

Together We Can Be THE Dream

21st Annual

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Breakfast

Friday, January 27, 2023
9:30-11am



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Twenty First Annual UMass Dartmouth Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast.

2023 would have marked the 94th birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who championed non-violent resistance, social justice, and activism during our country's tumultuous Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. While Dr. King's strategy of non-violent civil disobedience and interracial cooperation forever changed our country's landscape by moving the pendulum away from legalized segregation and discrimination, his work remains unfinished.

As many fundamental rights held sacred by Americans from all walks of life are under constant threat of being dismantled, it is through Dr. King's example of unified collaboration, cooperation, and tenacious advocacy, that his dream of equal rights and justice for all will be achieved.

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Program

■ Welcome & Opening Remarks

David A. Gomes, Chief Diversity Officer

Efe Oboh-Idahosa, Political Science Major/Black Studies, Legal Studies & Urban Studies Minor, Class of 2023

■ Musical Selection

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" by Dr. James Weldon Johnson & John Rosamond Johnson Designated by the NAACP as "The Black National Anthem" Performed by **Shane Burgo**

■ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Video Tribute

■ Introduction of Chancellor

David A. Gomes, Chief Diversity Officer

■ Chancellor's Remarks

Dr. Mark A. Fuller

■ Musical Selection

"Live Through It" by James Fortune & FIYA
Performed by UMass Dartmouth **D'SWORD Gospel Choir**, accompanied by **Unique Sound Band**

■ Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Efe Oboh-Idahosa, Political Science Major/Black Studies, Legal Studies & Urban Studies Minor, Class of 2023

■ Keynote Address/Moderated Question & Answer Session

Feminista Jones

Q&A Led by: **David A. Gomes**, Chief Diversity Officer
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■ Gift Presentation

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■ Closing Remarks

David A. Gomes, Chief Diversity Officer

■ Musical Selection

"I Know Where I've Been" by Marc Shaiman & Scott Wittman
Performed by **Shane Burgo**

Musical Guest

Shane A. Burgo is a lifelong resident of New Bedford who has served our community through active participation in social, economic, and racial justice organizations, all in the name of equity, opportunity, dignity, and progress. As a testament to his commitment to community service, Shane is a member of the Executive Committee of the New Bedford Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and also serves as a member of the Coalition for Social Justice. In addition to his participation as a member of United Interfaith Action of Southeastern Massachusetts, Shane has engaged in missionary work in Haiti and actively serves as a member of the Parish Council at New Bedford's Our Lady of the Assumption Church, the first Catholic Cape Verdean Church in the Americas, where he also sings in the church's choir. An alum of UMass Dartmouth's Upward Bound Program, Shane was recently elected as Councilor-At-Large for the City of New Bedford and serves as the Chairman of the Affordable Housing & Homeless Affairs Committee.





Keynote Speaker

Feminista Jones,

Intersectionality Expert,
Author & Award-Winning Writer

Twice named one of the top 100 most influential people in Philadelphia and named one of the top 50 feminists in the world, Jones is a feminist thought leader and social media influencer honored for online activism.

Feminista Jones is a feminist writer, public speaker, community activist and retired social worker. She is an award-winning writer and the author of the critically acclaimed *Reclaiming Our Space: How Black Feminists Are Changing the World From the Tweets to the Streets* (Beacon). Her work centers around diversity, equity and inclusion, critical race theory, intersectionality, mental health, queer identity and social work. She teaches courses on race, gender and LGBTQ experiences at Temple University.

Jones' passion and talent for writing have led to her being featured in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Essence*, *Out*, *Complex*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Salon*, and *EBONY* magazine to name a few publications. She currently operates her own subscription-based platform and contributes to various publications as a freelancer and commissioned writer. She's also been featured on the Oprah Winfrey Network.

Because of her work, Jones has been extensively featured in publications around the world, including *The Boston Globe*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Huffpost*, *Jet magazine*, *Ms.*, *The New York Times*, *NBC News*, *Newsweek*, *NPR*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today* and *The Intercept*.

Since 2013, Jones has presented and lectured at various colleges and universities, including Princeton, Cornell, Columbia, Boston University, UC Berkeley and The University of Pennsylvania. Represented by APB, Jones is a

highly sought-after lecturer, panelist and keynote speaker for major conferences and has been a featured speaker at several, including Stanford's Online Feminism Conference, Drexel's Racism in Medicine Conference, the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Netroots Nation, SXSW, BlogHer, Woodhull Freedom Summit, and more. In 2018, she was honored to give the Baccalaureate speech during Vassar College's Commencement weekend.

