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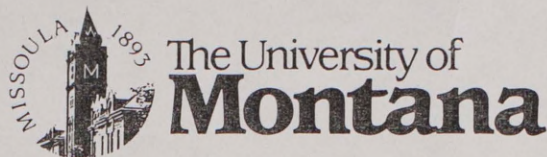
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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **EVENTS SET TO COMMEMORATE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

#### **MISSOULA —**

The University of Montana and **Missoula** will celebrate the achievements of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. with a series of events in January. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free and open to the public.

A community rally and march is scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17. Community members will gather in Caras Park to reflect upon King's legacy. Speakers will include Ralph Stone, a Montana Human Rights Network board member, and Janet Robideau, director of Montana Peoples Action and Indian Peoples Action. Amy Martin will provide music.

After the rally, UM music faculty member Stephen Kalm will lead a march to St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 202 Brooks. There, another program is scheduled for 5:45 p.m., featuring Bozeman Senior High School Principal Godfrey Saunders and music by the Hellgate High School Choir.

Also on Jan. 17, volunteers will work at different community agencies from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the MLK Day of Service. Efforts are being organized by the Western Montana Volunteer Center, UM's Office for Civic Engagement and the AmeriCorps Member Advisory Council. Last year volunteers assisted Missoula Aging Services, the American Red Cross Blood Center, the Salvation Army and many other agencies.

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For more information about the MLK Day of Service, visit Social Science Room 126 or call Morgan Lake at (406) 243-5531.

The next event will be a Building Bridges Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, in the University Center. This National Coalition Building Institute event will teach people prejudice-reduction skills and promote appreciation of diversity. The workshop is \$30 for community members and \$15 for UM employees and students. The fee includes refreshments and lunch. Call (406) 541-6891 for more information or to register.

Harvard University's William Julius Wilson will then present two lectures on Thursday, Jan. 27, as part of UM's President's Lecture Series. Wilson, the Linda L. Geyser University Professor at the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, will present "The Roots of Racial Tensions" from 3:40 to 5 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Then he will present "The World of the New Urban Poor" at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre. Named by Time magazine in 1996 as one of America's 25 Most Influential People, Wilson is a seminal thinker on race relations in America. He will speak about his current research on the increasing concentration of poverty in large cities.

For more information on any of these events, call Michelle Shaughnessey in the UM President's Office at (406) 243-2311.

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