

2012 AWARDS LUNCHEON

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE SERIES



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January 24, 2012

Opening Remarks

Matthew K. Robison
Assistant Dean of Students

Greetings

Douglass F. Covey
Vice President of Student Affairs

Presentation of
Torch of Peace Awards

Janice Redding
Intercultural Ambassador
Intercultural Relations

Presentation of
Hosea Williams Awards
for Community Activism

Eric B. Reynolds
Advisory Board
The 1913 Society

Andre Williams
Son of Hosea Williams

Performance

Cammy Gaines
Conscious Collective

Closing

Matthew K. Robison

AWARDS PROGRAM



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King, Jr. was born to Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. in Atlanta, Georgia. He grew up in the area known as "Sweet Auburn" which was the center of Black Atlanta during the time. In 1948, he graduated from Morehouse College with a B.A. in Sociology. He was ordained as a minister in Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta the same year. He enrolled in Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. In 1955, Rev. King was awarded a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology at Boston University.

Dr. King married Coretta Scott King on June 18, 1953. Their union resulted in four children – Yolanda Denise, Martin Luther III, Dexter Scott and Bernice Albertine. Mrs. King was a constant supporter in the fight for human rights and continued to be a champion for Dr. King's work after his death.

Dr. King's concept of "somebodiness," which symbolized the celebration of human worth and the conquest of subjugation, gave Blacks and the underprivileged hope and a sense of dignity. His philosophy of nonviolent direct action, and his strategies for rational and non-destructive social change, galvanized the conscience of this nation and challenged the country to re-examine its priorities. He received the NAACP's Springarn Medal (1957) and the Nobel Peace Prize (1964), of which he was the youngest man, second American and third Black man to receive this honor.

On April 4, 1968, in Memphis, TN supporting the Sanitation Workers Strike, Dr. King was assassinated while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. His participation in this effort was to promote human rights and to protest against the unfair treatment of the working class in American society.

To honor Dr. King's life and legacy, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial was opened to the public in August of 2011 in Washington D.C. This memorial honors Dr. King's intercultural contributions and vision for all to enjoy freedom, opportunity and justice.

TORCH OF PEACE AWARD

In 1998, during the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation, Sampson Zewde entered and presented the Torch of Peace to Georgia State University President, Carl Patton. Zewde, on a world bike tour for peace, was born in Ethiopia and was forced to join the military at the age of 14. Seeing violence firsthand from both sides, he was determined to do something to spread the word about peace.

Mr. Zewde traveled over 34,000 miles and presented torches to advocates for peace along the way. He visited numerous U.S. cities including: Chicago, Washington, Oakland, Los Angeles, Seattle and Atlanta. Recipients of the original torch include: former United Nations Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Mrs. Winnie Mandela, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Ted Turner, and Carl Patton.

Inspired by Mr. Zewde, the University established the Torch of Peace awards to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King. The Torch of Peace awards honor GSU student, staff, faculty, alumni, and student organizations who continue to keep Dr. King's dream alive. Award winners are committed to the teachings of Dr. King and strive to create a more tolerant, accepting, and socially just world.

2012 TORCH OF PEACE AWARD RECIPIENTS

FACULTY AWARD



Elizabeth L. Beck is the Director of the Center for Collaborative Social Work at Georgia State University. The center, whose mission is to contribute to building and sustaining healthy communities, has been cited as a national exemplar for its close work with Atlanta social service agencies. Beck also co-founded the Council for Restorative Justice, which trains individuals to reach out to the victims of crime (at the request of the alleged offenders' defense attorneys) and to mediate between victims and offenders. She has written two books, *Social Work & Restorative Justice: Skills for Dialogue, Peacemaking and Reconciliation*, and *In the Shadow of Death: Restorative Justice and Death Row Families*, which won the American Library Association CHOICE award for Outstanding Academic Title of 2007. She is currently working as a Fulbright Scholar in the Palestinian West Bank, helping establish a new social work program at Bethlehem University.