In 2014, she launched a global anti-street harassment campaign (#YouOKSis) and a National Moment of Silence protesting police brutality (#NMOS14), both of which received international media attention. That year, she was named one of the Top 100 Black Social Influencers by *The Root*. In 2015, she co-founded and served as General Director of the Women's Freedom Conference, the first all-digital conference completely organized by and featuring only Women of Color. For her work, she was named one of *SheKnows 2015* "Voices of the Year". In 2017, Jones was named one of the 100 Most Influential People in Philadelphia by *Philadelphia* magazine and was later featured in *Philadelphia Style* magazine for her community work. In 2020, Jones was named one of the "Bitch 50", honoring the work of feminist women around the world and one of the 76 Most Influential People in Philadelphia.

In 2019, Jones joined two of her closest friends to create *Black Girl Missing*, a true-crime podcast that focuses on the stories of missing African American girls in the United States. Jones is also a mom, an organizational leadership, management, culture, and diversity consultant, a mentor to young girls and women, a Ph.D. student at Temple University and an outspoken advocate for the homeless, people living in poverty and those living with psychiatric disabilities.

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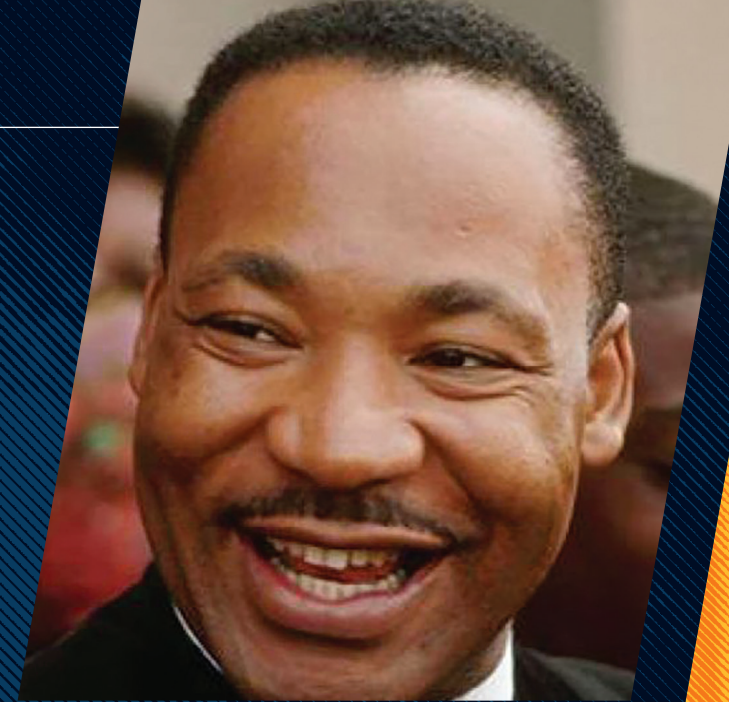
January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born into a ministerial family. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA serving from 1914 to 1931; his father served from 1931 to 1971. From 1960 until his death, Martin, Jr. acted as his co-pastor. Martin, Jr. attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of 15. He received a B.A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Black institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather graduated. In 1951, he graduated from Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of the senior class. In 1955, he completed a PhD. in systematic theology at Boston University. It was in Boston that he met and married Coretta Scott, with whom he had two sons and two daughters.

In 1954, Martin Luther King, Jr. accepted the pastorate of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. In December of 1955, he led the first great nonviolent demonstration in U.S. history. The Montgomery Bus Boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, the Supreme Court of the United States declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses.

In 1957, King was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide leadership for the Civil Rights Movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity and its operational techniques from Gandhi.

In the 11-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over 2,500 times. In these years, he led a massive protest that caught the attention of the entire



world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," a manifesto of the civil rights movement. He organized voting rights drives in Alabama and directed the March on Washington, D.C., where he delivered his "I Have a Dream;" address. He was arrested upwards of 20 times and assaulted at least four times. He was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of Black America, but also a world figure.

At the age of 35, Martin Luther King, Jr. was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would donate the \$54,123 prize money to the furtherance of the Civil Rights Movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

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