

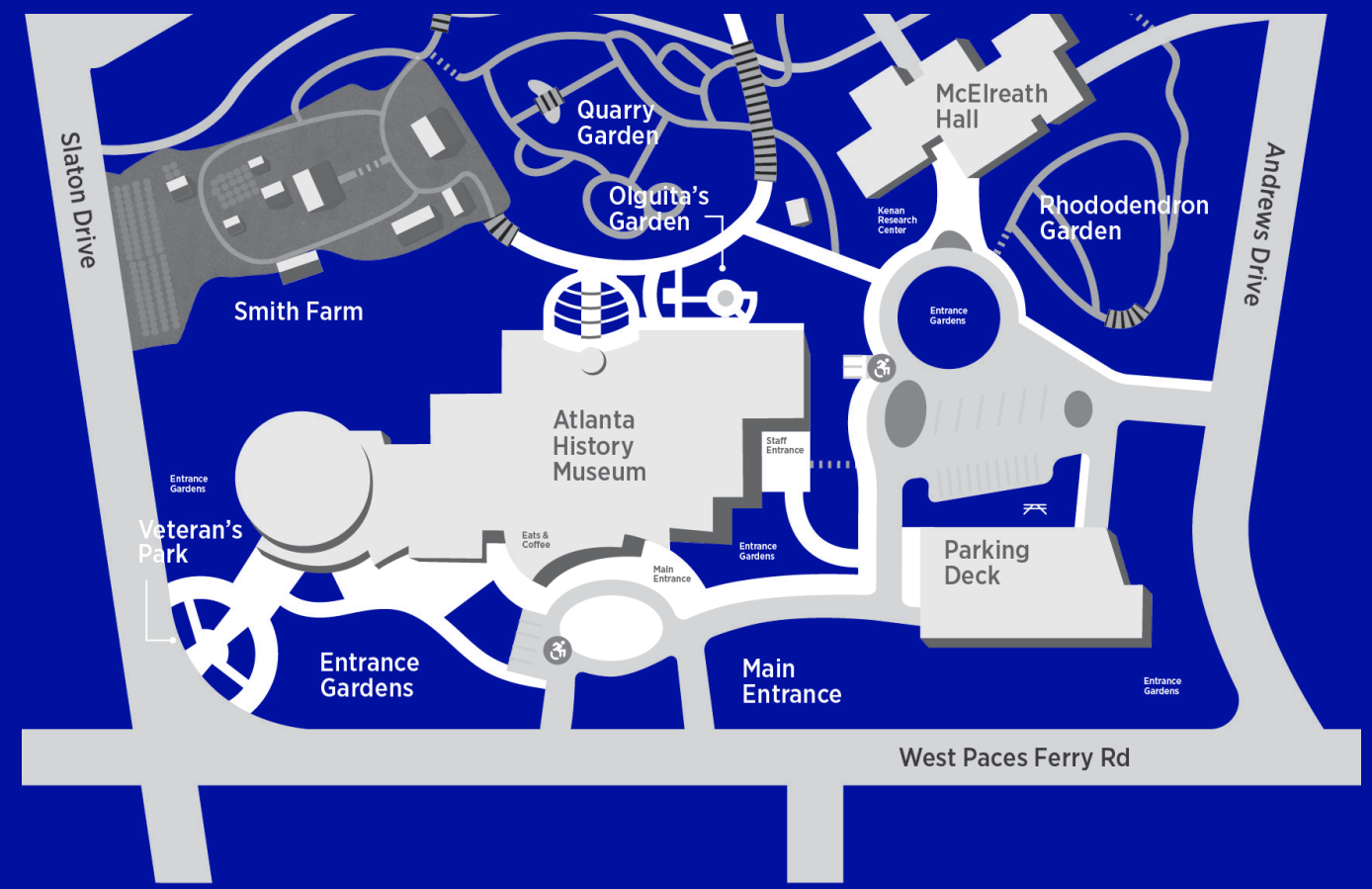
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 16-17, 2022



Southern Christian Leadership Conference donor envelope, featuring the organization's first president, Martin Luther King Jr., ca. 1960.

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Featured Exhibition

American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith

Goldstein Gallery

There are guided tours on January 16th and January 17th at 11am and 1pm.

This traveling exhibition explores the history of American government, and how that system has been tested, improved, damaged, and repaired over time. Featuring engaging multimedia experiences, immersive design, and artifacts from the Smithsonian Institution and host organizations, the exhibit will demonstrate that our democracy relies on our active participation in order to form a “more perfect union.”

