

Call for Proposals

UVU's 17th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration: *Re-Imagining the Dream* January 12-13, 2011

Our Keynote Presenter is Ambassador Andrew Young!

Ambassador Young was present with Dr. King when he was assassinated and has been among the most active civil rights advocates of our generation. He served as a United States Congressman from 1973-1977 and was appointed to be a United States Ambassador to the United Nations from 1977-1979. In 1982 he was elected Mayor of Atlanta and served in this position until 1990. Ambassador Young is the co-founding principal and chair of GoodWorks International. He is the author of *A Way Out of No Way: The Spiritual Memoirs of Andrew Young* and *An Easy Burden: The Civil Rights Movement and the Transformation of America*.

In 2011, we look to the future, re-imagining Dr. King's vision of human rights for all citizens. Global problems of warfare, poverty, water and food supply, religious differences, environmental concerns, and health crises prompt us to envision new possibilities for change. How can we work towards justice, equality, and sustenance for all human beings? What local, national, and global initiatives are bringing people together rather than pulling us apart? How can university students, faculty, and community members engage in collaborative and sustained efforts to effect change? How can understanding our history help us re-invent our future? What lessons have we learned as global citizens that can prompt wiser and more humane choices? How can peace and nonviolence structure our interactions across difference? How can art, music, fiction, and poetry bring about social change? What rhetorical choices promote greater understanding, listening, and cooperation between individuals, in families, and in community organizations at all levels? We invite proposals that extend Dr. King's legacy to any of these broad areas of concern. We encourage collaboration between faculty and students in proposing

- Student papers
- Student/Faculty panels
- Faculty papers and panels
- Community member presentations
- Student artwork or performance to be displayed at Commemoration

Proposals must include contact information, a tentative title, a one-paragraph summary of the intended item for presentation, and a one-paragraph explanation of its relevance to the Commemoration theme. Submit by Nov. 15, 2010. See uvu.edu/hass/mlk for further details, a proposal template, and examples.

- **Papers:** Proposals for coherent, well-supported arguments 15 minutes long will be accepted from faculty, staff, and students. Note that Commemoration themes can be incorporated into the curriculum of many disciplines. Use this call for proposals as a springboard to write that research or Capstone paper this fall semester!
- **Panels:** Proposals for panels should include all personnel involved, their proposed contributions to the panel and their qualifications. One member of the panel, or the proposed mediator/facilitator, should be the contact person. Panels may be made up of any combination of persons.

Proposals for papers or panels should be submitted electronically to nicholju@uvu.edu or in hard copy to Julie Nichols, MS 153, LA 126g.

- **Art work/Performances:** Proposals should be submitted electronically to AngieB@uvu.edu or in hard copy to Angie Banchemo-Kelleher, MS 233, GT 687.

PRIZES! Outstanding individual papers and/or art/performances by UVU Students are eligible for cash prizes and awards. Amounts vary by category. See uvu.edu/hass/mlk for details.

UVU Students

- Research an issue with *real* world significance
- List submissions and presentations on your résumé
- Improve your profile for graduate school admissions
- Prepare for UCUR and NCUR (Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research and National Conference on Undergraduate Research)
- Cash prizes for first, second and third place papers/projects
- Change the world — one paper, one issue at a time!

If you need advice about a possible submission topic or would like to discuss your ideas, you may contact any member of the MLK Advisory Board, including:

* Student participation committee member: Dr. Gae Lyn Henderson, MS 153, LA 121d
gaelyn.henderson@uvu.edu

* Chair: Dr. Julie Nichols, MS 153, LA 126g, nicholju@uvu.edu

* or the faculty member who gave you this handout