Nominated by:

Nancy P. Kroph, Professor and Director of the School of Social Work, Georgia State University
Peter Lyons, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness and Associate Professor of the School of Social Work, Georgia State University
Douglas H. Yarn, Professor of Law and Executive Director of the Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, Georgia State University



ALUMNI AWARD

Dhanfu E. Elston graduated in the spring of 2011 with a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the College of Education. Since 2008, he has served as the Assistant Director for Academic Outreach and Support at GSU. He leads and supports several of the University's student retention efforts – Freshmen Learning Communities, Atlanta-Based Learning, Parent Outreach, and Undergraduate Research, among others. Elston founded the Urban Excellence Freshmen Learning Community, which is geared toward the academic success of African-American men, and it has a 95 percent retention rate among its participants. His research into race relations and student engagement – including issues specific to white students won him a prestigious grant from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. Elston created Leadership Georgia State, a comprehensive student leadership development program. He has also been appointed a Lead Facilitator with LeaderShape, Inc., a six-day curricular leadership institute designed to encourage students to “lead with integrity.”

Nominated by:
Nia Woods Haydel, Assistant Director for First-Year Programs, Georgia State University
Dejené Marshall, Teaching Assistant for Leadership Georgia State



STAFF AWARD

Eshé P. Collins is the project director for the GSU branch of Jumpstart, a national nonprofit that places college students and other volunteers in preschools to help teach language and literacy skills to young children. Collins organizes a team of roughly 55 GSU students each year, each of whom spends 300 hours in a classroom over the course of a year. She also coordinates a team of 120 external volunteers that work on outreach to children who are not in the Jumpstart program. Finally, she has taught classes for the Urban Education Freshmen Learning Community before coming to the Alonzo A. Crim Center for Urban Educational Excellence – the home of Jumpstart. She worked as an elementary school teacher in the Atlanta Public Schools. Collins has a law degree and serves as a pro bono attorney for the metro Atlanta area.

Nominated by:
Morgan McCrory, Jumpstart Volunteer Coordinator, Georgia State University
Alexandra Cooley, T.E.A.M.S. Program Director, Alonzo A. Crim Center for Urban Educational Excellence, Georgia State University



GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Jenna Hyland is a student in the Masters of Public Policy program in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies where she is concentrating on disaster policy. Hyland has a long history of community involvement. In 2006, she helped manage the daily operations of Common Ground, a nonprofit that provided donated bicycles to children in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. From 2007-2010, she volunteered as a play therapist at the Circus Arts Institute in Atlanta, which helps autistic and hyperactive children learn teamwork and interpersonal relationships through acrobatics lessons. Currently, Hyland is serving as a fellow with CARE, the Atlanta-based anti-poverty nonprofit. She was the first CARE intern selected to travel abroad, going to Afghanistan to conduct an emergency planning workshop. Hyland is a member of Georgia State University's Nonprofit Leadership Alliance and the Public Management and Policy Community Network.

Nominated by:
William L. Waugh, Jr., Professor, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University
Inta “Maggie” Tolan, Director of Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Career Services and Student Life, Georgia State University



UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

Grace Lee is pursuing a B.S. in Public Policy with a concentration in non-profit leadership. During her time at Georgia State, she has served as a Jumpstart Corps member, spending 300 hours over the course of a year working on reading and writing skills with underprivileged children. She has also served as a member of the University's LEAD team, through which she mentored 25 freshmen throughout their first semester. Lee has also worked at GSU's Welcome Center, providing tours and participating in panels that give college tips to incoming freshmen. As the Vice President of Student Services for the Student Government Association, she created a pilot program that provided an after-hours study space for students for the week before final exams. Lee writes a blog, madeforchange.tumblr.com, that updates students about GSU activities. In fall 2011, Lee was elected GSU homecoming queen.

