

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Chicago Clippings Collection  
Mss. Coll. 153

OVERSIZED-materials shelved in Special Collection vault oversize area  
DOUBLE OVERSIZE- shelved in Flat File Cabinet, drawer 17, ODY Room 149

**Biographical Note**

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was the principal leader of the U.S. Civil Rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s. He was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, educated at Morehouse and received his doctor of theology from Boston University. King was a Baptist minister who espoused nonviolence and peaceful protest. King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and was the main face and voice of the movement until he was assassinated outside the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee April 4 of 1968.

**Scope & Content**

Collection of clippings from Chicago newspapers from the days following King's assassination. Dates range from April 5 to 10, 1968. Newspapers represented by the clippings include *Chicago Daily News*, *Chicago Daily Defender*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Chicago's American* and *Southeast Economist*.

**Provenance**

The clippings were procured by SLU Associate Chaplain Rev. Shawn Whitehead from Grace Towns of the New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago.