



## February is Black History Month

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The Diversity Center, Africana Studies and Modern Languages Departments invite you to join us at the third Midwest Black History Month conference as part of our recognition and celebration of Black History Month. The conference commemorates the legacy of Dr. Ralph Bunche who while acting as the UN mediator on Palestine was able to obtain signatures on armistice agreements between Israel and the Arab States after eleven months of virtually ceaseless negotiations. Bunche won the Peace Prize in 1950 for this work.

The title of the conference is **Nobel Laureates of African Descent: Transforming the Discourse of the Dispossessed in World Politics** and is a recognition of the many ways in which their imagination and creativity captured the world stage and influenced how the world talks and thinks about those who are dispossessed. Their work also showed their changed perceptions of themselves and other dispossessed.

The conference schedule is provided below to make it easier for you to decide the sessions you would like to attend. More information on the conference is available on our website <http://diversity.luther.edu/conference/>

### Wednesday, February 15

8:30 p.m., Channel 99, Campus  
Television Network

Televised Lecture

**“Another Brilliant Caribbean Sun:  
The Contributions of Sir Arthur  
Lewis to Developing Economies”**

Jerome Teelucksingh, lecturer in  
West Indian history, University  
of Trinidad and Tobago, Point  
Lisas campus

### Thursday, February 16

3:30-3:45 p.m., Olin 112

Conference Welcome

Sheila Radford-Hill, Ph.D., executive  
director, Luther College Diversity  
Center

3:45-4:45 p.m., Olin 112

Undergraduate Student Seminar

**“The Voice of Thy Blood Crieth into  
Heaven from the Ground: Music  
and Margaret Gardner in the  
Work of Toni Morrison”**

Emily Hainze, student, Grinnell  
College

**“Wiretaps, Lies, and the FBI’s  
Relationship with Civil Rights”**

Erika Strandjord, student, Luther  
College

5:30 p.m., Peace Dining Room, Union

Presenters Dinner

7:00-8:15 p.m., Hammarskjöld Lounge,  
Union

Film Showing

**“Ralph Bunche: An American  
Odyssey”**

### Friday, February 17

8:30 a.m., Recital Hall, CFL

Heritage Event

President’s Welcome

Richard Torgerson, Ph.D., president,  
Luther College

9:15-10:15 p.m., Recital Hall, CFL

Opening Plenary

**“Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Leader  
in the Struggle to Transform the  
Dispossessed”**

Dr. Wilson Fallin, Jr., Ph.D.,  
president, Birmingham Baptist  
College; professor of history and  
religion, Montevallo University

10:30 a.m., Main Hall, CFL

Chapel

**“Re-Imagining the Dispossessed”**

Richard Mtisi, visiting instructor  
in Africana studies and history,  
Luther College

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Recital Hall, CFL

Slide Presentation

**“Outside In: Blacks in Iowa”**

Hal Chase, Ph.D., professor of  
history, Des Moines Area  
Community College

12:30-1:30 p.m., Peace Dining Room,  
Union

Luncheon Buffet

**“The People’s Programme:  
International Relations in a  
Post-Katrina World”**

Honorable Alice Palmer, Ph.D.,  
former Illinois State Senator, co director  
of People’s Programme

2:30-4:00 p.m., Recital Hall, CFL

Through the Looking Glass:  
Understanding Black Nobel  
Laureates

**“The Complexity of Gandhian  
Influence in the Respective  
Struggles of Nobel Laureates  
Ralph Bunche, Martin Luther  
King, Jr., Albert Lutili, Nelson  
Mandela, and Desmond Tutu”**

Owen G. Mordaunt, Ph.D.,  
Professor of English; Paul  
Williams, Ph.D., assistant pro-  
fessor of religion; and  
Richard Breaux, Ph.D.,  
assistant professor of black  
studies, University of Nebraska-  
Omaha

