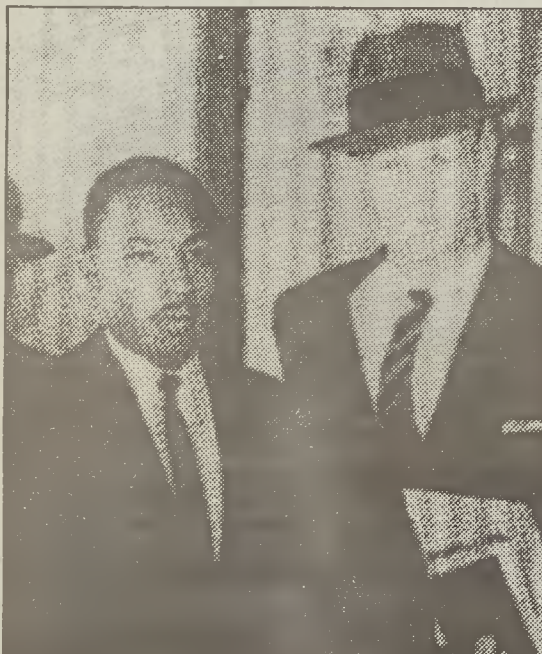


# MLK Papers Project: Programs and resources

Martin Luther King Jr.'s historical importance has been confirmed not only by the creation of a national holiday in his honor but also by the continued popular and scholarly interest in his life and thought. Thousands of journalistic pieces, several hundred scholarly articles, at least 70 doctoral dissertations and masters theses, and more than two dozen book-length biographies of King have been written. By publishing an authoritative, annotated, 14-volume edition of King's most significant unpublished manuscripts, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Papers Project will provide a uniquely important foundation for future studies of King and his times.

This definitive edition of King's papers is an unprecedented, long-term, cooperative effort, sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change Inc., the official living memorial dedicated to fulfilling King's dreams. The King Papers Project furthers the King Center's mission of research, education, and training in "Kingian" nonviolent principles.



In 1985, Coretta Scott King, chief executive officer of the King Center, chose Stanford University historian Clayborne Carson as the project's senior editor and director. As a result of Dr. Carson's selection, the project became a cooperative venture with Stanford University, which has funded a major research center to support the publication of King's papers and other related activities.

The King Papers Project is one of only a few large-scale documentary research ventures on an African American or on a figure of such contemporary relevance. By documenting King's religious roots and his long-standing relationships with other national and international leaders, the project will clarify the nature and sources of his distinctive ideas and leadership style. The project's edition volumes of King's papers will also document his views on various issues of continuing significance, including the search for solutions to the problems of poverty and international conflict. The complete 14-volume edition will, in short, become an essential reference work for the study of modern social and intellectual history.

## Student involvement

Since the inception of the King Papers Project, student researchers have been involved in every phase of its work. Rather than simply supplying labor for the project, students receive valuable experience and training while they work together with students with similar interests. Distinguished visitors to the project - including Coretta Scott King, Dexter King, Allan Boesak, Jesse Jackson, Vincent and Rosemary Harding, Dorothy Cotton, Robert Moses, Harris Wofford, James Forman, Gerhard Casper, Condoleezza Rice, Taylor Branch, Bobby Seale and many others - provide inspiration and special insights regard-

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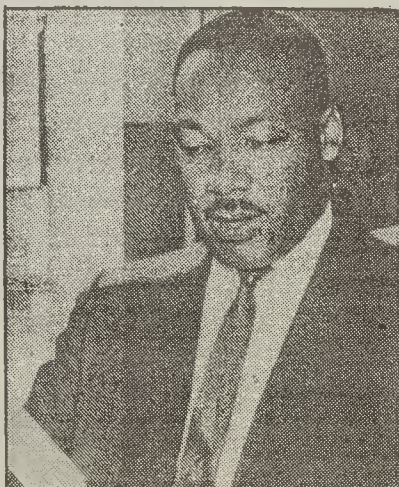
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