



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

January 11, 2019

Office on Status of African-Americans

This is a compilation of information and announcements that impact the Black community. It is intended to disseminate information to service providers and other stakeholders that serve and work with Black Iowans.

Iowa

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Events**

Des Moines

The State of Iowa
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
30th Anniversary Event



The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I HAVE A DREAM
A gospel musical about the life of
Dr. King and the Civil Rights
Movement from 1955-1968

JANUARY 19, 2019
State of Iowa Historical Building
600 East Locust, Des Moines
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public

Sponsored by the Iowa Commission on the Status of African Americans and the Department of Human Rights
more info at <http://www.theatresouth.net> or <https://humanrights.iowa.gov>

**Join the State of Iowa in celebrating the
30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

"I Have a Dream"

Gospel Musical performed by TheatreSouth

www.theatresouth.net

Saturday, January 19, 2019

5:00 PM

State of Iowa Historical Building

600 East Locust Street

Des Moines

For sponsorship opportunities, please call
Office on the Status of African-Americans
515-281-3274 or email at kim.cheeks@iowa.gov

[Learn more](#)

First Christian Church

NEW

CENTRAL PARK 5'S **DR. YUSEF SALAAM**

WHEN
MLK Day
January 21, 2019
5:00-6:30pm



WHERE
First Christian Church
2500 University Ave. Des Moines, IA

On April 19, 1989, a young woman in the prime of her life was brutally raped and left for dead in New York City's Central Park. Five boys—four black and one Latino—were tried and convicted of the crime in a frenzied case that rocked the city. They became known collectively as "The Central Park Five." Their convictions were vacated in 2002 after spending between seven (7) and thirteen (13) years of their lives behind bars. The unidentified DNA in the Central Park Jogger Case, unlinked to any of the five, had finally met its owner, a convicted murderer and serial rapist who confessed. The convictions of the boys, now men, were overturned and they were exonerated.

[HTTPS://YUSEFSPEAKS.COM](https://yusefspeaks.com)

SAVE THE DATE!!



FREE EVENT



**Grit
Incarceration
Corruption
Forgiveness
Truth
Reconciliation
Community
Love
and Moore!**

John R. Grubb YMCA



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast
Jan. 21, 2019, 7:30-9 a.m. Doors open at 7am
Knapp Center at Drake University

This community event celebrates Dr. King's legacy and promotes his message for peace and justice. Proceeds benefit the John R. Grubb Community YMCA's Annual Campaign,

giving local families access to the Y through financial assistance and supports enrichment programs like Starfish Academy, a summer literacy camp. This sixth annual event will feature:

The Bridges2Harmony Gospel Choir from Roosevelt High School
Make-a-Difference Awards (Legacy, Adult & Youth)

Keynote Speaker:

Brian Brown, Associate Athletic Director at Missouri University, (former Drake Relays Director)

To be a sponsor, contact Charles Mercer at 515-868-0522 or
Charles.mercer@dmymca.org

[Read more](#)

Mercy College of Health Sciences

NEW



Monday, January 21, 2019
9am- 12pm

Mercy College of Health Sciences
928 6th Avenue

Join us for a campus wide event to [#KeepTheDreamAlive](#) in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The event will be held on campus in SC-102 with the Peace March happening

outdoors around campus. If inclement weather occurs, the Peace March will be moved indoors.

Schedule:

9:00 am Prayer/Reflection
9:30 am MLK Jr. Film Tribute
10:30 am Poster Making
11:15 am Peace Walk/March

