

THE 22ND ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

*featuring The Reverend Rosemary Bray McNatt*



# THE POLITICS OF WEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

January 29 - February 2, 2012



UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE

In recent years, racial tensions have risen, public educational institutions are being defunded, and the gap between the rich and poor has widened. The 2012 MLK Commemorative program, **The Politics of Wealth and Social Justice**, focuses on the wealthy to examine how a small minority of the population can control the political arena that is so often toxic to the working class. We'll examine poverty in the midst of plenty as incompatible with democratic values.

## EVENTS

### Spiritual Celebration

*Peace and Economic Justice: A Spiritual Celebration of the Legacy and Life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Sunday, January 29, 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Community Church of Durham  
17 Main Street, Durham

### A Conversation

*on The Politics of Wealth and Social Justice with The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt and Professor Bruce Mallory*

Wednesday, February 1, 12:10-2:00 p.m.  
Strafford Room  
Memorial Union Building

### Commemorative Address The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

*The Politics of Wealth and Social Justice  
Reception and book signing to follow*

Wednesday, February 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Johnson Theatre  
Paul Creative Arts Center  
Reception in the Museum of Art

### Community Call to Action

*Looking at economic justice through the lens of multiple world views, philosophies, and religious and spiritual traditions in the spirit of MLK's call to action*

Thursday, February 2, 12:40-2:00 p.m.  
Strafford Room  
Memorial Union Building



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All events are free and open to the public.  
(603) 862-1058, TTY users: 1-800-735-2964 or 7-1-1.  
Free parking is available in B Lot after 6 p.m.  
Visit [www.unh.edu/transportation/visitor/visitorparking.htm](http://www.unh.edu/transportation/visitor/visitorparking.htm) for daytime parking options.

# PEACE AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE: A SPIRITUAL CELEBRATION OF THE LEGACY AND LIFE OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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*On some positions, Cowardice asks the question, "Is it safe?" Expediency asks the question, "Is it politic?" But Conscience asks the question, "Is it right?" And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but because Conscience tells one it is right.*

*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 1968*

Join the UNH and Durham communities in an inter-faith and multi-faith spiritual celebration centered on The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's call for economic justice. This is a spirited remembrance of the life and legacy of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in song, readings, reflection, and prayer. We hope to inspire a vision of justice to be put into practice: a dream to be made real. The featured speaker will be Arnie Alpert, Program Director for the NH Office of the American Friends Service Committee and a key figure in the eventual adoption of the Martin Luther King holiday in New Hampshire. There will also be poetry and gifts of song offered by UNH students Carla Joseph and Marcela Cruz, Diane Spires and the Nat Balch Trio. A reception will follow the program. All are welcomed to this moving and joyous evening!



# A CONVERSATION WITH THE REV. ROSEMARY BRAY McNATT AND DR. BRUCE MALLORY

Wednesday, February 1, 12:10-2:00 p.m.  
Stafford Room, Memorial Union Building



This MLK celebratory event invites members of the campus and local communities into a dialogue examining wealth in our nation today. Our honored guest, The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, will help us to explore our expectations and values regarding wealth. Rev. McNatt, with host Dr. Bruce Mallory, calls for a fresh exchange of ideas about the ways that our nation's perspective on wealth has affected our politics and our communities and, in turn, created obstacles to basic opportunities such as housing and education.

Our future may depend on the free exchange of ideas and questions. Welcome all!

Dr. Bruce Mallory is UNH Professor of Education and Interim Director of the Carsey Institute. Dr. Mallory's primary area of focus at the Carsey Institute is citizen-initiated policy changes regarding social and economic justice. He is the 2011-12 Discovery Dialogue author of "The Vicious Cycle: Poor Children, Risky Lives" and has co-taught the course "Be the Change You Want to See: Active Citizenship in a Multicultural World," a seminar course that explores concepts related to being an active citizen.

Lucianne Collado is a UNH junior in the College of Health and Human Services.

## PROGRAM

Introductory Remarks	Lucianne Collado
A Conversation	The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt and Dr. Bruce Mallory
Open Forum for Questions	



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## THE REV. ROSEMARY BRAY MCNATT

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*Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*  
*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



The Rev. McNatt joins those who dare to imagine a new socio-political and economic alternative that offers possibilities for equality. She will help turn the focus from the poor and the disenfranchised and direct attention toward the wealthy. She will address questions concerning how wealth influences the political system, laws, and public institutions impacting society and the individual, and discuss what our society, with a more fair distribution of wealth, would look like.

