

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



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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.

**Monday, January 21, 2019**

**4:00 p.m. • Room 1360 East Hall**

**530 Church Street, Ann Arbor, MI**

**Reception to follow in the Mathematics Atrium**

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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