

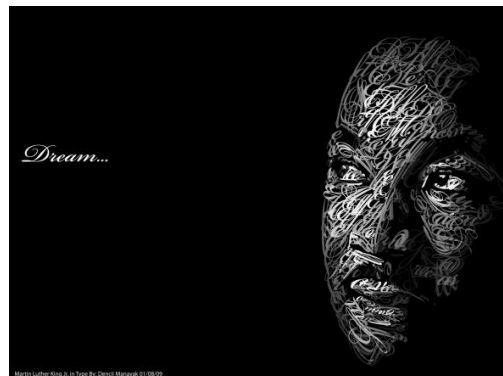
24th Annual Celebration of URI Martin Luther King, Jr. Week

Monday, January 30-Saturday, February 4, 2012

Theme: "Creating the Beloved Community On Campus and Beyond"

The objectives of Dr. Martin Luther King Week are (a) to remember the life and legacy of Dr. King; (b) to celebrate and commemorate the contributions of the global civil and human rights movements to contemporary concepts of democracy and citizenship; and c) to act with an understanding of the relevance and importance of nonviolence, community service learning, and civic engagement for today's society.

For more information go to www.uri.edu/mcc. Faculty members are requested to involve their classes by integrating these enriching events into their courses and assignments. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. To register for any of these events, please email Dr. Mailee Kue at maileekue@uri.edu



2012 Final Schedule of Events

Monday, January 30, 2012

A Taste of Meditation

Co-sponsored by the Multicultural Center, the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, and the Office of the Chaplains.

12:00 PM- 1:00 PM, Multicultural Center, Hardge Forum (101)

Facilitated by Thupten Tendhar, *Buddhist Monk, Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, and Instructor, HPR 307-Tibetan Buddhism: Journey to Nirvana*. Explore fundamental Buddhist practices and meditation techniques for achieving states of well-being! Allow Buddhist wisdom traditions to offer you pathways to peace in a conflicted world! Bring your lunch and join us for the hour of meditation. Light refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Unity Luncheon with keynote address by Kazu Haga, Program Coordinator, Peace Development Fund, Oakland, CA

Co-sponsored by the Multicultural Center, the Office of the Chaplains, and the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies

12:15 PM-1:30 PM, Multicultural Center, Hardge Forum (101)

The Unity Luncheon is a communal sharing of food, song, and reflection in celebration of the legacy of ideas espoused by Dr. King, and the application of the legacy at the University of Rhode Island. The URI Office of the Chaplains will present the Ninth Annual Peacemaker Award honoring a student, student organization, or member of the URI academic community whose goals and activities express a commitment to the pursuit of peace and nonviolence. Following the Award, the event will be keynoted by Kazu Haga, Program Coordinator, Peace Development Fund. The event will be concluded with a selection from the Civil Rights songbook. ***The luncheon is being held at the Multicultural Center this year due to renovations at the Memorial Union.*** To attend the luncheon, RSVP to maileekue@uri.edu. Seating is limited.

Community Forum: An Interactive Conversation with Kazu Haga, Program Coordinator, Peace Development Fund, Oakland, CA

Co-sponsored by the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, the Multicultural Center, and the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

4:00 PM-5:15 PM, Multicultural Center, Hardge Forum (101)

Join this conversation with Kazu Haga, Program Coordinator, Peace Development Fund. This workshop will be livecasted with texting option to interact with the group in the room and Kazu Haga.

Text TALK2KAZU and your message to 37607 or

Submit TALK2KAZU and your message to <http://pollev.com>

Watch this event live at <http://www.uri.edu/news/urilive/> and send us a text to ask questions and participate fully in this conversation whether you are in the room or at a remote site. Mr. Haga is prominent in the Occupy Oakland movement.

A Return to the Source: a Culturally Centered Analysis of Dr. Martin Luther King's Ideology.

Co-sponsored by the Africana Studies and the Multicultural Center

7:00 PM-8:15 PM, Multicultural Center, Hardge Forum (101)

Facilitated by Earl N. Smith III, *Adjunct Professor, Africana Studies; Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*, along with several Scholar activists (students). This interactive seminar will examine Dr. King's ideology in relation to the multiplicity of ideological perspectives within the African Diaspora. The primary goal of this seminar is to illuminate the implications of Dr. King's ideology on the continued struggle for freedom.

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Leadership & You: How to Make the Most of Your Inner Dr. King!

Co-Sponsored by the Feinstein Center for Service Learning and Center for Student Leadership Development

5:00-6:00 PM, Multicultural Center, Hardge Forum (101)

Facilitated by Sarah Miller, *Coordinator, Feinstein Center for Service Learning* and Robert Vincent, *Coordinator, Center for Student Leadership Development*. This interactive and discussion based workshop will allow students to examine their own personal leadership strengths and values and tap into their inner Dr. King potential. We all have the ability to be amazing leaders in our community and this workshop will help participants reflect on this by focusing on Martin Luther King Jr.'s leadership through the framework of the Social Change Model of Leadership. Students will ultimately be able to define MLK leadership for themselves and apply new leadership practices to their URI career and beyond!

Intersarsity Celebration

Co-sponsored by the Multicultural Center, the Office of the Chaplains, and the Intersarsity Christian Fellowship

7:00-8:15 PM, Multicultural Center, Hardge Forum (101)

Facilitated by Tim Quainoo, *Convener, Sankofa*, and Adam Croft, *Area Director, Intersarsity Christian Fellowship*. This service is open to all. Students from diverse religious communities will come together to share readings, stories, songs, dances, prayers, meditations, and testimonies from their respective sacred traditions to commemorate the life and work of Dr. King. To view video clips of the life of Dr. King, some of which will be shown at the Intersarsity Celebration, visit www.uri.edu/mcc.