Timed Experiences

Virtual Author Talk featuring Robert Hamilton in conversation with Kristian Weatherspoon

Streaming in Kennedy Theatre
Atlanta History Museum
Sunday, January 16th at noon
50 people maximum

Joining us virtually from his home in Scotland, Hamilton will discuss his book *Martin Luther King, Jr. And the Poor People's Campaign of 1968*. Hamilton highlights Dr. King's commitment to ending poverty and explains why Dr. King's ideas on this and related issues should be brought to the attention of a wider public who often view him almost exclusively as a civil rights, but not a human rights, leader. *Martin Luther King, Jr. And the Poor People's Campaign of 1968* will be available for purchase.

Author Talk: Deanna M. Gillespie in conversation with Kristian Weatherspoon

Woodruff Auditorium in McElreath Hall
Sunday, January 16th at 2:30pm
200 people maximum

In her book *The Citizenship Education Program and Black Women's Political Culture*, Deanna Gillespie traces the history of the Citizenship Education Program (CEP), a grassroots initiative that taught people to read and write in preparation for literacy tests required for voter registration—a profoundly powerful objective in the Jim Crow South. Born in 1957 as a result of discussions between community activist Esau Jenkins, schoolteacher Septima Clark, and Highlander Folk School director Myles Horton, the CEP became a part of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1961. The teachers, mostly Black women, gathered friends and neighbors in living rooms, churches, beauty salons, and community centers.

Virtual Author Talk: Mary Frances Early in conversation with Hank Klibanoff

Streaming in Kennedy Theatre
Atlanta History Museum
Monday, January 17th at 2pm
50 people maximum

In her new memoir *The Quiet Trailblazer*, Mary Frances Early details her experiences as the first Black graduate of the University of Georgia and her many years as a trailblazing music educator in Atlanta. Hear from Ms. Early about her conversations with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., her struggles and triumphs, and her reconciliation with the University of Georgia, which named the Mary Frances Early College of Education in her honor. *The Quiet Trailblazer* will be available for purchase.

Author Talk: Arthur Dunning in conversation with Sheffield Hale

Woodruff Auditorium in McElreath Hall
Monday, January 17th at 4:30pm
200 people maximum

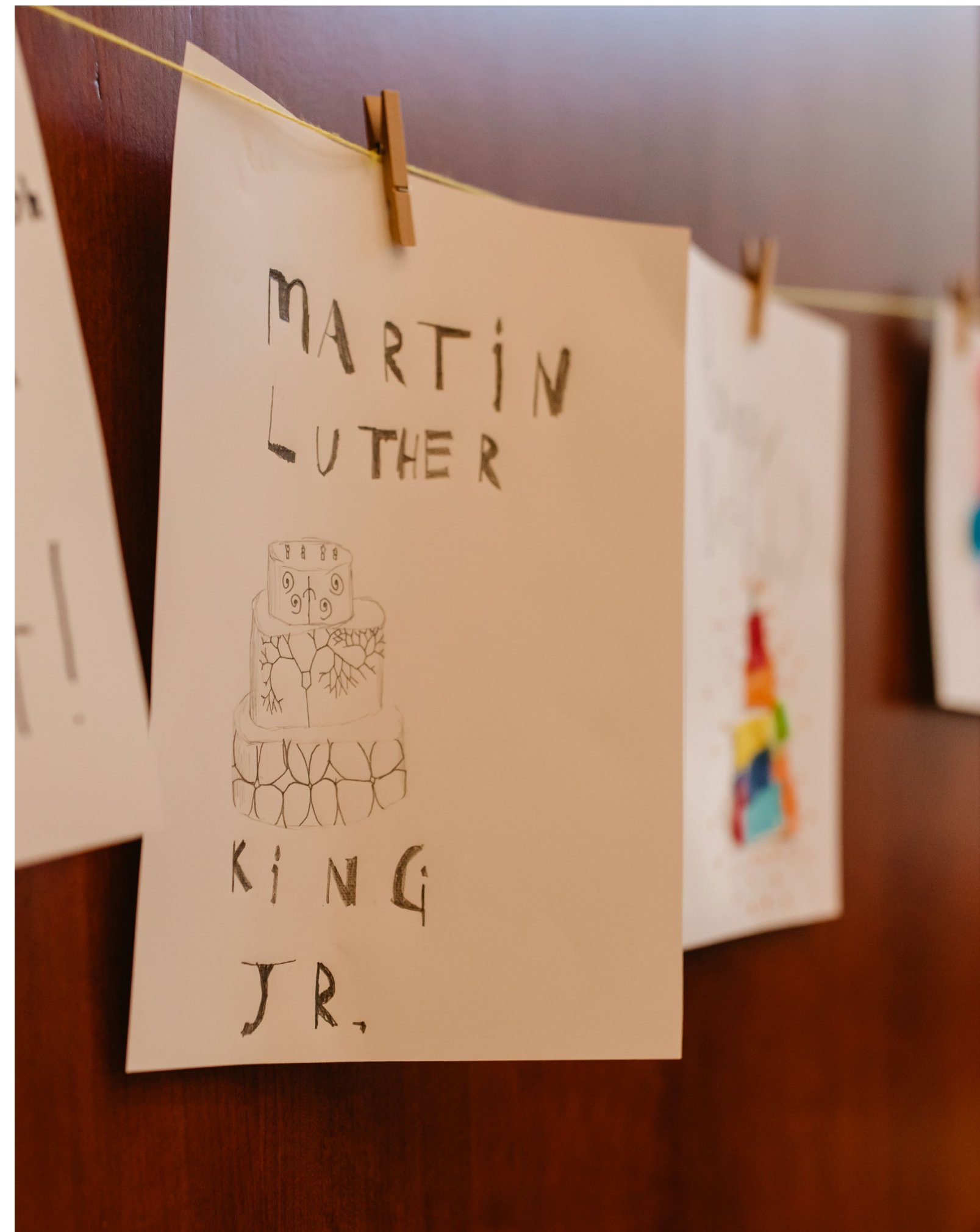
Arthur “Art” N. Dunning came of age in the Black Belt of Alabama during the Jim Crow era. Among many pivotal experiences, he was part of a group of student athletes who helped to integrate Bear Bryant's University of Alabama football team in 1967. The values instilled in him by his family and those in his close-knit community, together with life experiences through education and from living, working, and traveling abroad over more than forty years as an educator, shaped his approach to leading Albany State University, an HBCU, through its 2016 merger with all-white Darton State College. In his book *Unreconciled: Race, History, and Higher Education in the Deep South*, Dunning shares the hard but valuable leadership lessons learned when his race and his personal southern history intersected with a university and city that were abruptly forced to acknowledge their own history—and were challenged to envision a different future. Signed copies of *Unreconciled* will be available for purchase.

