

## News Release

# Excitement Builds Around Visit by Pulitzer Prize Winning Author and Historian Taylor Branch on January 20, 2014, at U of M Crookston

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The presentation, Civil Rights Then and Now: Reflections on the King Years, is free and all are welcome. Several unique opportunities are developing around his visit including a book signing and a visit by Branch on Tuesday, January 21, to speak at the Lake Agassiz Regional Library in Crookston at 10 a.m.

Taylor Branch is an American author and public speaker best known for his landmark trilogy on the civil rights era, America in the King Years. He has returned to civil rights history in his latest book, The King Years: Historic Moments in the Civil Rights Movement(2013). More: <http://taylorbranch.com>.

The visit by Branch is part of a day of activities in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., designed around the theme "Faces of Civil Rights: It isn't just a Black Thing." The day marks a Red River Valley Celebration of Dr. King with events at the University of North Dakota and the University of Minnesota Crookston throughout the day.

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Representatives from some of the groups sponsoring the event in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr., gathered recently for a photo.

*In the group photo, left to right, are Laurie Wilson from Career and Counseling Services; Trey Everett from Campus Ministry; Lorna Hollowell, director of Diversity and Multicultural Programs; Barbara Keinath, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dawn Ganje, program officer for the Northwest Minnesota Foundation; Chris Boike, Crookston hub supervisor, for the Lake Agassiz Regional Library; Lisa Loegering, assistant director of Community Engagement; Ken Mendez from Student Support Services; Associate Professor Brian Dingmann, advisor of the Honors Program; and Chancellor Fred Wood.*



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