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Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at Princeton twice at the invitation of Dean of the Chapel Ernest Gordon, once in 1960 and once in 1962. He attends a dinner on campus in the photo above. (Photo courtesy of Mudd Library)

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
(March 25, 1965)*

Princeton University's annual celebration of
Martin Luther King Jr.

January 20, 2014

Keynote Speaker:

Omar Wasow

Assistant Professor of Politics

Omar Wasow is an assistant professor in the Department of Politics. His research focuses on race and politics. Before joining the academy, Wasow was the co-founder of BlackPlanet.com. Under his leadership, BlackPlanet.com became a leading website for African Americans, reaching more than 3 million active users a month. Wasow also worked to demystify technology issues through regular television and radio segments on programs such as NBC's "Today Show," CNN's "American Morning" and public radio's "Tavis Smiley" show. Wasow tutored Oprah Winfrey in her first exploration of the Internet in the 12-part series "Oprah Goes Online."

In 1999, as a result of his active participation in a number of social issues, particularly the charter school movement, Wasow was selected to be a fellow in the Rockefeller Foundation's Next Generation Leadership program. In 2003, Wasow helped co-found a K-8 charter school in his hometown of Brooklyn, New York. In 2007, in recognition of the promise of his academic research, the National Science Foundation selected him for a Graduate Research Fellowship. Most recently, the Aspen Institute selected him for the Henry Crown Fellowship. Wasow received a Ph.D. in African American studies, an M.A. in government and an M.A. in statistics from Harvard University. He received his B.A. from Stanford University.



Photo courtesy of Willi Wong

The Princeton Studio Band

The Princeton Studio Band is celebrating its 37th year of jazz at Princeton High School. The band recently returned from a tour of Europe where its student members performed in Budapest, Vienna and Prague. In 2013, the band performed with the Glenn Miller Orchestra at one of the Princeton High School's monthly big band dances. The band is the current New Jersey State jazz champion and has placed first at the Berklee College of Music Jazz Festival for the past four years. The band will be returning to the Berklee Festival this February and is under the direction of Joe Bongiovi.



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New Jersey Orator:

Deon Bullard Jr.

Deon Bullard Jr., a sophomore at Northern Burlington County High School, has been a member of the New Jersey Orators' Trenton chapter for seven years. During this time, he has been recognized with the highest orator award levels of excellence and honors at multiple competitions. Bullard's notable oratorical presentations include Barack Obama's keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, "The Meeting" by Jeff Stetson (portraying Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr.), and his own original speeches presented in a variety of public forums.

The New Jersey Orators (NJO), a non-profit organization founded in 1985, teaches public speaking skills primarily to youth of African American descent from 7 to 18 years of age. Annually, NJO



Photo courtesy of Deon Bullard Jr.

works with nearly 500 youth in 15 chapters throughout the state and receives requests for additional chapters every year. NJO children speak for themselves. They speak with eloquence, knowledge of their subject matter and comfort in who they are. New Jersey Orators are leaders in school, church and their communities.



Photo by Denise Applewhite

Journey Award for Lifetime Service: Larry A. Spruill

An unparalleled commitment to community describes the journey **Larry Spruill** has undertaken both in and for Princeton. Joining the staff of the University more than 24 years ago, Spruill serves as an area coordinator in Housing and Real Estate Services. As described in his nomination materials, Spruill's warmth, generosity and good nature have "singlehandedly spread happiness across a couple of generations of foreign researchers at Princeton, and spread the good name of the University literally across the globe." As someone who always exemplifies leadership, Spruill was selected by the vice president for University Services to serve as a member of the University Services Employee Excellence Advisory Group.

The dedication Spruill shows to the University is matched, if not exceeded, by his activities in the community. As a near-lifelong resident of Princeton, Spruill has been closely involved with matters of race, diversity, inclusion and

civil rights for decades. He has served as a volunteer leader with many community-based organizations including Not In Our Town, Princeton to End the New Jim Crow, the Princeton Public Schools Minority Education Committee, the YMCA Y-Scholars Program, the Trenton Chapter of the NAACP and the Princeton Human Services Commission.

In 2004, Spruill founded Committed and Faithful Princetonians, a mentoring group that provides academic and social development support to at-risk youth. The organization works to enhance the self-awareness and self-esteem of young people through a variety of public speakers, community partnerships and team-building field trips.

A loving husband, proud father and doting grandfather, Spruill is "a mentor to the young, a tireless advocate and a voice for the voiceless," says his nominator, Tommy Parker. "He is a thoughtful and unselfish willing worker in pursuit of the dream for all."

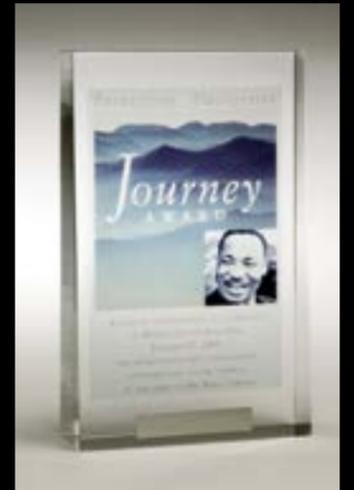
The Journey Award

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a powerful advocate for human rights who became one of the most noted African Americans in history. Yet even King acknowledged that his work represented the continuation of a journey started by others before him, including some of his personal mentors and heroes such as Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Jesus Christ, A. Philip Randolph and Mahatma Gandhi. King also predicted that the journey would not end with his own death. He often warned that this journey was not an easy path, but a courageous one. In his 1967 address, "Where Do We Go From Here?" King said: "I must confess, my friends, the road ahead will not always be smooth.

There will still be rocky places of frustration and meandering points of bewilderment. There will be inevitable setbacks here and there. There will be those moments when the buoyancy of hope will be transformed into the fatigue of despair. Our dreams will sometimes be shattered and our ethereal hopes blasted. ... Difficult and painful as it is, we must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future."

And so, the journey continues.

The MLK Day Journey Award has been created to recognize annually members of the Princeton University faculty, staff or student body who best represent the continued journey to achieve King's vision. Awardees have demonstrated that they support King's philosophy and teachings and that they have actively contributed to the improvement of civil rights and/or human rights, particularly in manners that have positively affected the Princeton University community.



Past Journey Award Winners

2013
Karen Jackson-Weaver, for Special Achievement

2012
Miguel Centeno, for Lifetime Service
Sandra Mukasa, for Special Achievement

2011
Tommy Parker, for Lifetime Service
Josue Lajeunesse, for Special Achievement

2010
Janet Smith Dickerson, for Lifetime Service

2009
William A. Massey, for Lifetime Service

2008
John Templeton, for Lifetime Service
Anna Almore, for Special Achievement

2007
None Awarded

2006
Albert J. Raboteau, for Lifetime Service

2005
Robert K. Durkee, for Lifetime Service
Dylan H. Tatz, for Special Achievement