

## STEWART BURNS

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### UNION INSTITUTE & UNIVERSITY (myunion.edu)

2014-present: Prof. of Ethical & Creative Leadership and Martin Luther King Jr. Studies

**Specialties:** Leadership (esp. in Social Movements), U.S. Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King Jr., MLK Legacy, Civil & Human Rights, U.S. Social Movements, American Political & Social Thought, African-American History, American Politics & Political History, Democratic Theory & Practice, Grassroots Democracy, Citizenship Education, Christian Theology

**Union Ph.D. Seminars:** Martin Luther King Jr. & Social Change; Group Dynamics & Process; Empathy, Care, & Dialogue; Leadership & Creativity; Protest & Social Movements; Kingian Leadership; MLK Studies Internship

**Ph.D. Dissertations:** Chair of three dissertation committees; member of seven dissertation committees

**Ph.D. Faculty Committees:** Ethical & Creative Leadership Major, MLK Studies Specialization, Program Meeting, Committee of the Whole, Residence Planning Committee, Trimester Exploration Committee, Provost's ad hoc Committee on Community Peace Studies Initiative

**University Committee:** Academic Review Committee (ARC)

### EDUCATION:

1984: Ph.D. in History of Consciousness/ Politics (interdisciplinary doctoral program), University of California, Santa Cruz

- Dissertation: "The Populist Movement and the Cooperative Commonwealth: The Politics of Non-Reformist Reform"

1975: B.A. in History, University of California, Santa Barbara

- Russell Buchanan Alumni Award for Excellence in History; Outstanding Graduating Senior in History

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

2014-present: Professor of Ethical & Creative Leadership and Martin Luther King Jr. Studies, Union Institute & University

2012-13: Adjunct Professor of Psychology, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

2010-12 : Professor of Community Leadership, Ph.D. Program in Leadership & Change, Antioch University

2011-12, 2007-08: Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Williams College

2005-07: Bennett Boskey Professor of Leadership Studies and History, Williams College

- Courses: Introduction to Leadership Studies; Civil Rights Leadership; Women's Leadership; Lincoln, Gandhi, King, & Mandela; King's Rhetoric; Capstone research seminar on Leadership and Change

2004-05: Visiting Professor of Leadership Studies, Williams College

2005-10: Senior Fellow, Academy of Leadership, University of Maryland, College Park

2004-05: Visiting Professor of American History, Mass. College of Liberal Arts

1999-2003: Professor, American Politics and History, College of the Redwoods, Fort Bragg, Calif.

- Eugene Portugal Award for Distinguished Faculty (2001-02)
- Senator, CR Academic Senate (2001-03)

1995: Catharine Julie Cunningham Scholar and Visiting Professor, College of Notre Dame, Belmont, Calif.

1989-94: Associate Editor and Research Director, Martin Luther King, Jr., Papers Project, Stanford University; Director of King Papers Summer Fellowship Program

- Trained, supervised, and mentored 60 graduate and undergraduate student researchers, mainly students of color
- Shared editing of volumes 1-4 of the King Papers; lead editor of volume 3

1991-94: Lecturer in American History, Stanford University

1988: Public historian: Massachusetts Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy (NEH-funded) scholar-in-residence, North Adams, Mass.

1987: Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Studies, University of California, Berkeley (fall)

1987: Lecturer in American History, University of California, Santa Cruz (spring)

1987: Lecturer, Innovative Academic Courses, Stanford University (winter)

1985: Acting assistant professor of Political Science, Santa Clara University

1979-84: Teaching assistant in American History and in Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz (7 U.S. History courses, 4 Politics courses)

1975-1986: Research associate for Prof. James MacGregor Burns on five books, including Leadership (1978)

### **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP:**

2013-14: Director for Community Partnerships & Placements, Center for Learning in Action, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

2006-13: Founding Coordinator, Center for Community Engagement, Williams College

- Taught leadership skills, supervised & mentored student organizers in community engagement and nonviolent change projects (locally, nationally, & overseas); organized workshops & conferences on nonviolent leadership

