Middlebury Alumni of Color / Martin Luther King Weekend
January 13-15, 2017

Friday, January 13
7:00 p.m. Anderson Freeman Resource Center Keynote Speaker: Sonya Renee Taylor
Wilson Hall
9:00 p.m.* Reception for Keynote Speaker Sonya Renee Taylor
Anderson Freeman Center, Carr Hall

*Friends are welcome to gather at Two Brothers Tavern after the reception.

Saturday, January 14
10:30 a.m. Alumni Gathering and Conversation with President Patton
Coltrane Lounge
12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch and Round Table Discussions: Career and Networking Dialogue between Alumni & Students
Atwater Dining Room
3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Anderson Freeman Resource Center Mural Unveiling and Conversation with Artist Will Kasso
Anderson Freeman Center, Carr Hall
6:30 p.m. Dinner
Atwater Dining Hall
7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Student Showcase
Atwater Dining Hall
10:00 p.m.–2:00 a.m. Black Pearl Ball
Coltrane Lounge

Sunday, January 15
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Post-election Discussion: “We Are All in This Together” and Light Brunch*
Anderson Freeman Center, Carr Hall

*Please join us for a post-election, pre-inauguration discussion titled “We Are All In This Together.” Middlebury Trustee Dennis Parker ’77 will deliver remarks based on his life experience and work as Director of the ACLU National Office’s Racial Justice Program addressing how we can successfully navigate the new political and cultural landscape in our country. A facilitated discussion will follow. Dennis D. Parker is the Director of the ACLU National Office’s Racial Justice Program (RJP). Concentrating on issues of the school-to-prison pipeline which funnels children of color from the educational system into the criminal justice system, racial profiling, affirmative action, and economic justice, RJP seeks to remove barriers to equal opportunity for communities of color through litigation, public education, community organizing and legislation. Prior to joining the ACLU, he was the Chief of the Civil Rights Bureau of the Office of the New York State Attorney. Mr. Parker also worked for fourteen years at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund litigating and supervising the litigation of scores of cases involving elementary and secondary education, affirmative action in higher education and equal educational opportunity. Other positions included work at the employment firm of Vladeck, Waldman, Elias and Engelhardt and the New York Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division in Brooklyn, New York. He has published a book and numerous chapters and articles on a range of civil rights issues including housing discrimination, educational equity, affirmative action and testing. Mr. Parker lectures extensively on civil rights issues and is an adjunct professor at New York Law School. He is a graduate of Middlebury College and Harvard Law School.