Ames

AMES/STORY COUNTY COMMUNITY

MLK DAY 2019

Celebration

Equality, Justice and Unity

Monday, January 21, 2019*

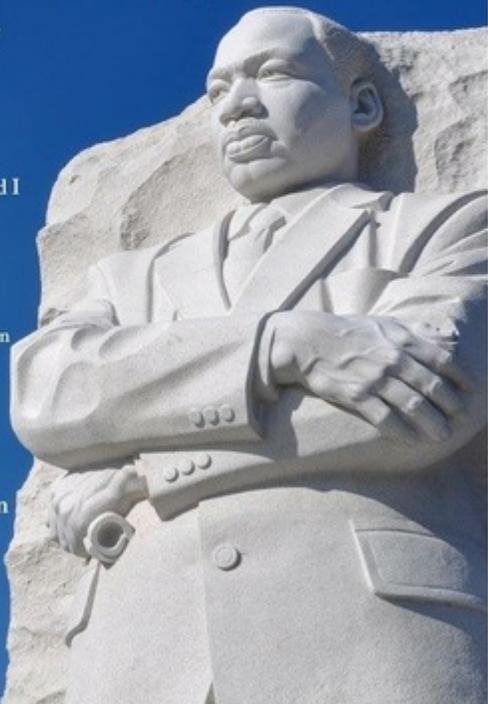
Ames Middle School Auditorium
3915 Mortensen Road, Ames, IA

Social: 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
• Birthday cake & AHS Jazz Band I

Program: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
• Meeker Elementary chorus
• AHS Step Team
• Keynote Speaker:
Renee Hardman, the first African American to be elected to serve on the West Des Moines City Council and CEO of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Iowa

For more detailed information like our page on Facebook: Ames/Story County MLK Celebration

*In the event of weather so severe that CyRide cannot operate, the celebration will be move to Monday, January 28th same time and place.



Iowa State University

NEW



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. LEGACY CONVOCATION

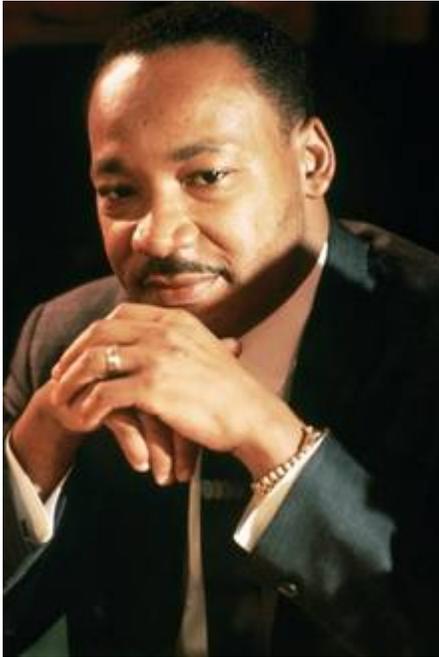
FEATURING
BLACK KLANSMAN
AUTHOR
RON STALLWORTH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24
7:00 PM – SUN ROOM,
MEMORIAL UNION



Davenport

NEW



MLK DAY CELEBRATION TO TAKE PLACE ON DAVENPORT HILLTOP

P.U.N.C.H. (People Uniting Neighbors and
Churches)
and FoMLK (Friends of Martin
Luther King) MLK Day Celebration,
Monday, January 21

With the theme of: "FROM WHENCE WE CAME, a celebration of civil rights history," the day will include from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. a community service project sponsored by KWQC TV6 for a drive through at the TV6 station (805 Brady St.) where personal and household cleaning products may be donated to help supply Blessing Boxes in the community.

The program for the day will be hosted at Sacred Heart Cathedral (422 E10th St.) and will include the viewing of a major civil rights history (local, state & national) exhibit displayed from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. An assembly / program will begin at 11:00 a.m. with keynote presentation by Jim Collins, retired executive, Deere & Company, 1st Executive Director of Project NOW ('68) and former commissioner of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission ('89 – '92). A fellowship luncheon will be served in the Cathedral Hall following the program. For further details dial 563-570-5927.

Iowa City

MLK DAY

Celebrate, Remember, Serve!

Monday, Jan. 21, 2019
 Unity March at 9 a.m.
 Celebration 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Family-friendly volunteer projects, children's activities, performances, and more!

