“So many of our forebears used to sing about freedom ... but so many died without having the dream fulfilled.”

“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”

“Faith is taking the first step, even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”

Sponsors:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Panel Discussion
January 30, 2008
4:00pm – 5:30pm
Student Union Theatre

“Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor”
~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Moderator: Dr. Ronald L. Taylor
Vice Provost for Multicultural & International Affairs
Professor of Sociology

Panelists & Topics:
Dr. Manisha Desai
Director, Women’s Studies Program
Associate Professor of Sociology
MLK via Gandhi – focusing on how both emphasized the need for transformation in the oppressor

Dr. Davita Glasberg
Department Head of Sociology
Professor of Sociology
MLK’s emphasis on economic justice, racism, and human rights, with a discussion of predatory lending as an example of institutionalized racism and the strong work still left to be done

Dr. Jeffrey Ogbar
Director, Institute for African American Studies
Associate Professor of History
Beyond the Dream: The Evolving Political Perspectives of Martin L. King

Sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Multicultural & International Affairs
A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.

“Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom. A man can’t ride you unless your back is bent.”

“History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.”