

Martin Luther King Holiday Commission Records

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The D.C and Federal Holiday Commissions worked to get a federal holiday for Dr. King and publicized efforts to celebrate his accomplishments.

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Scope and Contents

The papers consists of memoranda, meeting minutes, reports, press releases, statements, newsletters, clippings, conference packets, and correspondence which document efforts to establish a Martin Luther King Memorial holiday The collection also includes the SCLC national magazine, and SCLC convention materials (1980s), items from the King Center in Atlanta, and some historical flyers, publications, and other historical items.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Custodial History

Professor Brady Tyson donated papers related to his participation in the D.C. and Federal Holiday Commissions. Dr. Tyson was also a member of the board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Commission Files, 1972-1990

Scope and Contents

The series contains materials about the Commission's work, including Commission meeting minutes, annual reports, routine correspondence, report on the first holiday, memoranda, legislation, and conference materials. It also contains items from organizations that supported the King holiday such as the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Change, National Black Caucus, and National Black Leadership Roundtable.

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual reports, 1988-1990	Box 1	Folder 1
Conference materials, 1979-1986	Box 1	Folder 2
Correspondence, 1984-1986	Box 1	Folder 3
Fact Sheet, 1986	Box 1	Folder 4
Meeting Minutes (Atlanta), January 1986	Box 1	Folder 5
Conference Materials, 1987-1990	Box 1	folder 6
Meeting minutes, 1987-1989	Box 2	Folder 1
Meeting minutes, 1987-1989	Box 2	Folder 2
Memoranda, 1985-1986	Box 2	Folder 3
MLK Center, 1978-1990	Box 2	Folder 4
MLK National Holiday legislation, 1983	Box 3	Folder 1

MLK National Holiday legislation, 1983	Box 3	Folder 2
Report II on the First King Holiday, 1986	Box 3	Folder 3
Report II on the First King Holiday, 1986	Box 3	Folder 4
State Liaisons, 1988	Box 3	Folder 5
Work Program, 1988	Box 3	Folder 6

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Series 2: Public Speeches, Statements and Remarks, 1968-88

Scope and Contents

This series includes SCLC 1968 statement of purpose for the Poor People's Campaign, statements regarding the 1983 March for Jobs, Peace and Freedom, a printed lecture, and speeches in honor of the first King holiday, among others.

Title/Description	Instances	
Statements, 1968-1988	Box 4	Folder 1

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Series 3: Publicity, 1963, 1986-1990

Scope and Contents

This series contains clippings, flyers, brochures, event programs, promotional materials, newsletters, and news releases to promote the King holiday as well as the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, the King film project, and items dating from marches and other events in the 1960s.

Title/Description	Instances	
Brochures and programs, 1986-1987	Box 4	Folder 2
Brochures and programs, 1986-1987	Box 4	Folder 3
Clippings, 1966-1968, 1986-1990	Box 5	Folder 1
Clippings, 1966-1968, 1986-1990	Box 5	Folder 2
Clippings, 1966-1968, 1986-1990	Box 5	Folder 3
Clippings, 1966-1968, 1986-1990	Box 5	Folder 4
Clippings, 1966-1968, 1986-1990	Box 5	Folder 5
Flyers, 1985-1990	Box 5	Folder 6
Hand Bell promotion, 1987	Box 5	Folder 7
King film project, Undated	Box 5	Folder 8

Newsletters, 1963-1990	Box 5	Folder 9
News releases, 1987	Box 5	Folder 10

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Series 4: Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), 1969-1988

Scope and Contents

This series contains meeting minutes, conference packets, brochures, newsletters, and reports of the SCLC which was closely involved with efforts to establish a King Holiday. The materials are primarily from the 1980s but also include a few historical documents from SCLC, which Dr. King established in the early 1960s. The series also contains the SCLC magazine, SCLC, from 1986-1990.

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual report, 1983	Box 6	Folder 1
Brochures and programs, 1986-1988	Box 6	Folder 2
Constitution (proposed), 1988	Box 6	Folder 3
Conferences, 1981-1990	Box 6	Folder 4
Convention, 1972, 1985, 1987	Box 6	Folder 5
Financial, Undated	Box 6	Folder 6
SCLC Convention, 1987-1988	Box 6	folder 7
SCLC Convention 1989-1990, 1989-1990	Box 6	folder 8
Meeting minutes, 1969, 1984-1990	Box 6	Folder 9
SCLC magazine, 1986-1988	Box 7	Folder 1
SCLC magazine, 1980-1990	Box 8	Folder 1

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Series 5: Publications, 1967-1969; 1980-1990

Scope and Contents

This series contains a few historical and current publications regarding civil rights and African Americans. It also contains a D.C. government manual for boards and commissions.

Title/Description	Instances	
D.C. Boards and Commissions Manual, 1986, 1988	Box 8	Folder 2
Historical publications, 1966-1969	Box 8	Folder 3
Miscellaneous publications, 1980-1987	Box 8	Folder 4

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