

**JANUARY
20-23
2025**

**33RD ANNUAL
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CONVOCATION WEEK**

**BELOVED COMMUNITY:
RADICAL EMPATHY**



CONVOCATION PROGRAM

Monday, January 20

MONDAY, JAN. 20 / SAINT EDMUND'S HALL // FARRELL ROOM // 9:15 A.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Post Election – Moving Forward Together – Gallery Walk

Faculty, staff, & students are invited to the gallery walk to quietly reflect on post-election questions. Sponsored by Be Well, Bergeron Counseling, & the Institute for Equity & Justice.

MONDAY, JAN. 20 / ALLIOT // FIRST FLOOR LOUNGE // 11 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Radical Empathy Community Mural

Join SMC Creative Commons art club and help paint the MLK Radical Empathy mural.

Day of Celebration // Tuesday, January 21 // 9:00 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.

9 A.M. – 3 P.M. Fireside Lounge, 1st Floor, Alliot Hall

MLK Convocation Information Table hosted by MOVE: convocation programs, MOVE service project, food drive for the SMC food pantry THRIVE, tabling by student groups, and more.

9 A.M. – 3 P.M. Dion Center, 2nd Floor

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TUESDAY, JAN. 21 / DION CENTER // ROY ROOM // 9:00 A.M. - 12 P.M.

9 – 9:20 A.M

Welcoming Remarks with Fr. Michael Carter, SSE; Vernita Weller, Senior Advisor & Parent Programming; Dr. Richard Plumb, President; Dr. Gretchen Galbraith, Provost.

9:25 A.M. - 10:05 A.M.

Who Counted as "the People" in the U.S. Constitution? Our Founding Fathers' Ideas about Race, Gender, & Citizenship in 1787 with Alexandra Garrett, PhD, Assistant Professor of History.

10:15 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Beloved Community and Non-Violence 365 (The King Center) with Vernita Weller, MAT, MAR, Senior Advisor & Parent Programming.

11:10 A.M. - 11:50 A.M.

A Conversation with International Students: Perspectives of Life on Campus and in an Uncertain World with International Students from Saint Michael's College and representatives from the Institute for Global Engagement.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21 / ALLIOT // GREEN MOUNTAIN DINING ROOM // 12 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.

Musical Celebration with the Saint Michael's Gospel Choir directed by Vernita Weller, MAT, MAR, Senior Advisor & Parent Programming.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21 / DION CENTER // MAKERSPACE // 1 – 5 P.M.

MLK Day Creative Space – Button making, laser cutting, and more.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21 / DION CENTER // ROY ROOM // 1:45 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

1:45 P.M. - 2:35 P.M.

What Does It Mean to be a Vermonter? with Sha'an Mouliert, MEd, educator, grassroots organizer, artist and member of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom's Building the Beloved Community leadership team.

2:45 P.M. - 3:50 P.M.

Sending Sisterhood: Building Benevolent Beloved Communities through the United States Postal System with Pamela N. Walker, PhD, Assistant Professor of History, University of Vermont.

4 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Yesterday and Today: Walk Together Children, Don't Ya Get Weary with Rev. Dr. Shaun Whitehead, University Chaplain, Saint Lawrence University.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21 / DION CENTER // ARCHWAY LOUNGE // 5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

MLK Social Hour with food from BIPOC-owned businesses.

Wednesday, January 22

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22 / ALLIOT // FIRST FLOOR LOUNGE // 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Radicalize Your Wardrobe – Screenprint your own Radical Empathy shirt with Prof. Becca Gurney's Silkscreen Printmaking class.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22 / MCCARTHY ARTS CENTER // RECITAL HALL // 4 P.M.

Radical Empathy: Taking Action/Bridging Divides with Terri E. Givens, PhD, Professor of Political Science, University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Sponsored by the Sutherland Lecture Series.

Thursday, January 23

THURSDAY, JAN. 23 / DION CENTER // ROY ROOM // 12 – 1:30 P.M.

Disability Across History and Lived Experience with Sefakor G.M.A. Komabu-Pomeyie, PhD (Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for UVM's College of Nursing & Health Sciences & author of *I'm Able: a Woman's Advice for Disability Change Agents*) & Patrick Standen, M.A (Instructor of Philosophy at UVM and SMC & author of *Disability: The Genealogy of a Concept from Prehistory to Mid-20th Century*). **Lunch provided.** Sponsored by the First-Year Seminar, Equity Studies, Education, and Philosophy & Ethics programs, and the Office of Accessibility Services.

THURSDAY, JAN. 23 / ST EDMUND'S HALL // ROOM 120 - INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LOUNGE // 2 – 3:30 P.M.

Beloved Community International Coffee Hour

Join the Office of International Student and Scholar Services and the Institute for Global Engagement for International Coffee Hour honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sponsored by: *Office of the President, the Sutherland Lecture Series, and Edmundite Campus Ministry, in partnership with the Martin Luther King, Jr Society, Creative Commons Art Club, Center for Student Diversity, Empowerment, and Community (DEC), the Diversity Coalition, Mobilization of Volunteer Efforts (MOVE), Institute for Equity & Justice, Institute for Global Engagement, and the First Year Seminar program.*

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