

McLean County Museum of History

**Martin Luther King Jr Awards Program—  
Human Relation Commissions**

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**Collection Information**

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## Brief History

The Martin Luther King Jr Awards program is an annual event sponsored by the Bloomington Human Relations Commission and the Normal Human Relations Commission. It began in 1977. Guest speakers have included national Civil Rights leaders. Awards are presented to local residents and students.

## Scope

This collection contains promotional material and programs.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: 1977-1979

No items

### Folder 2: 1980-1984

- 2.1 Brochure, Fifth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Awards Brunch, guest speaker Maynard Jackson, Illinois State University, Union Ballroom, March 29, 1981.

### Folder 3: 1985-1989

- 2.2 Remarks by William Atchison Hammitt, at Ninth Annual program, March 30, 1985, typed, 2 pp.
- 2.3 Program. Eleventh Annual Awards Program, guest speaker Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, ISU, Bone Student Center Ballroom, January 17, 1987.
- 2.4 Program. Thirteenth Annual Awards Program, guest speaker Rev Ralph Abernathy, Jumer's Chateau, January 14, 1989.

### Folder 4: 1990-1994

- 4.1 Program. Sixteenth Annual Awards Program, guest speaker Clarence Page, ISU, Bone Student Center Ballroom, January 18, 1992.
- 4.2 Letter, Lee Sudduth, chairperson, Bloomington Human Relations, and Harry Hightower, chairperson, Normal Human Relations, regarding upcoming program, 15 October 1993
- 4.3 Program. Seventeenth Annual Awards Program, guest speaker Dr. Mary Frances Berry, ISU, Bone Student Center Ballroom, January 16, 1993.
- 4.4 Letter, Lee Sudduth, Bloomington Human Relations Commission, 28 October 1994, includes nomination form, 2 pp., and list of previous award recipient, 1977-1994, 1 p.
- 4.5 Flyer / invitation, Eighteenth Annual program, guest speaker Sister Antona Ebo, January 15, 1994.

### Folder 5: 1995-1999

- 5.1 Program. Nineteenth Annual Awards Program, guest speaker Randall Robinson, ISU, Bone Student Center Ballroom, January 14, 1995.

- 5.2 Letter, Lee Sudduth, chairperson, Bloomington Human Relations Commission, and Harry Hightower, chairperson, Normal Human Relations Commission, regarding upcoming program, 29 October 1996, includes advertising form, 1 p.
- 5.3 Program. Twentieth Annual Awards Program, guest speaker Julian Bond, ISU, Bone Student Center Ballroom, January 13, 1996.
- 5.4 Flyer / invitation, Twenty-first Annual program, guest speaker Morris S. Dees Jr., January 11, 1997.
- 5.5 Program. Twenty-first Annual Awards Program, guest speaker Moris S. Dees, Jr., ISU, Bone Student Center Ballroom, January 11, 1997.
- 5.6 Program. Twenty-second Awards Program, guest speaker Dr. C.T. Vivian, ISU, Bone Student Center Ballroom, January 17, 1998.

**Folder 6: 2000-2004**

No items

**Folder 7: 2005-2009**

- 7.1 Program. Thirtieth Annual Awards Program, guest speaker Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan C. Page, Interstate Conference Center, Bloomington, January 14, 2006.

**Folder 8: 2010-2014**

- 8.1 Ticket, Thirty-eighth Annual Awards program, guest speaker Kevin Powell.
- 8.2 Program. Thirty-eighth Annual Awards Program, guest speaker Kevin Powell, Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Normal, January 8, 2014.

**Folder 9: 2015-2019**

- 9.1 Program. Fortieth Annual Awards Program, guest speaker Timothy G. Walker, ISU, Bone Student Center, January 16, 2016.
- 9.2 Program. Forty-second Annual Awards Program, guest speaker guest speaker Judge James A. Knecht, ISU, Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Normal, January 20, 2018.
- 9.3 Flyer, Forty-third Annual Awards program, guest speaker Gary Moore, Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Normal, January 12, 2019.

**Folder 10: 2020-present**

- 10.1 Flyer, Forty-seventh Annual Awards program, guest speaker Lawrence Brown, Parke Regency Hotel, Bloomington, January 14, 2023.