

## a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As we celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. here at the University of Utah, it's worthwhile to note that the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial was dedicated on Sunday, October 16, 2011 on the Mall in Washington D.C.. This impressive monument sits adjacent to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and is the first monument on the National Mall to honor a non-president, as well as the first to honor a man of color. The 30-foot statue is a tribute to the life and achievements of Dr. King.

The dedication was originally scheduled for August 28, 2011, the 48th anniversary of King's landmark "I Have a Dream" speech, but was shifted due to the threat of hurricanes.

The monument features two massive stone boulders, which represent the Mountain of Despair, from which the Stone of Hope, on which is carved the likeness of Dr. King, emerges. The line "out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope", from Dr. King's pivotal "I Have A Dream" speech, is carved in the stone. Cherry trees are planted on site, and will bloom each April (the month King was assassinated)

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## mission statement

The Student Affairs  
Diversity Council (SADC)  
strives to cultivate  
an environment  
that embraces and  
promotes the broad  
scope of diversity within  
the division.

## calendar

### **Martin Luther King, Jr Day**

**Monday, January 16**

The University is closed in observance of the holiday.

**For a full listing of MLK event details, please see page two of this newsletter or visit [www.diversity.utah.edu](http://www.diversity.utah.edu)**

**African Americans in WW II  
Thursday, Jan 19, 1:10-3:00 pm  
Air Force ROTC Det 850**

Join us for a presentation on the challenges, sacrifices, and successes of African Americans and the contributions to the war effort.



THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
**JANUARY 13 - 19, 2012**  
**2012 CELEBRATION**

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**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

## *MOVING FORWARD*

*"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."*

~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**

**Utah State MLK, Jr. Commission Luncheon**  
**Featuring U.S. Attorney General, Eric Holder**  
*11:00 am – 1:30 pm*  
*Sheraton Hotel,*  
*150 West 500 South,*  
*Salt Lake City, Utah*  
 Donations of cash, coats or canned food are appreciated.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

**A Day of Service**  
*8:30 am*  
*Lowell Bennion Community Service Center*  
*Olpin Student Union Building, Room 101*  
*200 South Central Campus Dr. The University of Utah*  
 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" Each year, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together on the King holiday to serve their neighbors and communities. Please join us for a collaborative Day of Service with the Black Student Union and the Lowell Bennion Community Service Center. For more information call 801-581-4811.



**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

**MLK, Jr. Celebration Rally and Parade, featuring the Rev. France A. Davis, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Utah State Board of Regents**  
*2:00 pm Rally/3:00 pm Parade*  
*East High School Auditorium*  
*840 South 1300 East*  
 The University of Utah and Greater Salt Lake Communities come together to commemo-

rate the leadership and contributions of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Brief presentations will be offered at East High School followed by a parade to the University of Utah Kingsbury Hall. The parade is 1.3 miles long. Please dress for the weather and for walking.

**Cultural Celebration**

**A Touch of Polynesia**  
*5:30 pm*  
*Kingsbury Hall*  
*1395 Presidents Circle*  
*The University of Utah*  
 'Ailina's Touch of Polynesia is a local professional dance company established in 1984, presenting authentic and modern dance and music from the islands of Hawaii, Tahiti, Fiji, Samoa, New Zealand, and the Island Kingdom of Tonga. Enjoy a live night show with drums and music of the people of Polynesia.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

**A Polynesian Dance Workshop Presented by Ailina's Touch of Polynesia**

*9:00 am to Noon*  
*Olpin Student Union Ballroom*  
*200 South Central Campus Dr. The University of Utah*  
 "Haere Mai" means "welcome" or "coming together" and sets the tone for this year's celebration. Hosting students from the greater Salt Lake area, the group features dance workshops by professional Polynesian dance instructors. This will give students a sense of "Ohana," or family, through song and dance. For students in grades 6 – 8, limited capacity, pre-registration is required by calling 801-581-5193.

**"Get on the Bus"**

*6:00 pm*  
*Heritage Center, Room 1B*  
*151 Connor Street*  
*The University of Utah*  
 Directed by Spike Lee, the film "Get on the Bus" chronicles the journey of 12 black men, with nothing in common, except their race and destination, as they board a bus in Los Angeles in October of 1995 and head for the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. They make the trek discussing issues surrounding the march, manhood, religion, politics, and race. Refreshments will be provided.