4:15-5:30 p.m., Recital Hall, CFL

Closing Plenary: Commemorating

the Legacy of Ralph Bunche

**“Ralph Bunche in Iowa”**

Hal Chase, Ph.D., professor of  
history, Des Moines Area  
Community College

6:00 p.m., Sabor Latino,

Downtown Decorah

Closing Reception

Sponsored by Africana Studies  
Department

### WELCOME STUDENTS

#### New

Joseph Klein -Collegeville, MN  
Dirk Marple- Iowa City, IA  
Dale Moga- Houston MN  
Richard Sakyi—Ghana  
Nelao Nengola—Namibia  
Garima Lamichhane -Nepal  
Sauhadra Bhattarai—Nepal

#### Returning

Welcome back to all students. We know that you enjoyed your break from the hectic semester and we hope you have returned refreshed renewed and motivated to make this semester a great one. See you all at the dance.

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

**12th 2:00 pm**

Host Family Ice Cream Social  
*Farwell Lounge*

**16th -17th**

Midwest Regional Black History Month Conference  
*Recital Hall, CFL*

**17th 7:30 pm**

Black Student Union Talent Show  
**CFL Main Hall**

**18th 8:30 am—3:30 pm**

Iowa Black Student Union Conference  
*Recital Hall, CFL*

**18th 8:30 pm**

Welcome & Welcome Back Dance  
*Marty's*

**19th 10:00 am**

Gospel Sunday  
*CFL Main Hall*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Hemie Collier
- 3 Taja Will
- 5 Socrates Garcia
- 5 Chelah Ryan
- 6 Julianna DeWindt Hernandez
- 9 Hai Pham
- 10 Nana Yaa Adu Gyamfi
- 10 Sauhadra Bhattarai
- 17 Fatima Sakam
- 17 Kai Tsuruta
- 20 Rebecca Mbuga
- 21 Juliana Vasquez
- 27 Erik Clark
- 28 Reed Flathman

**ETHIC ARTS** is just around the corner. We need people to volunteer for everything. Anyone can become involved. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!!** Watch your emails and other notices for meeting times or just contact the Diversity Center.

**LDC GROUPS** - here is a golden opportunity to collaborate with each other and the Diversity Center to make this a truly great event. **Other groups** - this is your opportunity too. We would love to have you working with us.

### International Students Association & Allies (ASAA)

The ASAA is fading fast. We cannot allow it to die. Traditionally, it has been an important partner in the planning and implementing of all the Ethnic Arts activities and we cannot do this event without all of you. Sakar Pokhrel & Stephanie Lim have indicated their willingness to work to get the group going again. As soon as we decide on a meeting time we will inform you. Remember, get connected, and get involved

### Work Opportunity

#### UPWARD BOUND

is looking for summer workers in a variety of positions. Contact Phyllis Gray at Norby House for more information. P. 1136  
Email: vickcolj@luther.edu

### For International Students

#### Taxes -

We will be offering tax help again this year, though we do not have a scheduled time. If you plan to do your own taxes ahead of time, you may come to collect your W-2 in the LDC. If you will need our help, please let us hold your W-2 until we are ready to offer our help. The deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>, so there's lots of time.

#### Address change -

**Remember!** The Dept. of Homeland Security *requires* you to report **any change of address** within ten days of the change. The easiest way is for you to give the LDC a call. We don't have time to be researching everyone's address to see if you've changed rooms, moved off campus, etc.

**Ethnic Arts** - Did you forget to bring back fabric for the Ethnic Arts Festival? It's not too late! We would still like to have 3 yards (or meters) of cloth representing your country for the display booths. If you ask your Mom now, it might get here on time. We can reimburse reasonable costs.

**Graduating in May?** - Now is the time to apply for Optional Practical Training. Remember, the processing time is 90 days, so if you want to start work after graduation, don't let it go too long.

If you think you might be doing **Curricular Practical Training** this summer (or next fall) come see Amy. The career center alone can't help you. You are required to have employment approval (CPT) in order to work, even as an intern.