

Chapter 7: GMK2023 Special Recognition, and Acknowledgement of Clayborne Carson for His Leadership on the Development of the M.L. King Jr. Archives

In our capacity as the Gandhi, Mandela, King 2023 International Conference Organising Committee, we sincerely thank Prof Clayborne Carson for his insightful contributions to the pre-conference planning deliberations, since 2018, and into 2023, as well as his willingness to travel to South Africa for the Conference, his extremely insightful and helpful presentation on the evening of the youth Symposium, and too, this very brief, but pointed Conference Opening Address. As said, globally, the world's primary focus has moved from the struggles of civil rights, as it developed and escalated since early anti-colonial resistances and struggles for peace and justice, to the struggle for human rights.

It is also in this context, that, from within the historical experience of the South African, and more broadly, the African struggles for peace and justice through nonviolent means, that we provide the links to the seminal part of Prof Clayborne Carson's immense lifework. We honour you Prof. You have been, and continue to be one of our eminent torch-bearers for peace and justice through nonviolent means, and the propagation of human dignity and truth.

And, below, we also invite all our Gandhi, Mandela, King 2023 week-long Conference participants as well as the *Alternation* African Scholars Book Series (AASBS) subscribers, and *Alternation* journal editors, research group leaders, and fellow researchers in their networks, as well as further afield, to peruse Prof Carson's edited seven volumes of the Martin Luther King Jr. Papers.

In the online page, Carson and his co-editors helpfully provide each volume with a brief preface on the content of the volume. Each volume, also consecutively helpfully thematises the volume in terms of the documents that Martin Luther King generated in a specific area of interest, and too, how this relates to the specific occasion where the presentation was delivered, or his own specific text written in historic, and historiciseable national, but also geopolitical time-historical situations.

We then also provide the direct link to the INTRODUCITON of each of six of the seven volumes published so far. Each volume's INTRODUCITON, introduces the reader to its content and context.

Our presenters and attendees from the Youth Symposium, as well as our presenters, and attendees of the memorial of the 1893 racist eviction of Gandhi from a British train, academics, postdoctoral fellows, postgraduate students, and pupils from the greater Pietermaritzburg schools circuit, and their teachers, will find intellectual insights and nourishment in the remarkable innovative initiatives of one of the world's most remarkable and celebrated sons. For these reasons we also provide the direct link to the homepage and the encyclopedia.

Thank you for introducing Martin Luther King Jr. to us Clayborne, in such profound ways – pre-conference, at the Youth Symposium, in this Conference Opening Address, and in your discussions during conference.

Ela Gandhi, Johannes A. Smit, David Gengan, Razia Saleh, Verne Harris, Prasad Gollanapalli, and Sriram Sonty.



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