Nominated by:
Jean So, Assistant Director, Office of Admissions, Georgia State University
Eric Vaughn Blacknall III, Associate to the Vice President of Student Affairs, Georgia State University



NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

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STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD

The Nonprofit Leadership Alliance is a group for students interested in becoming leaders in the nonprofit world. Each of its 115 members has committed not only to developing their own professional skills, but also to completing a 300-hour internship with a nonprofit organization during the academic year. Members have served with organizations including ArtsNOW, the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, CARE USA, the Carter Center, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, and the Nature Conservancy of Georgia. In addition to these internships, the members on average give 65 hours more of volunteer time while at GSU, equaling roughly six thousand hours of additional service for the group as a whole. The club, only in its third year, has already achieved national recognition with 31 members receiving NextGeneration scholarships from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. In 2011, the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance won the Carl V. Patton President's Award for Community Service and Social Action.

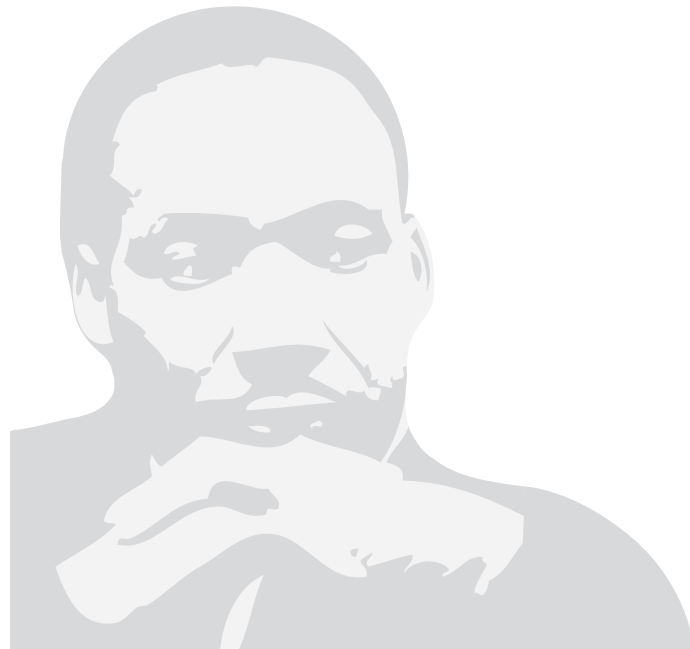
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Georgia State University

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Georgia State University



HOSEA WILLIAMS

Hosea Williams was born in Attapulgus, Georgia on January 5, 1926. Williams became a runaway around the age of 14, when trouble began in his community related to his friendship with a white girl. He later completed high school and received a B.A. in Chemistry from Morris Brown College in 1952.

In 1944, he joined the Third Division of the United States Army. He narrowly escaped death twice when others in his company were killed. Upon returning to the United States, he was badly beaten after drinking from the "whites only" water fountain in a segregated bus station. He was so badly injured that doctors at the veteran's hospital predicted he would die. In 1952, Williams began working for the Civil Rights Movement part-time. Williams joined the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and in 1964 he became a full-time leader in the nonviolent civil rights campaign.

Williams was a leader in the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama on March 7, 1965 which became known as Bloody Sunday. Williams was with Martin Luther King, Jr. when he was assassinated on April 4, 1968. He also was elected to the Georgia General Assembly in 1974. Williams served as Chief National Minority Advisor to President Ronald Reagan and was instrumental in the signing of the bill making Dr. King's birthday a federal holiday.

A lasting legacy of Mr. Williams is his Feed the Hungry dinners which have provided meals and services to hundreds of thousands over the years. Williams continued to fight against injustice on political and economic fronts until his last days. Just before his death on November 16, 2000, Hosea Williams learned that a record turnout by African-American voters was a deciding factor in numerous state and local elections across the nation.

