

MLK DIVERSITY RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Recognition Awards are presented for individual and/or group achievements in the areas of diversity and inclusiveness. Each year, UMB schools and administrative units are asked to nominate to the Diversity Advisory Council individuals or groups that have played a leadership role or been an integral part of the diversity effort at the University. The recipients serve as models of the ideals epitomized by the life and work of Dr. King.

OUTSTANDING UMB STAFF AWARD

Courtney J. Jones Carney, MBA

As director of the Office of Interprofessional Student Learning and Services Initiatives in Campus Life Services, Carney develops and manages over 200 programs a year. She has tirelessly advocated for and produced diversity education and cultural celebration activities including programs like World Hijab Day and Poverty Simulation that expose students and staff to cultures and conditions they might not have had the opportunity to learn about in their everyday life.

OUTSTANDING UMB FACULTY AWARD

C. Daniel Mullins, PhD

Mullins is chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research in the School of Pharmacy and founder of the PATIENTS program (PATient-centered Involvement in Evaluating the effectiveNess of TreatmentS). The program partners with patients and care providers to answer questions about the best treatment options to improve health and quality of life. It engages people from all communities, especially those from underserved and minority populations, in the patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) process.

OUTSTANDING UMB STUDENT AWARD

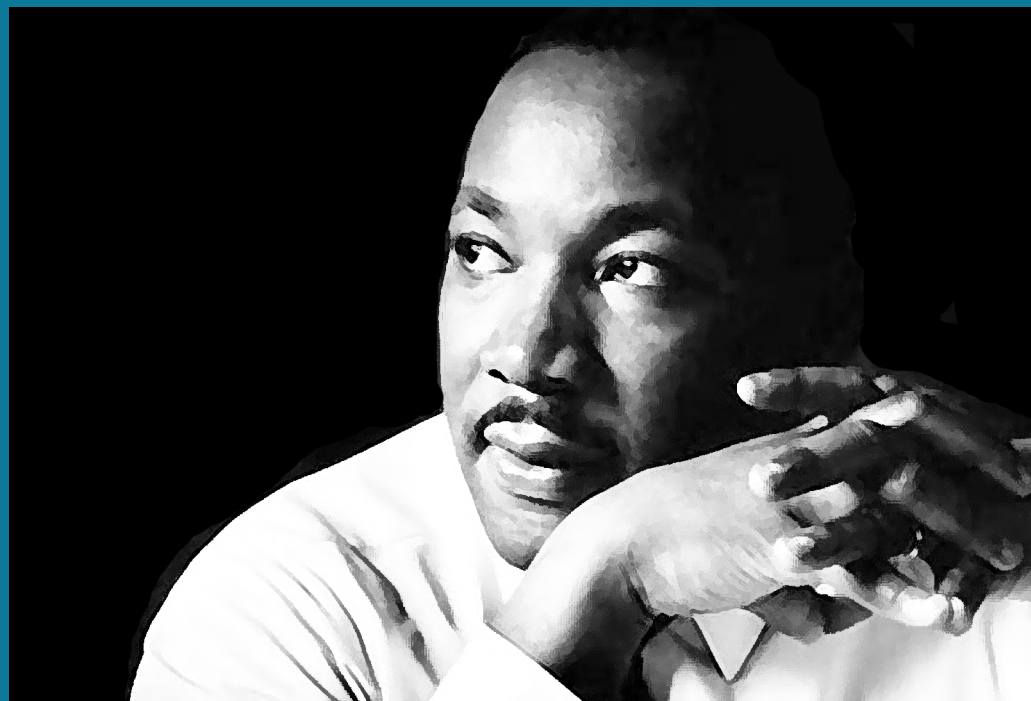
Faiza Hasan

A third-year student at the Francis King Carey School of Law, Hasan organized several University events that demonstrate her commitment to Dr. King's ideals. "Immigration Issues in the 2016 Election: Be Informed and Vote" in October featured a panel that included Sen. Benjamin Cardin and "Combating Islamophobia – Constitutional Issues Affecting Muslim Americans and Asian Americans in a Post-9/11 World" also drew over 100 people. Hasan is co-president of the Women's Bar Association at the school.

The Diversity Advisory Council (DAC), established in 2010, advises UMB President Jay A. Perman, MD, on issues of diversity and inclusion. The Council promotes the University's efforts to build an inclusive and equitable workplace and recommends strategies for enhancing institutional diversity. To learn more about the DAC, visit www.umaryland.edu/diversity.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COMMEMORATES

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. & BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2017



FEB. 1, 2017
NOON - 1:30 P.M.

School of Nursing auditorium



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND, BALTIMORE

Program

Welcoming Remarks

Jay A. Perman, MD

President, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)

“One Little Candle”

**Green Street Academy Sixth-Grade Chorus
under the direction of Joseph Eldridge**

Keynote Address

Sherrilyn A. Ifill, JD

President and director-counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Recognition Awards Presentation

“Royalty — Sounds of Blackness”

Green Street Academy Sixth-Grade Chorus

Closing Remarks

Light refreshments to follow at the SMC Campus Center



SHERRILYN A. IFILL, JD

*President and director-counsel,
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.*

As its seventh president and director-counsel, Sherrilyn A. Ifill is continuing Baltimore's proud tradition in the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. The LDF, as it is known, was founded by Thurgood Marshall, a Baltimore native son and the first African-American Supreme Court justice.

On leave in 2013-2016 from the Francis King Carey School of Law in Baltimore, where she was a longtime professor of law before her recent resignation, Ifill

remained active at the school despite her LDF duties. She helped with a community town hall in September to discuss Police Reforms in Baltimore and taught a session of the “Freddie Gray’s Baltimore” course in 2015.

Her story in the law school’s fall 2015 magazine “What Lawyers Can and Must Do” staunchly defended the legal profession. “The solutions we advance benefit not only our clients, but our entire society,” Ifill wrote. “When we challenge inequality and discrimination, when we advance policies that promote opportunity and access, when we demand that every person receive access to all of the opportunities to which they are legally entitled, we play a vital role in strengthening our democracy.”

Today she will discuss “The Civil Rights Challenge of 2017” based on a lifetime of experience. After graduating from the New York University School of Law, Ifill served as a fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union and then for five years as an assistant counsel in LDF’s New York office, where she litigated voting rights cases. Among her successful litigation was the landmark Voting Rights Act case *Houston Lawyers’ Association vs. Attorney General of Texas*, in which the Supreme Court held that judicial elections are covered by the provisions of section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

In 1993, Ifill joined the Maryland Carey Law faculty, where, in addition to teaching Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, and a variety of seminars, she continued to litigate and consult on a broad and diverse range of civil rights cases while grooming the next generation of civil rights lawyers. Ifill launched several innovative legal offerings at Maryland Carey Law, including an environmental justice course in which students represented rural communities in Maryland, and, teaming with Michael Pinard, JD, developed one of the first legal clinics in the nation focused on removing legal barriers to formerly incarcerated persons seeking to responsibly re-enter society.

Ifill has emerged as a highly regarded national civil rights strategist and public intellectual whose writings, speeches, and media appearances enrich public debate.

A critically acclaimed author, her book *On the Courthouse Lawn: Confronting the Legacy of Lynching in the 21st Century*, reflects her lifelong engagement in and analysis of issues of race and American public life. Ifill’s scholarly writing has focused on the importance of diversity on the bench, and she is currently writing a book about race and Supreme Court confirmation hearings.

Ifill, who became president and director-counsel of the LDF in 2012, is immediate past chair of the Board of U.S. Programs at the Open Society Institute, one of the largest philanthropic supporters of civil rights and social justice organizations in the country.