving and dramatic elements of the exhibit is a replica of Kathy's jail cell, from the notorious Robben Island prison. Visitors are able to experience the tiny cell and see the few personal items Kathy was allowed for more than 20 years of imprisonment. In addition, to these elements, there is a 6 minute video with interviews with Nelson Mandela and other anti-apartheid liberation leaders and world leaders. Related educational materials and a handout customizable for each venue are also available.
Title: **Racial Profiling, A Threat to Justice: Martin Luther King, Trayvon Martin, and MSU**

**Date:** January 20, 2014  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 115 International Center  
**Description:** What is racial profiling? Who gets stopped by the police, and why? Who is affected by it? Who has the right to stop someone to check them, and what is the price society pays? The most egregious example of profiling in recent years was Trayvon Martin, and not only did he die, justice was never served, in the eyes of many. In New York a very large percentage of the youth of color have been stopped and frisked, and in the last mayoralty campaign there profiling was a major issue, resulting in the election of Bill de Blasio, an anti-profiling candidate. Here at MSU students and faculty of color have experienced profiling as well, on campus, on the streets of East Lansing, and in the Lansing area. This panel will commemorate MLK Day by addressing the issue. Panelists will address the question of racial profiling for our country and community, and will share their thoughts and personal experiences.

**Panelists:** Jeff Wray, Professor, Department of English, and Austin Jackson, Assistant Professor, Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures

**Collaborator:** Committee for Diversity, College of Arts and Letters

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Title: **Tomashi Jackson, “Love Economy,” exhibition and visiting artist**

**Date:** January 20 – February 14, 2014  
**Time:** Exhibition runs January 20 thru February 14, M-F noon-3pm; alternate times can be arranged.  
**Location:** Residential College of Arts and Humanities – LookOut! Gallery, C200 Snyder Hall  
**Description:** Multi-media artist Tomashi Jackson highlights the often-unspoken interface between the public and the private that the role of domestic workers embodies. Themes including beauty, value, visibility, environmental infrastructure, consumer behavior, and labor come together in her probing artwork. She uses drawing, painting, sculpture, sound, video, and performance, often creating interactive and layered works that explore personal and public histories of international Black experiences. Tomashi Jackson received her Masters of Science in Art, Culture, and Technology from MIT and her BFA from The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art. Meet the artist over cider and cookies: Monday, January 20, 2014, 3:30-4:30pm, RCAH LookOut! Gallery, C200 Snyder—All events are free and all are welcome!

**Contact:** baibakst@msu.edu to arrange class and other visits
Title: MLK Community Celebration Dinner
Date: January 20, 2014
Time: 4:45 p.m. (doors open); program starts at 5:30 p.m.
Location: Akers Hall Dining Room, MSU
Description: The MSU MLK, Jr. Celebratory Community Dinner is a gathering of staff, students, faculty, administrators and community members, over an incredible meal, to share in the spirit of diversity and inclusion in celebration of the legacy of Dr. King. This year marks the 11th anniversary of the annual event which is a part of the Project 60/50 initiative. In addition to “breaking bread” together, dinner guests will be welcomed by MSU Trustee members and President Lou Anna K. Simon. This year’s key note speaker is Dr. Pero Dagbovie, Professor, Graduate Director, and Associate Chair in the MSU Department of History, who will talk about “The Civil Rights Movement in Memory and Historical Scholarship.” The dinner will end with words of inspiration and appreciation by Paulette Granberry Russell, Sr. Advisor to the President for Diversity and Director of the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives followed by a musical selection. The Mardra Thomas Trio will perform songs related to many of the messages voiced by Dr. King during his work toward social justice.
Reservations: Please note: Capacity has been reached and reservations are closed. If anyone has made a reservation and find that they are unable to attend after all, please contact Venice Smith as soon as possible so that your reservation can be given to others who wish to attend. Thank you.
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