HOSEA WILLIAMS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

To honor the life and legacy of Hosea Williams, the University established the Hosea Williams Awards for community activism in 2003. Each year during the MLK Commemorative Series, the Hosea Williams Awards honor one individual and one organization that demonstrates a passion for giving back to the community. Award winners are purposeful risk takers who are courageous in their mission to make the world they live in a better place.

2012 HOSEA WILLIAMS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVISM RECIPIENTS



INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Patrise Perkins-Hooker is Vice President and General Counsel for Atlanta Beltline, Inc. She is also currently the secretary of the State of Georgia Bar Association (the first African American to serve in this position), and the chair of Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless, a nonprofit dedicated to restabilizing at-risk and homeless families. Perkins-Hooker was the founding chair of the board of the Juvenile Justice Fund, which provides support to children in the justice system and has staged an aggressive

fight against the sexual exploitation of children. She has developed a curriculum on how to operate a law firm for third-year students at the Emory University Law School. In 1996, she won an *Amicus Curiae* award from the Supreme Court of Georgia for outstanding volunteer service and professionalism in the practice of law. In 2007, she was inducted into the Gate City Bar Association's Hall of Fame.

Nominated by:

Regina D. Page, CPA, Tax and Accounting Solutions, Inc.

Dwight D. Andrews, Senior Pastor, First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Atlanta



INDIVIDUAL AWARD

“Able” Mable Thomas is the Executive Director of Greater Vine Cities Opportunity Program, Inc., a nonprofit she founded in 1990 which provides business development services, after-school programs, Saturday enrichment activities, and counseling to at-risk youth and their families. Thomas served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1985-1993 and from 2003-2009, and on the Atlanta City Council from 1998-2002. As a state legislator, she led a statewide campaign to pass

landmark legislation requiring insurance plans to cover mammograms, pap smears and prostate exams. In 2002, Thomas was named to the National Boys & Girls Clubs of America Hall of Fame, and in 2010 she received the City of Atlanta Community Service Award. Thomas has served as an official United Nations election monitor, and as a member of a human rights delegation monitoring the 2000 national elections in South Africa.

Nominated by:

Charlie L. Smith, Director of Training, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Atlanta

Lovell Lemons, Director, Office of Civic Engagement, Georgia State University

Roger Bruce, State Representative, Georgia House of Representatives



ORGANIZATION AWARD

The Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban Agriculture is a nonprofit that works to engage low-income communities in food production, food literacy, and food-related business opportunities. Since its founding in 2006, the center has grown roughly 10,000 pounds of food each year on small donated plots of land in East Point, Riverdale, and

the Sweet Auburn neighborhood of Atlanta, among other places. Local residents can pay for the top-quality produce grown in these locations either with money or with volunteer labor. The center provides local markets and restaurants with fresh produce, holds a twice-weekly farmer's market, runs a community supported agriculture service, and participates in the State of Georgia's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Truly Living Well offers nutrition workshops, food awareness clinics, tours of local nature preserves, and summer camps that teach children to build and sustain urban organic farms, among other programs.

Nominated by:

Julie Rainbow, Regional Program Developer, Nurse-Family Partnership

Kwanza Hall, Council Member for District 2, Atlanta City Council

TORCH OF PEACE AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

Alumni Award

2011 Kristy Joseph
 2010 Ambassador Cynthia Blandford Nash
 2009 Glenwood Ross II, Ph.D.
 2008 Shena Ashley, Ph.D.
 2007 Toni Driskell
 2006 Aprille Blair
 2005 Glenda D. Crunk
 2004 Mark Issa
 2003 Helen Huyler, Esq.

Faculty Award

2011 Jonathan Gayles, Ph.D.
 2010 Cynthia East
 2009 Frederick Taylor, Ph.D.
 2008 Clifford Kuhn, Ph.D.
 2007 Harvey K. Newman, Ph.D.
 2006 Akinyele K. Umoja, Ph.D.
 2005 Charles Gallagher, Ph.D.
 2004 Oliver Greene, Jr., Ph.D.
 2003 Suzanne Vargas Anastasi, Ph.D.
 2002 Marybeth Gasman, Ph.D.
 Valerie Fennell, Ph.D.
 2001 Joan Wynne, Ph.D.
 2000 Dwight Coleman
 Cennette Jackson, Ed.D.