Mercer Park Aquatic Center
 2701 Bradford Drive

Supported by: Iowa City Parks & Recreation Green Iowa Americorps
 Iowa City Human Rights Commission United Action for Youth The Dream Center
 Iowa City Police Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County Black Voices Project

University of Iowa - MLK Week

**MAKE IT A DAY ON
 NOT A DAY OFF:**

VOLUNTEER FOR MLK DAY OF SERVICE!

MONDAY, JAN 21 9AM-1:30PM
 FREE LUNCH INCLUDED

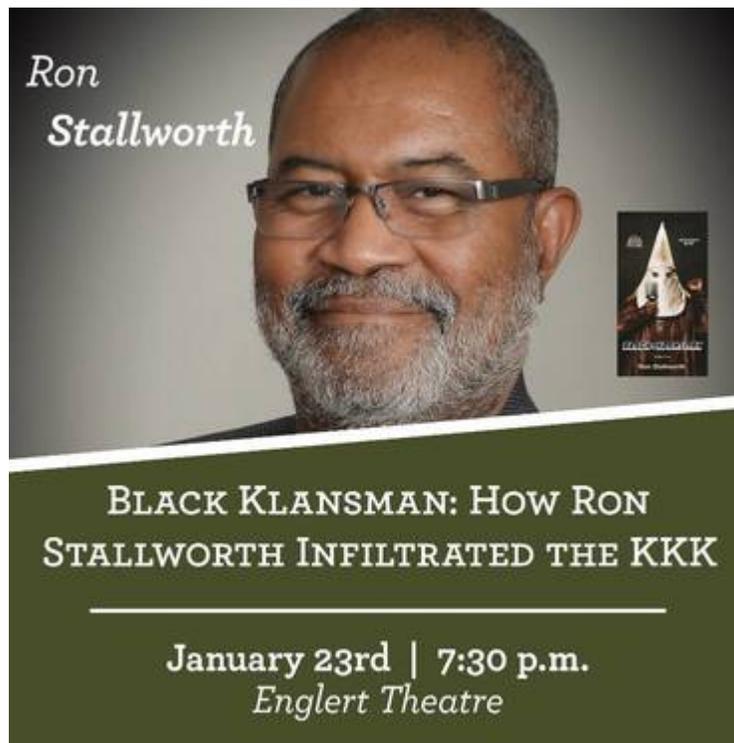
REGISTER NOW:
 MLK.UIOWA.EDU

Join other UI students, faculty & staff, and Iowa City community members
 in serving with local partners to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership at 319-335-2051.

[Learn more](#)

NEW



Come join the University Lecture Committee
for their first event of the Spring 2019 semester.

On Wednesday, January 23, Ron Stallworth will speak at the Englert Theatre and discuss his experience infiltrating the ranks of the KKK in Colorado Springs, Colorado in the 1970s. Mr. Stallworth wrote a book about his experience that was turned into a critically acclaimed film last year.

All ULC events are free and open to the public, first come, first seated.
This event is not ticketed.

Please message this page with any questions regarding the event.

<https://lectures.uiowa.edu/lectures/ron-stallworth/>

Cedar Rapids

**The African American Museum of Iowa invites you to join them on
Monday, January 21, 2019 for a celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

The Museum will be offering discounted admission at \$1.00 per person from 10 am to 4 pm to honor Dr. King. In addition, the Museum is celebrating Dr. King's message of peace by collaborating with Veterans for Peace Chapter #169 to create and decorate Peace Poles. The Veterans for Peace have made it their goal to put up as many Peace Poles as possible in the area and the Museum is supporting this goal by inviting patrons to help decorate Peace Poles on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day while they visit the Museum. The Museum will supply the poles and supplies, all we need is you and your creative ideas! Join us January 21 for learning, reflection, and crafting in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his vision of integration, and his teaching of peace.



[Click here for more information](#)

Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission

The Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission will host two free public events on January 17 and 18 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the downtown location of the Cedar Rapids Public Library.