Thursday, February 2, 2012

History of Women Leaders in the Nonviolence Movement

Co-sponsored by the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies

11:00 AM-12:15 PM, Multicultural Center, Computer Classroom (005)

Facilitated by Dr. Lynne Derbyshire, *Associate Professor and Chair, Communication Studies*. This lecture-discussion provides participants with new perspectives on often unheralded women leaders and their contributions to the cause of global nonviolence. This workshop will be held in conjunction with the class HPR319 (Communicating Difference).

Nonviolence Peace Jam Session

Co-sponsored by the Cognitive Dissidents, the Departments of Psychology and Communication Studies, and the Multicultural Center

12:30 - 1:30 PM, Multicultural Center, Hardge Forum (101)

Experience the power of music to create community! Bring your own musical instruments! Learn the songs that helped to transform the nation in a movement that eventually brought a U.S. President to power! Travel this musical journey in American Civil Rights history from slavery to the Freedom Rides, from lynching to landmark civil rights laws, and from national to international campaigns for social justice. Facilitated by URI's own Cognitive Dissidents, Drs. Paul Bueno de Mesquita, *Professor, Psychology*; and Steve Wood, *Professor, Communication Studies*. Participants are invited to bring musical instruments and sing along while exploring the meaning and significance of a national freedom struggle through music.

Open Mic

Co-sponsored by the Multicultural Center

7:00 - 9:30 PM, Multicultural Center, Hardge Forum (101)

Facilitated by Stefan Correia, *Undergraduate Student, Public Relations*. The Open Mic is a student-generated and student-judged performance event, open to poets, musicians, dancers, comedians and storytellers, who sign up in accordance with the rules of the night. Inspired by the "spoken word" emphasis in hip hop culture, the Open Mic attracts performers at all

stages of their careers, from seasoned veterans to novices, providing them an opportunity to showcase their talents before a live audience. To sign up for slots that usually last 3-5 minutes, visit <http://www.uri.edu/mcc>. The popularity of open mic performance since 2000 has helped to lay the foundation for the blockbuster success of *American Idol* and similar shows.

Friday, February 3, 2012

Mindful Movement and Meditation for the Individual and the Community Co-sponsored by the Department of Kinesiology and the Multicultural Center 2:00 - 3:00 PM at the Multicultural Center, Hardge Forum (101)

Facilitated Dr. Linda Lamont, *Professor, Kinesiology*; and Dr. Furong Xu, *Assistant, Professor, Kinesiology*. T'ai Chi and meditation are ancient practices that enhance mindfulness and relaxation. They can lower blood pressure and heighten mental clarity. Many practice these ancient techniques in groups, providing social support. As such, T'ai Chi offers powerful social as well as health benefits, both important to today's college student. In addition, group practice can connect people from diverse personal and cultural backgrounds, allowing participants to better understand and appreciate one another, creating a just and sustainable future. This is an interactive workshop where participants will practice meditation and T'ai Chi as a college community. Wear loose, comfortable clothing!

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Martin Luther King Day of Service Co-sponsored by the Feinstein Center for Service Learning and URI S.A.V.E.S., 9 AM-2 PM at the Multicultural Center, Hardge Forum (101)

Dr. King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?" The 25th anniversary of the Martin Luther King federal holiday provides people of all cultures and identities an opportunity to honor Dr. King's life through service, and to move us closer toward the vision of the "beloved community." On this Day of Service you will have the opportunity to serve with your fellow classmates and community members in projects both on and off campus! A full list of events will be posted on the Clearinghouse for Volunteers website at www.uri.edu/volunteer under "Events" and will include multiple topics and issues.

The schedule of events for the Day of Service is as follows:

- 9:00am – Breakfast and Mentor Orientation
- 10:00am - Welcome
- 10:15am – Icebreaker
- 10:30pm – "Our Friend Martin" Video and Discussions
- 12:00pm – Lunch
- 12:30pm - Math Activity
- 1:00pm – M&M Game focusing on MLK
- 1:30pm – Depart MCC
- 2:00pm – Basketball Game URI vs. Temple

Acknowledgements

The University of Rhode Island Multicultural Center, Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, Office of the Chaplains, Feinstein Center for Service Learning, URI Dining Services, Office of Community, Diversity, and Equity, Division of Student Affairs, Office of Student Life, Cognitive Dissidents, Anointed, Brothers On A New Direction (BOND), Hillel, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Multicultural Unity and Student Involvement Council (MUSIC), URI S.A.V.E.S Powerful Independent Notoriously Knowledgeable (P.I.N.K.) Women, Sankofa, Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa (SAWA), Student Nonviolent Involvement Committee (SNIC), Uhuru SaSa, Departments of Psychology and Communication Studies, the African & Afro-American Studies Program, School of Education, Printing Services, Student Senate, URI Fraternities and Sororities, Kappa Delta Pi, and Housing and Residential Life will join forces to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Since 1986, the university community has observed the anniversary of the national MLK holiday through lectures, discussions, meditations, videos, workshops, music and dance performances, art exhibits, and other activities. While the official holiday is commemorated on the third Monday of January, the University of Rhode Island celebration customarily takes place during the second week of the University semester to encourage maximum participation.