

The Department of Mathematics presents the
Dr. Marjorie Lee Browne Colloquium

*as part of the University of Michigan's
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium*



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The Maryland Experience:

A community of African American graduate students

Each year recently, African Americans have received five to ten doctorates in mathematics in the United States. I will describe the process that led to the recruitment and graduation of a significant number of African American mathematics doctorates from the University of Maryland. Similar mechanisms have been used with success by other universities (State University of New York at Potsdam, Fisk University, University of Michigan, and the University of Iowa) at a variety of levels, in a variety of places, and ranging back in time to the early fifties. In hindsight the process seems clear and orderly, but I will describe some of the unexpected challenges that arose.

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3:00 p.m.

1360 East Hall

525 E. University, Ann Arbor, MI

Reception to follow in the Mathematics Atrium

*The Colloquium honors Dr. Marjorie Lee Browne, the University of Michigan's first
and the nation's second African American woman to earn the Ph.D. in Mathematics.*

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