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**New York State Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission  
Executive Director's Files 19790**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of correspondence, memorandums, reports, and related records documenting the work of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence in promoting the use of Kingian Nonviolence. Additional records of the commission and institute include training publications, video tapes of conferences and events, annual report videos, and meeting minutes.
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## Arrangement

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## Administrative History

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The New York State Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission was established by Laws of 1985, Ch. 811, making New York the first, and ultimately the only state in the nation to create a full-time, permanent commission commemorating King. The commission was created to develop, promote, coordinate, and review plans and activities statewide for the annual commemoration and celebration of the birthday of Dr. King. In 1986, the commission, as part of its mission of addressing issues of prejudice and discrimination, and providing systematic training and education in methods of nonviolent social change, proposed the creation of an institute for nonviolence. Legislation creating the New York State Martin Luther King Jr. Institute for

Nonviolence, a public-benefit not for profit corporation was signed into law by Governor Mario Cuomo in 1988.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists of correspondence, memorandums, reports, and related records documenting the work of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence in celebrating the life of Dr. King and promoting the use of Kingian Nonviolence. Additional records of the commission and institute include training publications, video tapes of conferences and events, annual report videos, and meeting minutes.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

Restricted in part. State Archives staff will review records and disclose information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law and Personal Privacy Protection Law.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Information

This series was transferred to the State Archives by the Division of the Budget after the closing of the commission in 1996.

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## Access Terms

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- Discrimination--New York (State)
- Nonviolence--New York (State)
- Reports

- Advocating peace
- New York (State)
- Memorandums
- Civil rights
- New York (State). Division of the Budget
- King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968