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*2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Celebration*

**THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW**

*January 19, 2009*

# A Community Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 80th Birthday

- 9:00-11:30 a.m.**      **Welcome, Special Recognition, Overview of Events**  
**Masters of Ceremonies:**  
**David Hinojosa, CU-Boulder Student**  
**Debra Frazier, Center for Multicultural Affairs/**  
**ODECE UMC Glenn Miller Ballroom, (GMB)**
- Human Rights Fair and Breakfast**  
**Music by *Ancestral Voices* and Multimedia**  
**Presentation by Boulder High School Students**  
**GMB**
- 9:30-12:00 p.m.**      **Children's Activities, UMC 235**
- 9:30-11:10 a.m.**      **Workshops, (Refer to Pages 4 - 6)**
- 11:15-11:30 a.m.**      **Recognition of MLK, Jr. Essay Contest Winners**  
**Youth Opportunities Advisory Board, (YOAB), GMB**
- 11:30-12:00 p.m.**      **Introduction of Speaker by**  
**Frank Bruno, Vice Chancellor of Administration**  
**Keynote: "Our Challenge and Our Opportunity"**  
**Dr. Polly McLean, GMB**
- 12:00 -12:15 p.m.**      **Entertainment by *Radioactive*, GMB**
- 12:30-1:45 p.m.**      **Rally and March:**  
**City of Boulder Youth Opportunities Board (YOAB)**  
**Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center (RMPJC)**  
**UMC Terrace**
- 1:45-2:00 p.m.**      **Entertainment by *Break Efex*, GMB**
- 2:00-3:00 p.m.**      **MLK Birthday Cake, Music by *Radioactive*,**  
**Closing Remarks: Jill McFadden, Chairperson City**  
**of Boulder Human Relations Commission**

# HUMAN RIGHTS FAIR

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
 Amnesty International  
 Anti Defamation League (ADL)  
 Boulder ADAPT  
 Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance (BAPA)  
 Boulder County Latina Women's League  
 Boulder Community United (BCU)  
 Beads for Life  
 Boulder County AIDS Project (BCAP)  
 Boulder 9/11 Visibility  
 Boulder Community Foundation  
 Boulder Pride  
 Boulder Valley Women's Health Center  
 City of Boulder Human Relations Commission  
 City of Boulder Department of Housing and Human Services  
 City of Boulder Children Services Programs  
 City of Boulder Office of Human Rights  
 City of Boulder Public Library  
 Cottonwood Institute  
 CU Center for Multicultural Affairs  
 CU Disability Services  
 CU GLBT Resource Center  
 CU Community Studies (INVST)  
 CU Office of Victim Assistance  
 CU Student Outreach and Retention Center for Equity (SORCE)  
 Dialogues on Immigrant Integration  
 El Centro Amistad  
 Ethiopia Reads  
 Global Response  
 "I Have a Dream" Foundation of Boulder County  
 Imagine!  
 Immigrant Legal Center  
 Intercambio de Comunidades  
 Mothers Acting Up  
 Native American Rights Fund (NARF)  
 New Horizons Cooperative Preschool Organization  
 Parenting Place  
 Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)  
 Reading to End Racism  
 Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center (RMPJC)  
 Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Non-Violence (SPAN)  
 Students for Peace and Justice (CU and Naropa)  
 Task Force Against anti-Arab anti- Muslim Racism  
 The Community Foudation Serving Boulder County  
 University of Colorado Student Union Diversity  
 Veterans for Peace  
 YWCA

## Workshops

**9:30-11:10 a.m.**

### Traces of Trade

**Presenter: Ghada Kanafani Elturk**

**UMC 245**

In *Traces of the Trade*, Producer/Director Katrina Browne tells the story and traces the trade of her forefathers, the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. Given the myth that the South is solely responsible for slavery, viewers will be surprised to learn that Ms. Browne's ancestors were Northerners. The film follows Ms. Browne and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey which brings them face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise.

### **9/11: The Evidence, Psychosocial Implications, and the New American Racism**

**Lead Presenters: Tim Boyle and Dorothy Lorig**

**Co-Presenters: Fran Shure and Michael Anderson**

**UMC 384**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke courageously about the controversial issues of his time. In this spirit, we present evidence of the omissions of the 9/11 Commission, the air defense failures, a history of "false flag" operations, an exploration of the uncritical acceptance of the official story, the emotional work emerging from this "consensus reality," and racist implications of 9/11.

### **The King Assassination: Do We Need to Revise History?**

**Presenter: Earl Staelin**

**UMC Fifth Floor Terrace**

William Pepper, attorney for James Earl Ray, convicted killer of Dr. King, believes Ray was framed by government agents and organized crime to neutralize King's anti-war stance and his campaign for the poor. Pepper won a jury verdict for King family members against the actual perpetrators. Presented by Denver trial attorney Earl Staelin, hear Pepper's evidence of the cover-up of King's assassination.

### **The Native American Rights Movement: Reflections on the Past and**

**Looking to our Present and Future**

**Presenter: Ray Ramirez**

**UMC 425**

Mr. Ramirez of the Native American Rights Fund will screen the award-winning documentary *Modern Day Warriors* about the rise of the Native American Rights Movement from the 1960's to present day. The film includes historical footage and interviews with tribal leaders and NARF attorneys regarding the ongoing challenges facing Native Americans and the protection of their rights. The screening will be followed by a presentation regarding issues raised in the film and Q & A.