2007-08: Coordinator of Special Academic Programs, Williams College

- Directed Mellon Mays and Williams College Undergraduate Research Fellowship Programs for historically underrepresented students

2005-07: Director, Global Poverty Leadership Initiative, Academy of Leadership, University of Maryland (project fostering indigenous anti-poverty leadership in Africa)

2004-05: Grants Coordinator, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, North Adams

1999-2003: Director, Center for Social Healing, Mendocino, Calif. (nonviolent leadership training, mentoring, consulting, & advocacy)

1997-98: Director, Stanford Dialogue on Race, Stanford University

1991-98: Resident Fellow, Residential Education Program, Stanford University

- Directed residential education, academic advising, mentoring, and leadership development for 200 undergraduates (100 first-years) in three Stanford dorms; hired, trained, supervised, and mentored 13-person residence staff: resident assistants, peer advisors, peer educators, and tutors; organized workshops

### **PUBLISHED BOOKS:**

Imperfect Leadership: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Structures of Power (in progress)

Freedom Summer: Citizenship Supreme: Testimony of Participants, editor  
(StewartBurnsHistory.com, 2014)

“We Will Stand Here Till We Die”: Freedom Movement Shakes America, Shapes Martin Luther King Jr. (CreateSpace, 2013)

American Messiah: Martin Luther King Jr.’s Ultimate Journey (Kindle, 2008)

To the Mountaintop: Martin Luther King Jr.’s Mission to Save America, 1955-1968  
(HarperCollins, 2004); winner of 2005 Wilbur Award for excellence in communication of religious values, ideas, and themes to a secular audience

Venturing into Usefulness: Selected Papers of Jane Addams, vol. 2, co-editor (University of Illinois Press, 2009)

Daybreak of Freedom: The Montgomery Bus Boycott (University of North Carolina Press, 1997)

Birth of a New Age, volume 3 of The Papers of Martin Luther King Jr., lead editor, co-edited with Clayborne Carson et al (University of California Press, 1997)

A People’s Charter: The Pursuit of Rights in America, coauthored with James MacGregor Burns (Knopf, 1991; Vintage, 1993)

Social Movements of the 1960s: Searching for Democracy (Twayne/Simon & Schuster, 1990)

## **PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND ESSAYS:**

“The Legal Lynching of Jeremiah Reeves” (in progress; paper presented to Africana Studies National Conference, Feb. 2016)

“Eulogy for a Soldier of Freedom,” Leadership and the Humanities (March 2015)

“Breaking the Silence of the Night: Stop Slavery Now” Sojourners magazine (Feb. 2012)

Review of Derek C. Catsam, Freedom’s Main Line: The Journey of Reconciliation and the Freedom Rides, in American Historical Review (2010)

Review of Michael K. Honey, Going Down Jericho Road: The Memphis Strike, Martin Luther King’s Last Campaign, in Journal of American History (December 2009)

“Montgomery Bus Boycott,” Encyclopedia of Alabama History, 2007 (online)

Review of Kimberly Springer, Living the Revolution, in Journal of American History (June 2006)

“The Gospel of Martin: King’s Messianic Faith,” The Mind’s Eye (Spring 2005)

“America Must Be Born Again,” Sojourners (January 2004)

Contributor, Civil Rights Since 1787: A Reader on the Black Struggle (New York University Press, 2000)

Contributor, Civil Rights in the United States (Macmillan, 2000)

Contributor, Oxford Companion to American Military History (Oxford University Press, 1999)

Review of Francesca Polletta, Democracy Is an Endless Meeting, in Journal of American History (December 2003)

Review of David Halberstam, The Children, in Journal of American History (March 1999)

“A House Still Divided,” Stanford Magazine (January/February 1998)

Review of Charles M. Payne, I’ve Got the Light of Freedom, in Journal of American History (December 1995)

Review of Robert E. Kuenne, Economic Justice in American Society, in American Historical Review (June 1994)

Review of J. Clay Smith, Jr., Emancipation: The Black Lawyer, 1844-1944, in Journal of American History (June 1994)

“The Changing Political Vision of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” The History Teacher (November 1993)

Contributor, Black Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia (Carlson, 1993)

