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

The Colloquium honors Dr. Marjorie Lee Browne, the first African-American woman to earn a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Michigan. It is supported by the Carroll V. Newsom fund.

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Taking Your Place/Making More Space

I can only imagine what it was like for Marjorie Lee Browne as she pursued her PhD at the University of Michigan in 1950. As the first African-American woman to come through the doctoral program in Mathematics at U of M, she would have had to navigate and clear her own unique path to take her place at the table. Forty-five years later, I, too earned a PhD from the same department and I know that Dr. Browne’s achievements made space for my success.

In this talk, I give an overview of my professional life with a highlight on my work in building partnerships between universities and industry. I will also talk about our efforts to ensure that a more diverse generation of young people with a diverse range of interests take their rightful place in our mathematics communities, and that there is welcoming space for them.

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