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**Resources and Virtual Events**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day** is a United States, holiday (third Monday in January) honoring the achievements of Martin Luther King, Jr. King’s birthday was finally approved as a federal holiday in 1983, and all 50 states made it a state government holiday by 2000. Officially, King was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta. But the King holiday is marked every year on the third Monday in January.

**Muhammad Ali Center MLK Day Celebration**

Teaching Black History and Culture: An Online Workshop for Educators. The workshop will be virtual (via Zoom) and combine a webinar, video and live streaming. Hosted by the Thomas D. Clark Foundation. Presented live from the Muhammad Ali Center.

For more info and registration: [https://nku.eventsair.com/shcee/teaching/Site/Register](https://nku.eventsair.com/shcee/teaching/Site/Register)

**A Call to Action: Then and Now: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**

On January 18, 2021 at 3:45 p.m. EST the Madam Walker Legacy Center and Indiana University will present "A Call to Action: Then and Now," a social justice virtual program with two of this nation's most prolific civil rights activists. Join us! Hear Angela Davis...
and Alicia Garza discuss activism "then" and "now" for civil rights, social justice, inclusion, and equality, offering pathways to build a world more reflective of Dr. King's dream.

For more info and registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-call-to-action-then-and-now-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-celebration-tickets-133768744917

Where Do We Go From Here? Documentary Film Festival

Documentary film festival featuring films on the global freedom struggle that speak to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s unanswered question: Where do we go from here? The Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute at Stanford University will host the webinar and film festival. Features over 15 documentaries, musical performances and panel discussions.
For more info and registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/where-do-we-go-from-here-documentary-film-festival-tickets-131629963765

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Museum of Fine Arts

This year’s virtual celebration streams here and on Facebook and YouTube on Monday, January 18. The program, titled “Voices on King,” brings together nonprofit, corporate, and community leaders to share their personal reflections on the current impact and lasting legacies of Dr. King and Mrs. Coretta Scott King. The event also features a musical performance by Danny Rivera and an original poem by poet Porsha Olayiwola.
For more info and registration: https://www.mfa.org/event/community-celebrations/martin-luther-king-jr-day

Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice

The Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School (CHHIRJ) was launched in September 2005 by Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., Jesse Climenko Professor of Law. The Institute honors and continues the unfinished work of Charles Hamilton Houston, one of the 20th century’s most important legal scholars and litigators.
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For info and more: [https://charleshamiltonhouston.org/](https://charleshamiltonhouston.org/)

**Famous Speeches**

**“I Have a Dream” – Washington, D.C., August 28, 1963**

In his most famous speech, King stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and called for an end to racism in the United States before a crowd of more than 250,000 people. Link to watch: [https://youtu.be/smEqnnklfYs](https://youtu.be/smEqnnklfYs)

**“Our God is Marching On” – Selma, Alabama, March 25, 1965**

Delivered after the historic marches from Selma to Montgomery, historians consider King’s triumphant deliverance of his “Our God is Marching On” speech to mark the end of the civil rights movement’s first phase focusing on legal and political rights. The movement would later focus on fighting for economic equality. Link to watch: [https://youtu.be/5n5WbNCEeHM](https://youtu.be/5n5WbNCEeHM)

**“Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break the Silence” – Riverside Church in New York City, April 4, 1967**

Exactly one year before his assassination, King condemned the Vietnam War at a time when a majority of Americans still supported the effort. King was criticized for the speech, considered one of his most controversial, and lost supporters for being too political. Link to watch: [https://youtu.be/f17HXUvMebk](https://youtu.be/f17HXUvMebk)

**“The Other America” – Stanford University, April 14, 1967**

Just 10 days after declaring his opposition to the Vietnam War, King spoke to a crowd at Stanford University and advocated for economic and social equality. In his “Other America” speech, King described “two Americas” to highlight the growing poverty gap in the United States as a root of inequality. King gave a similar version of this speech at Michigan’s Grosse Pointe High School on March 14, 1968. Link to watch: [https://youtu.be/m3H978KlR20](https://youtu.be/m3H978KlR20)
“I’ve been to the Mountaintop” – Memphis, Tennessee, April 3, 1968

In his final speech, King addressed a church filled with striking sanitation workers who were protesting their low pay and working conditions. King emphasized the importance of unity and nonviolent protest in the fight for justice, no matter how painful the struggle.
Link to watch: https://youtu.be/Oehry1JC9Rk

Movies and Documentaries

“Selma”
A recent critical and box-office hit, Ava DuVernay’s film chronicles King’s 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., as a protest against voter discrimination. Available on DVD and Netflix.

