



**Yale Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend 2006
Advance Program of Events**



Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend January 12-16, 2006

Events co-sponsored and coordinated by Coalition for Diversity at Yale

The Coalition for Diversity at Yale (CDAY) is a group of faculty, staff, and students working to foster an educational and work environment that embraces and promotes diversity and equity at all levels of the institution. The CDAY mission is to support specialized education for the Yale community on issues of race, gender, culture, and lifestyle, as well as promote the recruitment and retention of diverse faculty, students, and staff. Through our collaborative activities we strive to celebrate, not simply tolerate, the differences within the body of the university as well as increase our awareness of and sensitivity to national and global diversity. For more information contact: coalition.diversity@yale.edu.

All weekend:

MLK Day Creative Writing Project and Exhibit

Letters will be exhibited in Hall of Graduate Studies

All Yale Staff, students, faculty and residents of the Greater New Haven community are invited to participate in a public written reflection on the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King. What would your one-page note or letter to Dr. King, Yale or New Haven say in response to one of the following quotations?

“There is no easy way to create a world where men and women can live together, where each has his own job and house and where all children receive as much education as their minds can absorb. It will be done by rejecting racism, materialism and violence that has characterized Western civilization and especially by working toward a world of brotherhood, cooperation and peace.” *Nonviolence: The Only road to freedom.*

“What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is

power correcting everything that stands against love?" *Where do we go from here?*

Collected writings will be posted in the Hall of Graduate Studies during the MLK Day weekend. For submissions and questions, please contact Karilyn Crockett, Magee Fellow at Dwight Hall at karilyn.crockett@yale.edu.

Strengthening Communities: Service Opportunities

Various Locations throughout MLK weekend

Sponsored by Dwight Hall and Coalition for Diversity at Yale

In honor of Dr. King, members of the Yale Community (students, faculty and staff) are encouraged to volunteer at various different community agencies throughout the weekend. Volunteer opportunities will be occurring at various different agencies, including (but not limited to): CT Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House, Peabody Museum, Eli Whitney Museum, and at public schools and other agencies as well. If you and a group of your friends (or your department) would like to volunteer this weekend, please contact Hannah Croasmun at hannah.croasmun@yale.edu

Thursday January 12, 2006

Birthday Party for MLK, Jr.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

LEPH First Floor Lounge, 60 College Street

The Yale School of Public Health Minority Advisory Committee (MAC) cordially invites you to join in celebrating the Life and Essential Writings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with annual readings and toasts by administrators, faculty, staff and students. Hors d'oeuvres, birthday cake, and other refreshments will be available. Open to the Public.

Community Health Forum: Equity in Our Time

5:00 p.m.

Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church, 1324 Chapel

CO-Sponsored by African American Legacy Council (AALC) of the Communities of Color Initiative (COC) at the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, the Connecticut Health Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Scholars Program at Yale University School of Medicine, The Yale School of Nursing, Yale School of Public Health Minority Affairs Committee and the Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church.

"Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Participants include: **Sanford Cloud, Jr.**, Esq., President of The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJO, known through most of its history as The National Conference of Christians and Jews); **Juan Figueroa**, President, Universal Healthcare Foundation of Connecticut, president and general counsel of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York City (PRLDEF); **Margaret Grey, DrPH, RN, FAAN**, Annie Goodrich Professor of Nursing and Dean at the Yale University School of Nursing, and internationally known researcher in the natural history of adaptation to chronic illness in childhood, especially children with diabetes mellitus; **Harlan M Krumholz, M.D.**, Harold J. Hines Jr. Professor of Internal Medicine (Cardiology), Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program, & Director of the Yale-New Haven Hospital Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation. Dr. Krumholz's research focuses on determining optimal clinical strategies and identifying opportunities for improvement in the prevention, treatment and outcome of cardiovascular disease; **Joyce C. Poole** is Executive Director AIDS Interfaith Network in New Haven. She is a founding member and past

president of the African American Women's Agenda, a member of the Friends Incarcerated Women of Color, a breast cancer support group for women of color and many other organizations. She was a member of the New Haven Board of Alderman for three terms; and **State Senator Toni Nathaniel Harp**, serving her seventh term in the state Senate of Connecticut. Senator Harp recently welcomed unanimous Senate passage of a bill she introduced to assist economically vulnerable senior citizens with health care payments in Connecticut. For her abiding interest, major contributions to health equity and outstanding leadership in our community, Senator Harp will be awarded the **AALC Cortlandt Van Rensselaer Creed Medal**.