The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt is a former editor of the *New York Times Review of Books* and was a widely anthologized writer for 20 years before her work as a minister. She is a columnist for *Belief.net* and the author of books *Unafraid of the Dark* and the children's biography, *Martin Luther King*. Also a prolific blogger, she writes on matters ranging from post-election violence in Kenya to presidential politics. She is an adjunct professor at Union Theological Seminary and Senior Minister of The Fourth Universalist Society in the City of New York.

## PROGRAM

Opening Performance	Stephanie Bramlett
Welcome and President's Introduction	Michael Vidal
University Welcome	President Mark Huddleston
Commemorative Address <i>The Politics of Wealth and Social Justice</i>	The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt
Honoring and Remembering MLK <i>A video of UNH student perspectives</i>	MLK Planning Committee
Call to Action	Michael Vidal

## RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING

Join us for an opportunity to have a book signed and engage in conversation with The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt at a reception immediately following the Commemorative Address program. The reception will be held in the Museum of Art in the Paul Creative Arts Center.



### HOST MICHAEL VIDAL

Michael Vidal is a McNair scholar and student of psychology and international affairs. He is the executive director of the Diversity Support Coalition and has also helped to plan the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs' Nashua North and South High Schools' multicultural mentoring initiative, which pairs high school graduates with current UNH students who identify as multicultural. "When I go home to Nashua," says Michael, "I want to let students know that our world is changing and that they have a chance to grow." Last year, as an MLK Leadership Summit Student Coordinator, Michael learned more about how to work effectively in a multicultural world and reflected, "The process of learning about diversity goes both ways. Our job is to teach each other to break away from old systems and patterns of exclusion. Inclusion allows us to get new perspectives, and we all grow."

### PERFORMER STEPHANIE BRAMLETT

Stephanie Bramlett, Ph.D., is Director of the UNH Connect Program, an undergraduate peer mentoring and student retention program. The program offers academic, social, and cultural support for historically underrepresented and underserved students. Dr. Bramlett completed a master's degree in political science from UNH in 2006 and a doctorate in sociology from UNH in 2011 where she studied best practices in retention of multicultural undergraduates. She has also studied dance through the UNH Department of Theatre and Dance Professor Gay Nardone whose aerial dance programs are recognized nationwide.

### VIDEO: HONORING AND REMEMBERING MLK

UNH students offer their candid thoughts on film. They tell us what MLK means to them and how they apply his principles to their everyday lives. This is fabulous! You'll be proud.

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**Learning Outcomes:**

- Gain knowledge about organizations to join to help those in need
- Learn ways to create abundance in times of scarcity
- Discover how to respond and adapt in the midst of injustice
- Consider ways to become a catalyst for change

## PROGRAM

Introduction	Paul Cody, UNH Counseling Center, moderator
Question to panelists	<p>How is your religious or secular organization/multi-faith group responding in this time of abundance for some and scarcity for many individuals and groups of people in the United States?</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Rabbi Samuel Seicol, Temple Israel                  Nadir Sharif, Fairchild Hall Director                  Rev. Lauren Smith, Unitarian Universalist Church of Portsmouth                  David Weber, Representative from Granite State Priorities*</p>
Open Forum	Questions from participants for panelists
Roundtable Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How do you see current economics? If you're part of an action or social change group, what is that group doing about the situation?</li> <li>2. How do you view abundance? How do you practice abundance?</li> <li>3. Does our system foster abundance? Scarcity?</li> <li>4. How do you/might you further engage in promoting economic justice? What role will you play as we strive for justice for all?</li> </ol>

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\*Members of Granite State Priorities include representatives of the Episcopal Church, UCC, NNE UUA, NEA, AFS, Every Child Matters, League of Women Voters NH, SEIU, and the New Hampshire Citizens Alliance. For more information, visit [www.gspriorities.org/content/partner-organizations](http://www.gspriorities.org/content/partner-organizations).

# 2012 MLK LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



The MLK Leadership Summit is a three-day personal and professional development program that allows students to build multicultural competencies and to expand their understanding of leadership through the lens of social justice. Students work to increase their awareness and knowledge of societal issues, as well as work toward building a more inclusive and equitable present and future. The King Summit is open to all current, full-time undergraduate students. The 2012 summit will take place from February 24-26. For more information, visit [www.unh.edu/omsa/leadership.html](http://www.unh.edu/omsa/leadership.html).

## WORDS OF THANKS

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