2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Beloved Community Celebration

Wednesday, January 6th – MLK Commemorative Keynote: Melissa Harris Perry

6:00pm, McCrary Theatre
*This is a ticketed event.

In addition to hosting her program on MSNBC, Harris-Perry is presidential chairs and professor of politics and international affairs at Wake Forest University. Her academic research and published work investigate persistent, harmful stereotypes in contemporary society that hinder African-American men and women in asserting their rights in political, economic and social arenas. Harris-Perry is founding director of the Anna Julia Cooper Project, which supports a multi-faceted mission to move beyond the black/white paradigm in the study of race specifically at the intersections of gender, class, sexuality and region.

Monday, January 18th – Remembrance March

10:00am-12:00pm (meet in front of Admissions Building)- Elon University

Please join the Center for Race, Ethnicity, & Diversity Education as we join the Burlington, NC chapter of the NAACP at their annual King Holiday and Voter Empowerment March. We will depart from in front of the Admissions Building at 10am. For more information, please use the following link:

https://alamancenaacp.wordpress.com/

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

9:00am-12:00pm- Elon University, Get on the Bus Service Project Series: Salvation Army

Join the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement for Elon’s annual celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Week of Service. Please use this link to sign up at:

https://www.elon.edu/EventsMgmt/events/eventtype.aspx?id=31&cid=170

12:00pm (Mckinnon) – Elon University, Beloved Community College Coffee

Elon University’s office of Student Activities will be sponsoring a special college coffee where we will honor the winners of the MLK Commemorative Essay Contest. We invite the campus community to attend and commemorate the life and legacy of one of the world’s most inspiring human rights leaders.

5:30pm (McBride Room, Numen Lumen)- Elon University, “What Does MLK Say to Us Today?”

Sponsored by the Truitt Center for Religious & Spiritual Life, along with DEEP student, the CREDE, & InterVarsity Justice Team, this discussion will explore how King’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail” applies to us today.

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

All Day Event-Elon University, Get on the Bus Service Project Series: Blood Drive

Join the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement for Elon’s annual celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Week of Service.

To volunteer email, blooddrive@elon.edu

To give blood, please sign up at: http://www.redcrossblood.org/ Sponsor Code Elon
Wednesday, January 20, 2016

6:00pm (Moseley 215) - Elon University, Oratorical Contest, Moseley 215

“Why We Can’t Wait Now”
The Center for Race, Ethnicity, & Diversity Education along with the MLK Community Celebration Committee, would like to invite to our first MLK Oratorical Contest. Based on national news and race relations in our society come hear Elon students response to the question, “Why can’t we wait.”

To register to participate use the following link:
https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/62Ti2aasC5d12yoSEm545xfg

Thursday, January 21, 2016

8:30am-12:00pm - Elon University, Get on the Bus Service Project Series: Habitat Restore

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12:00pm - Elon University, Numen Lumen Pavilion, Sacred Space

Much of MLK’s work was rooted in his role as a religious leader. While he was a Christian minister, he also greatly influenced and was influenced by leaders of many other faith traditions. Students and staff connected to Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life from many different traditions will offer a service in the spirit of MLK and his life, passion, and principles. Join us as we recognize the relationship between of multi-faith and social justice.

Friday, January 22, 2016

8:30am-12:00pm - Elon University, Get on the Bus Service Project Series: Goodwill Retail Store

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7:00pm (Oak House) - Elon University, MLK Social Justice Poetry Slam and Open Mic

The Center for Race, Ethnicity & Diversity Education, along with Student Union Board, presents…
“Poetic Justice Poetry Slam”: Exploring Social Justice through Spoken Word
If you would like to participate in the open mic portion, please sign up with SUB using the following link:
ttsu.me/FM8

Feature Artist: Josephus III

With the mind of an engineer, the voice of a poet, and the heart and soul of a visionary, Josephus III is constantly transcending barriers. Whether standing alone or surrounded by instruments he has taken this art form to the next level the way his words mesh with the music create a unique sound that is memorable and mesmerizing. His music and poetry reach a broad worldwide audience in the R&B, NeoSoul, Pop, Hip-Hop, and Jazz fan-bases. His Soul shines through, creating the “Soul Poetry” that paints the colors of his life.

Feature Artist: Dasan Ahanu

Christopher Massenburg, better known as Dasan Ahanu, is a public speaker, organizer, workshop facilitator, poet, spoken word performer, educator, and loyal Hip Hop head born and raised in Raleigh, North Carolina. While an Assistant Professor of English at Saint Augustine’s University in Raleigh, NC, Dasan developed workshops and programming for the English Department. He has also developed new curriculum for the English Department, Liberal Studies Department, and Honors Program. He has been active in student development as a member of the Freshman Writing Initiative, a grant supported initiative established to foster student success and nurture student writing and critical thinking.