“Eyes on the Prize”
Landmark documentary series by the late Henry Hampton uses archival footage, interviews to chronicle the civil rights movement from the early 1950s through the march in Selma. Available on Kanopy and PBS.

“All the Way” Bryan
Cranston gives a stunning and remarkable performance as President Lyndon B. Johnson as he works to secure passage of the Civil Rights Act.

“4 Little Girls”
The 1997 riveting and sometimes painful documentary by filmmaker Spike Lee that recounts the bombing of a church in Birmingham, Ala., in 1963, where four young African
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American girls were killed. Available on HBO Now.

“King: A Filmed Record... Montgomery to Memphis”

This 1970 Oscar nominee for Best Documentary consists almost exclusively of archival footage — marches, interviews, sermons and press conferences — with no narration. It spans the period from the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott through the 1968 assassination. Available on DVD.

“Boycott”

A cast that includes Jeffrey Wright as King and Terrence Howard as close confidant Ralph Abernathy powers this HBO film based on the book “Daybreak of Freedom.” It gives a behind-the-scenes look at the bus boycott, in which King rallied black citizens into walking to their jobs instead of using public transportation, revealing how such actions took a personal toll beyond the newsreel coverage. This program won a Peabody Award for “refusing to allow history to slip into ‘the past.’” Available on DVD.

Books to Read

The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.

First-person account of the extraordinary life of America's greatest civil rights leader. It begins with his boyhood as the son of a preacher, his education as a minister, his ascendancy as a leader of civil rights, & his complex relationships with leading political & social figures of the day.

Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? (King Legacy)

In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., isolated himself from the demands of the civil rights movement, rented a house in Jamaica with no telephone, and labored over his final manuscript. In this prophetic work, which has been unavailable for more than ten years, he lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America's future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, and quality education. With a universal message of hope that continues to resonate, King demanded an end to global suffering, asserting that humankind—for the first time—has the resources and technology to eradicate poverty.

Why We Can’t Wait

In this remarkable book—winner of the Nobel Peace Prize—Dr. King recounts the story of Birmingham in vivid detail, tracing the history of the struggle for civil rights back to its
beginnings three centuries ago and looking to the future, assessing the work to be done beyond Birmingham to bring about full equality for African Americans. Above all, Dr. King offers an eloquent and penetrating analysis of the events and pressures that propelled the Civil Rights movement from lunch counter sit-ins and prayer marches to the forefront of American consciousness.

The Promise and the Dream

King was not the only political figure assassinated in 1968. Sixty-two days after King’s assassination, Robert F. Kennedy, younger brother of JFK and senator for New York, was shot by a Palestinian protestor. In this fascinating dual biography, David Margolick investigates how each changed the political path forward—King as outside agitator, Kennedy as inside operator.

Let the Trumpet Sound

This biography, under 600 pages, is a great place to start if you’re looking for a more serious take on King without having to crack open multiple 1,000-page volumes. Oates’s passion for his subject jumps off the page. Whether you’re familiar with King’s legacy or maintain only a passing understanding of his work, Let the Trumpet Sound will teach you more about the man’s life.

Readings from the Charles Hamilton Institute on the Capitol

Look at the Capitol Hill rioters. Now imagine if they had been black

- Derecka Purnell

Link to article: https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/jan/07/capitol-hill-trump-rioters-race-power

More Readings

https://apnews.com/article/congress-storming-black-lives-matter-22983dc91d16bf949efbb60cdda4495d

https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2021/01/07/613802462/how-the-storming-of-the-capitol-was-and-wasnt-about-police

https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/01/multiracial-democracy-55-years-old-will-it-survive/617585/

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https://newrepublic.com/article/158725/fear-black-uprising-confronting-racist-policing

We Need A Second Great Migration

Georgia illuminates the path to Black power. It lies in the South. Follow me there.

Link to article: https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/08/opinion/georgia-black-political-power.html

More Videos

“Say Her Name: Dr. Susan Moore.” Black Female Doctors Condemn Racial Disparities in Healthcare

When Black doctor Susan Moore died from COVID-19 after posting a video from her hospital bed describing racist treatment by medical staff, her chilling message was compared to the video of George Floyd begging for his life as he was killed by Minneapolis police. We speak to two leading Black women doctors fighting racial disparities in healthcare who wrote The Washington Post opinion piece, “Say her name: Dr. Susan Moore.” “It is a typical and ongoing devaluation of our lives and distrust of our word,” says Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones, a family physician and former president of the American Public Health Association. Link to video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVF7s5WHnVw&feature=youtu.be