

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 Situation of Women and Minorities in Mathematics: A Civil Rights Issue*

Education has been called the civil rights issue of our generation. Access to quality education and therefore participation in leading roles in society depends on good mathematics preparation, among other things. The speaker will discuss the severe underrepresentation of women and some minorities in mathematics and some of the obstacles that they face to advance their education. Then she will present examples of successful projects aimed at finding and cultivating the talent of women and underrepresented minority populations.

**Monday, January 17, 2011**  
**4:00 p.m. • Room 1360 East Hall**  
**530 Church Street, Ann Arbor, MI**  
Reception to follow in the Mathematics Atrium

The Colloquium honors Dr. Marjorie Lee Browne, the first African-American woman to earn a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Michigan.

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