### **Film and Discussion *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin***

**Presenters: Queer People of Color (QPOC) Student Group**

**Presenters: Steph Wilenchek and Tanya Greathouse, CU Boulder Staff**

**UMC 247**

This film documents the life of Bayard Rustin, a leader in the Civil Rights Movement and key advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Rustin was denied public recognition because of his sexual orientation. Join us for a viewing of the film followed by a discussion.

### **Education is Social Justice**

**Presenter: Kevin Patterson**

**UMC 457**

Mr. Patterson will cover current arguments surrounding *No Child Left Behind*, race and class in schools, and how these factors are relevant to societal issues impacting higher education. This will be an interactive session to spark discussion and elicit response.

### **Volunteer Reader Training: Learn to Lead Interactive Anti-Racism**

**Presentation for School Children**

**Presenters: Victoria Robertson and Wendy Underhill**

**UMC 417**

During this session we will watch an informative video that includes footage of people from our community reading with students and leading discussions. Through interactive presentations, readers and students listen to literature, personal stories and insights regarding racism. Reading to End Racism of Boulder and the Boulder Public Library maintain a bibliography of age and topic appropriate books as well as lesson plans and activities.

## Workshops

**10:25-11:10 a.m.**

### **Her Voice Can Be Heard: CU's First Black Woman Graduate**

**Presenter: Dr. Polly McLean, CU Boulder Professor**

**UMC 285**

Using the story of Lucile Berkeley Buchanan Jones (CU 1918), this workshop explores the use of census data, plantation records, draft registration cards, cemetery records, photographs, interviews and other archival materials in conducting biographical and family research.

### **Start ACTING on Your Concerns NOW!**

**Presenters: Beth Osnes, Kelly Gibson and Chelsea Hackett**

**UMC 289**

Gain the inspiration, tools and confidence to start acting up! Working together in a supportive environment, we will identify our most passionate concerns and act out various ways of moving to ACTION!

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**10:25-11:10 a.m.**

### **Coming to the USA (Film and Discussion)**

**Presenter: Cleopatra Estrada, CU Boulder Staff**  
**UMC 353**

A film presentation entitled *El Corrido* as performed by California's **Teatro Campesino**, this film tells a story of a Mexican family's struggle to survive in the United States. This provocative and insightful message is delivered with music, humor and fast-paced scenarios.

### **Ethiopia Reads: Those Who Read Bloom**

**Presenter: Sue Leister and Tsilat Petros**  
**UMC 415**

*Ethiopia Reads* works to create a culture of reading in Ethiopia by connecting children with books. Learn how this initiative grows readers by planting libraries, publishing books and training teachers to share the joy of reading.

### **"Islamophobia"**

**Presenter: Ibrahim Kazerooni**  
**UMC 325**

"Islamophobia" refers to prejudice or discrimination against Islam or Muslims (*Wikipedia*). This workshop discusses the stereotypes and fears towards Islam and Muslims.

### **The Arab in America**

**Presenter: Rima Barkat-Sinclair**  
**UMC 386**

During the 2008 presidential election some Americans said, "I don't trust Obama... he's an Arab." The election brought to the forefront the idea of anti-Arab racism. We will explore the role of the media, politics and religion in promoting a culture of anti-Arab racism in America.

**"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."** *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Strength to Love, 1963*

*US black civil rights leader and clergyman (1929 - 1963)*

## "Our Challenge and Our Opportunity"

**Dr. Polly McLean**



Polly McLean is on the faculty of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she teaches and conducts research in media and social change, racism and anti-racism in popular culture, in development communication, especially as it pertains to Africa. She has spoken extensively on these areas and is the author of many articles that have appeared in publications such as the *Journal of Adolescent Research*, *Africa Media Review*, *The Howard Journal of Communications*, *Feedback*, *Popular Music and Society*, *Communication Research in Africa*, *Media and Environment in Africa*, and *Racism and Anti-Racism in Global Culture*.

Originally from Trinidad and Tobago, Professor McLean has advised, conducted training and evaluated a number of development programs in Lesotho, Zambia, Swaziland and for other members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) through her work as a consultant for UNESCO, USAID, the Academy for Educational Development, Pathfinder International, and the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help. She has served as a visiting professor at the University of Zambia, Lusaka and is currently on the international board of the Kasoma Media Foundation in Zambia and on the editorial boards for *Equid Novi* in South Africa and the *Journal of Popular Music and Society* in the U.S.A. In 1999, she received a Fulbright Scholarship Award that was extended through 2000 to the University of Namibia.

She is the recipient of numerous awards including the Chancellor's Committee on Women, the Chancellor's Equity and Excellence Award, the CU Boulder Alumni Association's Robert L. Stearns Award, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Caribbean International Teacher's Association for helping to prevent 90 Caribbean-born elementary and secondary school teachers in New York City from being deported. At the University of Colorado she has served as a faculty associate to the Chancellor, the director of Women and Gender Studies, a consultant to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement, and was named as an Emerging Leaders Program Fellow in 2004-05. She is considered a leading authority on the history of African Americans in Boulder County and has produced and edited, "The Legacy of Missing Pieces: The Voices of Black Women in Boulder County." She is currently working on a book detailing the history of the first African American woman graduate, Lucile Berkeley Buchanan, titled "In Search of Miss Lucile: Black Tracks Across America, 1884-1989."