Friday, January 13, 2006

Alturas Duo – A South American Musical Tribute

8:00 p.m.

Sudler Recital Hall, 100 Wall St, Corner of College and Wall

Co-Sponsored by La Casa Cultural Center and Coalition for Diversity at Yale

Hailed as playing with "...marvelous virtuosity..." by the Washington Post, the Alturas Duo is recognized as one of the most entertaining ensembles in the chamber music world today. Performing on the viola, charango, and guitar, these dynamic musicians create fiery programs that move at ease between J. S. Bach, South American folk rhythms and breathtaking new music commissioned by the duo. The Duo has performed and lectured across the United States, Canada, Bolivia and Chile to both audience and critical acclaim. They have given recitals for the Choral Arts Society of Washington D.C., The Hartt School International Guitar Festival, The Latin American Folk Institute, the Chilean Embassy in the U.S., The Museum of Bolivian Folkloric Instruments in La Paz, The Mexican Cultural Institute, and The International Guitar Festival "Entre Cuerdas" in Chile. They have held residencies at the Lyrica String Festival and have been featured performers on NPR as well as Radio Nuevo Mundo and Beethoven Radio in Chile. In honor of Dr. King's tireless work towards freedom and justice and against violence, the Duo will perform selections inspired by struggle in South America. They will explain the influence of the "La Nueva Cancion" (The New Song) on the piece, "5 Fachadas" by Javier Farias and the struggles the artists who promoted it encountered during the military dictatorship in Chile.

Saturday, January 14, 2006

MLK, Jr. Gospel Extravaganza 2006

7:00 p.m.

Battell Chapel, Corner of College and Elm Streets

Tickets: \$15 General public, \$10 w/student ID

Sponsored by the Black Church at Yale and the Coalition for Diversity at Yale

A tribute through song, dance and praise to the Revered Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this exhilarating event has garnered much attention in its three years of celebration and the GE2006 looks to be the most spectacular celebration yet!! Performers will include the Yale Gospel Choir, Jazz and Gospel Violinist Kersten Stevens, WORD, Gamma Phi Delta Christian Fraternity Inc., and members of the Greater New Haven Community, including Dee Dee's Dance Center, Kergyma Gospel Choir, the Union Baptist Church Warriors of Praise Mime Ministry, and New Vision Baptist Church of Bridgeport Praise Team! The concert will also feature a surprise nationally acclaimed gospel artist! Join us as we celebrate the life and contributions of Dr. King!

Sunday, January 15, 2006

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy of Environmental and Social Justice 2006

Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Yale Peabody Museum, 170 Whitney Avenue

Sponsored by Citizen's Bank, the Connecticut Humanities Council, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, the Yale Office of New Haven and State Affairs, and CT TRANSIT

In his tireless effort to work toward equality for, and harmony between, all people, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. strove to raise awareness about public health concerns and urban environmental issues that disproportionately affect minority and low-income communities. This January, join us for our 10th annual celebration! From world-class performances to fun and educational activities for visitors of all ages and backgrounds, the Peabody will open its doors once again in honor of Dr. King and his efforts to ensure environmental and social justice among all people. In recognition of the progress that has been achieved in these areas, and with optimism for the future, we will celebrate with two days of music, dance, children's storytelling, our annual poetry slams, and a grand finale drum circle. Complete schedule at www.peabody.yale.edu.

5th Annual Arnold J. Alderman Memorial Lecture

And, There Are Those of Us Who Straddle... Lessons from the Civil Rights Movement With Bernice Johnson Reagon

5:00 p.m.

Sprague Memorial Hall, College and Wall Streets

Sponsored by Susan and Barry Buxbaum, Laury and Edward Walker, Harold and Claudia Alderman, and Sydney and Tony Perry. Co-sponsored by the Yale School of Music

For more than 40 years Bernice Johnson Reagon has been a major cultural voice for freedom and justice as a singer, teacher and outspoken critic of racism and organized inequities of all kinds. Perhaps no individual today better illustrates the transformative power of traditional African American music, having produced a number of projects that are considered seminal to the study of this tradition. Early in 2004, Dr. Reagon retired from the acclaimed African American women's a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey in the Rock, which she founded in 1973. Dr. Reagon is currently Professor Emeritus of History at American University and Curator Emeritus at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. Her pioneering work as a scholar, teacher and artist have been recognized with the Heinz Award for the Arts and Humanities (2003), the Leeway National Award for Women in the Arts (2000), the Presidential Medal for contribution to public understanding of the humanities (1995) and a MacArthur Fellowship (1989).