The first event is a free showing of the documentary "I Am Not Your Negro" that will take place on Thursday, January 17 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM in the Whipple Auditorium of the Library. The documentary is based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript, Remember This House, and explores racism in America through Baldwin's observations of American history, as well as through stories of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Medgar Evers. The film won the BAFTA Award for Best Documentary and was nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 89th Academy Awards. This event is in partnership with the Cedar Rapids Public Library and the African American Museum of Iowa.

The second event is a Public Sector Job Fair that will take place on Friday, January 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the lobby of the library. In an effort to increase diversity in public sector jobs, representatives from various government agencies will be available to discuss current job openings and requirements for potential job offerings.

For more information on this event or other programs, please call the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission at (319) 286-5036 or visit our website at www.cedar-rapids.org/CivilRights.



Public Sector Job Fair

Join us on
January 18, 2019 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the
Lobby of the Cedar Rapids Public Library

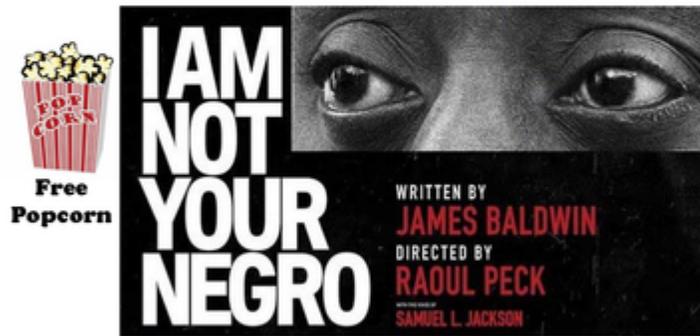
Join us to learn about current employment
opportunities and employment criteria to better
prepare for jobs in the public sector.

**Representatives from the City of Cedar Rapids,
Linn County, Cedar Rapids Community School
District, Kirkwood Community College,
Transportation Security Administration (TSA),
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the 6th
Judicial District Department of Corrections will
be present at the Job Fair.**



Movie Night Featuring "I Am Not Your Negro"

Join us on
January 17, 2019 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the
Whipple Auditorium, Cedar Rapids Public Library



I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO is a 2016 documentary based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript, *Remember This House*. The film explores racism in America through Baldwin's personal observations of American history, as well as through stories of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Medgar Evers. The film won the BAFTA Award for Best Documentary and was nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 89th Academy Awards.

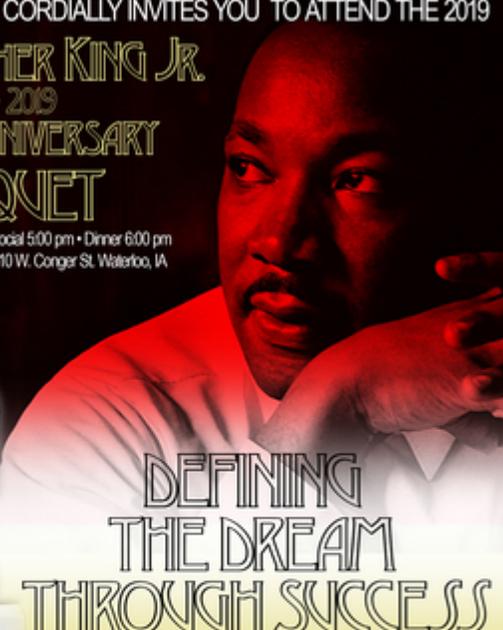
Waterloo

NEW

Social Action Inc.

SOCIAL ACTION INC. CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE 2019
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
1979 - 2019
**40TH ANNIVERSARY
BANQUET**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019 • Social 5:00 pm • Dinner 6:00 pm
ELECTRIC PARK BALLROOM 310 W. Conger St. Waterloo, IA



**DEFINING
THE DREAM
THROUGH SUCCESS**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS by **VIVICA A. FOX**
Vivica A. Fox is an inspiration as a Hollywood actress,
generous philanthropist and accomplished
businesswoman. Fox has triumphantly built an
international brand that stands on the
strength that women can do anything.

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019
TICKETS \$50.00 INDIVIDUAL
TABLE OF (8) \$400.00
(319) 214-3434



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