Freedom Ride Simulation

(recommended ages 8+, parental discretion encouraged)

Woodruff Auditorium in McElreath Hall
Sunday: 9:30am, 10:45am, noon, 3:45pm
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250 people maximum

Do you have what it takes to be a freedom fighter? The year is 1961. Travel to the Deep South to test new laws banning interstate segregation laws on public transportation in this interactive simulation.





African American Civil War Soldier Experience
(recommended ages 8+, parental discretion encouraged)

Meet at *Turning Point* exhibition in DuBose Gallery
 Atlanta History Museum
 9:30am, 10:15am, 11am, 11:45am, 12:30pm, 1:15pm, 2pm,
 2:45pm, 3:15 pm
 20 people maximum

Military service was an important precursor to the Civil Rights movement as Black soldiers showed their willingness to fight for the United States and served admirably. Take on the life of a real Civil War soldier who volunteered for the United States Colored Troops in an interactive simulation.

Storytime
(recommended ages 0-5)

Draper Member's Room in McElreath Hall
 9:15am*, 10:30am*, 11:30am*, 12:30pm+, 1:30pm*,
 2:30pm+, 3:30pm*

Join us for a story for our youngest guests exploring the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights movement.

* recommended ages 0-3
 +recommended ages 4-7

Ongoing Activities

Pop-up Archives: Explore Black Atlanta

Nicholson Gallery
 Atlanta History Museum

The stories of Black Atlanta are preserved at Atlanta History Center through photographs, oral history, letters, diaries, and artifacts. This display in Nicholson Gallery contains historic images of African American life in Atlanta. It also offers visitors the opportunity to talk directly with Atlanta History Center staff to learn about the materials we collect and how everyone can use it to research their own family history or discover other aspects of Black Atlanta.

Kids Activity Packs

Packets available for pick-up at the Coca-Cola Café, Museum Terraces, and McElreath Hall atrium; seating available throughout the museum

Hospitality Information

Information

The information desk is located in the Allen Atrium at the main admissions desk.

Food + Drink

Lunch available for purchase from Souper Jenny café; snacks, juice, and water available for purchase in the Coca-Cola Café.

Sensory-friendly Space

Classrooms, near Education Lobby (entrance inside *Gatheround: Stories of Atlanta* exhibition)

A quiet place with kids' activity packets and books, along with restroom access.

Nursing Room

Classrooms, near Education Lobby (entrance inside *Gatheround: Stories of Atlanta* exhibition)

A private room for nursing parents, located near the sensory-friendly space and additional restrooms.

Please see a volunteer or staff member if you need directions or assistance. We're here to help!