Staff Award

2011 Bryan K. Murray
 2010 Frances Williams-Simmons
 2009 Bobbie Turner
 2008 Lovell Lemons
 2007 Tammy Turner
 2006 Leslie Gordon
 2005 Doris Derby, Ph.D.
 2004 Susan Crim McClendon, Ph.D.
 2003 Booker Linkhorn, Jr.
 2002 Patsy Terry
 2001 John Day
 Linda Nelson

Student Award

2011 Gabrielle Arrington (undergraduate)
 Catherine Slocum (graduate)
 2010 Alice Barrett (undergraduate)
 Susan Manikowski (graduate)
 2009 Karishma Saini (undergraduate)
 Nicholas Lee Bertram Harvey (graduate)
 2008 Cynthia Padilla (undergraduate)
 Kimberly Cooper (graduate)
 2007 Regina Stephens (undergraduate)
 Lewis Haughton Faulk (graduate)
 2006 Gaurav Bhatia (undergraduate)
 Alethea Bonello (graduate)
 Bryce Farbstein (graduate)
 2005 Tourgee D. Simpson
 2004 Justina Emmanuel
 2003 Glendora Collier
 Anil Lewis
 2002 Mawuli Davis
 Lynell Hodge
 Jimmie Scott
 2001 Lee Daily
 Cindy Lutenbacher
 Juliette Tyler
 2000 Karen Atkins
 Michelle Bryne, Ph.D.
 Randall Moore
 1999 George Childs
 Shaan Trotter

Student Organization Award

2011 Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
 2010 Golden Key International Honor Society
 2009 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
 2007 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
 2006 Black Student Alliance
 2005 Tighter Grip
 2004 Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority, Inc.
 2001 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
 2000 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
 Phi Mu Fraternity

Honorary Award

1998 Carl Patton, Ph.D.

HOSEA WILLIAMS AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

Individual Award

2011 Michael Williams
 2010 Brenda Jackson
 2009 Mike "Stinger" Glenn
 2008 Collette Hopkins, Ph.D.
 2007 Roberta Abdul-Salaam
 2006 Arnita Welch
 2005 Michael Langford, Sr.
 2004 Gilbert "Doc" Turman
 2003 Mary Hughes

Organizational Award

2011 Year up Atlanta
 2010 National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., MECCA Chapter
 2009 After-School All-Stars Atlanta
 2008 The Atlanta Women's Foundation
 2007 Sons and Daughters with Destiny
 2006 Rachel's Daughters, Inc.
 2005 The William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum Holocaust Survivor Speakers
 2004 Capitol Area Mosaic
 2003 National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter

TORCH OF PEACE AND HOSEA WILLIAMS AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEES

Torch of Peace Awards

Audrea F. Dunham, Ph.D.
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- Tonya Cook, Intercultural Relations

MLK COMMEMORATIVE SERIES 2012

Calendar of Events

A Day On, Not A Day Off: Hands On Atlanta Service Projects

Monday, January 16
City of Atlanta

Feed Your Senses: All That Jazz

Wednesday, January 18
Noon – 1 p.m.
Rialto Center for the Arts

Intercultural Relations Goes 3-D: Dinner, Diversity, and Dialogue Remembering Dr. King's Dream

Monday, January 23
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
460/465 University Center

29th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation

Tuesday, January 24
3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

Sociocultural Integration and Salsa Dance in Atlanta: Documentary Photography

by Dr. Doris A. Derby
Thursday, January 26
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Student Center Art Gallery Lounge, 3rd Floor

Community Service Projects

Friday, January 27
12:15 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Various locations

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