“Toward the New South: Dilemmas of Southern Reform before the Second Reconstruction,” Reviews in American History (June 1993)

“Martin Luther King Jr.’s Empowering Legacy,” Tikkun (March 1993)

Review of Mary Ann Glendon, Rights Talk: The Impoverishment of Political Discourse, in Journal of American History (December 1992)

Review of Oscar Handlin and Lilian Handlin, Liberty in Peril, in American Historical Review (December 1992)

“Freedom & Justice: The Bill of Rights After 200 Years,” Upper & Lower Case (Summer 1992)

“The Wobblies,” with James MacGregor Burns, Constitution (Winter 1992)

“Capacitors and Community: Women Workers at Sprague Electric, 1930-1980,” The Public Historian (Fall 1989)

Review of Alan Wald, The New York Intellectuals, in Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences (Summer 1988)

“We Are Undermining Democracy’s Chances,” The Center Magazine, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (March/April 1985)

## **FILM AND VIDEO:**

Associate Producer and Consultant, “Boycott” (2001), HBO Films dramatic production about the Montgomery bus boycott, based on my book Daybreak of Freedom; winner of the NAACP Image Award, 2001

Writer and producer, “Jim Crow on Trial: Voices from Montgomery,” play and video dramatization about the Montgomery bus boycott, 1996

**PAPERS PRESENTED:** Organization of American Historians (OAH); American Historical Association (AHA); International Society for Political Psychology (ISPP); International Leadership Association (ILA)

**WILLIAMS COLLEGE SERVICE:**

Williams College Committee on Local Schools, 2011-12  
Williams College Taskforce on Community Engagement, 2011-12  
Search committee, Africana Studies senior faculty search, 2006-07  
Faculty mentor, 2006-2008, & Summer 2006/2008 Research Colloquium faculty, Mellon Mays and WCURF fellowship programs  
Faculty mentor, Aspiring Teachers of Color, 2008 (Rockefeller Brothers Fund)  
Faculty mentor, Bridges orientation program for minority students, 2006-08  
Faculty associate, Currier Neighborhood, 2006-07  
Planning committee, First Year orientation programs, 2007 & 2010  
MLK Day Organizing Committee, 2006-11  
Keynote speaker, MLK Commemorative Program, January 2006, January 2012

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

Multicultural Educator Search Committee, 1992  
Multicultural Educator Advisory Committee, 1993-94  
Resident Fellow Working Group on Residential Education, 1993  
Vice Provost Advisory Committee on Residential Education, 1994  
Advisory Committee on New Student Orientation, 1993-94  
Stanford University Gospel Choir, 1993-97  
Docent, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, 1992-98

**PUBLIC SERVICE:**

Compassionate Listening peacemaking delegation to Israel and Palestine, October 2004  
Compassionate Listening peacemaking delegation to Israel and Palestine, June-July 2002  
Frequent speaker on MLK and civil rights, esp. for King holiday & Black History Month  
Leader of workshops on diversity and multiculturalism (schools, colleges, communities)  
National Advisory Board, Tikkun Community  
Community Advisory Board, Mendocino (Calif.) Unified School District  
Board of Directors, Mendocino County Public Broadcasting  
Board of Advisors, North Central Elementary Institute, San Mateo, C  
Board of Directors, Peninsula Peace and Justice Center, Palo Alto, Calif.  
Board of Directors, Center for Economic Conversion, Mountain View, Calif.  
MLK Day Planning Committee, North Adams, Mass.  
Take Charge (environmental education & advocacy group), North Adams, Mass.  
Executive Board & North Berkshire Taskforce, Multicultural BRIDGE, Berkshire Co.

Planning Committee, North Adams Community/Youth Center  
Consultant on civil rights & affirmative action, City of Pittsfield, Mass., 2013  
National Coordinator, Four Girls Jubilee Project, 2013

**RELATED SKILLS:**

Nonviolent leadership training & mentoring; public speaking; facilitation of meetings, workshops, and small-group dialogues; compassionate listening process; community organizing; grant writing; manuscript & copy editing; computer-based research