Monday, January 16, 2006

MLK Jazz Brunch

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

McDougal Graduate Student Center Common Room, Hall of Graduate Studies, 320 York Street

Sponsored by the Yale Graduate School Office for Diversity & Equal Opportunity and the McDougal Graduate Student Center

This morning of beautiful jazz music and brunch will kick off a day of community service to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy of serving our communities. For further information, please contact the Office for Diversity at 432-0763 or pat.cabral@yale.edu.

Habitat for Humanity: Building on the Dream

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Rose Community Center, 101 Ashmun (corner of Locke)

Co Sponsors: Project Opportunity, the Yale College Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and Yale Law

Habitat for Humanity will celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. through a **day of service**. Volunteers are welcome to work on Habitat's sites in the new Haven community. Volunteers will gather at 9:30 a.m. for donuts, coffee and a small opening benediction. They will work on the houses for three hours, eat lunch and attend a 2pm closing ceremony centered on Dr. King's life and message. Lunch provided. Habitat also welcomes donations to help defray the cost of construction that day. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jennifer Rook, Habitat's Volunteer Coordinator, at jrook@habitatgnh.org or 203-785-0794, ext. 10.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy of Environmental and Social Justice

10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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On Heroism- A Tribute to Rosa Parks

Commemorative Lectures honoring Rosa Parks

Afro-American Cultural Center, Gallery Room 211 Park Street

3:00 p.m.

On October 24, 2005 America lost an architect of freedom, an agent of change, a citizen whose actions are hailed around the world as monumentally courageous. Indeed, the term "Hero" or "Heroine" finds few more appropriate applications than to the actions of Rosa Parks. As we mourn her death and celebrate her life, we must take this opportunity to not only celebrate Rosa Parks the individual, but Rosa Parks the legacy, and the legacy of other architects of freedom, of other heroes and heroines.

It is to this end that we hold this tribute, to celebrate Rosa Parks by asking questions regarding the role of the hero in our world: What is a hero? What characteristics do they typically embody? How do they capture the attention, and imagination, of people? In the case of Rosa Parks specifically, what made her actions heroic, and where might we stand had she not acted? Who are other heroes and heroines of our time that might have escaped notice or attention? For more information contact: Chike Brandon Ogbunugafor, Graduate Assistant, Afro-American Cultural Center (chike.brandon@yale.edu)

Realizing Race: Even the Smallest Heroes: Documentary Film Screening

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Rose Community Center, 101 Ashmun (corner of Locke)

In the spring of 1963, over 3,000 elementary, middle, and high school students congregated in Birmingham, Alabama with the purpose of being arrested, filling the Birmingham jails in an act of civil protest against segregation and racism. Their heroic acts revived the Civil Rights Movement and made a nation take notice. Come learn about the power that is within all of us, the power of resistance, and how it was used to ignite change by even the smallest heroes. Screening of the documentary, *The Children's March*, produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center, will be followed by a discussion facilitated by Realizing Race. Discussion recommended for students 14+, all are welcome.

“Until you are what you ought to be’’: Remembering King; Rekindling Hope

Masters Tea by Jan Willis, Wesleyan University

4:00 p.m.

Davenport College, 248 York Street

Jan Willis is Professor of Religion and Walter A. Crowell Professor of the Social Sciences at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. She has studied with Tibetan Buddhists in India, Nepal, Switzerland, and the United States for more than three decades, and has taught courses in Buddhism for over twenty-five years. One of the earliest American scholar-practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism, Professor Willis has published numerous essays and articles on Buddhist meditation, hagiography, women and Buddhism, and Buddhism and race. Her latest published project was the memoir, *Dreaming Me: an African American Woman’s Spiritual Journey*. In December of 2000, *Time Magazine* named Willis one of six “spiritual innovators for the new millennium.” Dr. Willis will talk about King's legacy of non-violent engagement combined with a reading (from *Dreaming Me*) about marching with King in 1963.

Strengthening Communities: Closing Reflection

Dwight Hall Common Room (Old Campus, 67 High Street)

For all the volunteers who will be participating in our MLK Service Opportunities throughout the weekend, we are providing a time of reflection upon the work that has happened over the MLK weekend and on Dr. King's Legacy. Refreshments will be served at this event.