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

**Keynote Address**  
**Dr. Vivian S. Lee, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, The University of Utah**  
*Noon*

*Olpin Student Union Ballroom*  
*200 South Central Campus Dr. The University of Utah*  
 Vivian S. Lee is the senior vice president for health sciences at the University of Utah, dean of the School of Medicine, and CEO of University of Utah Health Care. She earned a bachelor's from Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges, a doctorate from Oxford, a doctorate from Harvard School of Medicine and a master's of business administration from NYU's Stern School of Business.

**"For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf"**  
**A People Productions Presentation**

*7:30 pm*  
*Olpin Student Union Ballroom*  
*200 South Central Campus Dr. The University of Utah*  
 People Productions, Utah's first African-American themed theatre, presents Ntozake Shange's black feminist classic, for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf. A "choreopoem," the play is a series of 20 poems depicting the struggles and obstacles recognizable to any African-American woman. Performed by a cast of seven women, the poems deal with love, fulfillment, abandonment, and abuse, frequently set to music and expressed in dance.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

**Celebrating Utah Firsts:**  
**A Panel Discussion**  
*12:15 pm*  
*The Hinckley Institute of Politics*  
*Orson Spencer Hall Caucus Room 255*  
*260 Central Campus Drive*  
*The University of Utah*  
 Come, interact, and be touched by history as a panel of some of the first persons of color in Utah share their stories of inspiration and triumph as they tell about their journeys to reach milestones in their careers.

**Sponsors**

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- University of Utah Student Recruitment and High School Services
- Utah State Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission
- Kingsbury Hall
- Salt Lake City School District
- University Marketing & Communications
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- Office for Student Equity and Diversity

**Free and open to the public**  
 (Unless noted otherwise)



For more information about University of Utah MLK, Jr. Celebration events visit : <http://www.diversity.utah.edu/events/mlk/2012/>

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You can learn more about the construction and background of the memorial by visiting the official site of the project at [www.mlkmemorial.org](http://www.mlkmemorial.org).

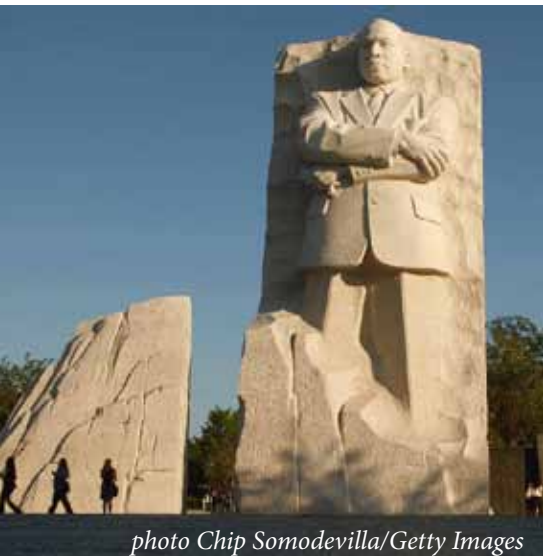


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STUDENT AFFAIRS DIVERSITY COUNCIL  
SPRING 2012 “UNDERSTANDING DIVERSITY SEMINAR SERIES”  
On the third Wednesday from 12:00-1:30pm, SADC sponsors a monthly seminar during the academic year. Be sure to keep us on your calendar!

JANUARY 18, 2012

Speaker: Dr. Vivian S. Lee, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences

Location: Union Ballroom

NOTE: The January seminar will be the keynote speaker for the MLK Week celebration

FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Speaker: Chalimar Swain, Associate Director, International Center  
Emily Edmonston, International Student and Scholar Services Coordinator, International Center

Location: Union Den

Topic: Culture Shock and Intercultural Communication:  
Working Effectively with International Students

MARCH 21, 2012

Speaker: Dr. Maria Ledesma, Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Leadership & Policy

Location: Union, Parlor A

APRIL 18, 2012

Speaker: Jan Saeed, Director of Spiritual Life, Westminster College

Location: Union, Parlor A

Topic: Spirituality in the 21st Century

MAY 16, 2012

Speaker: TBA

Location: Union Parlor A

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