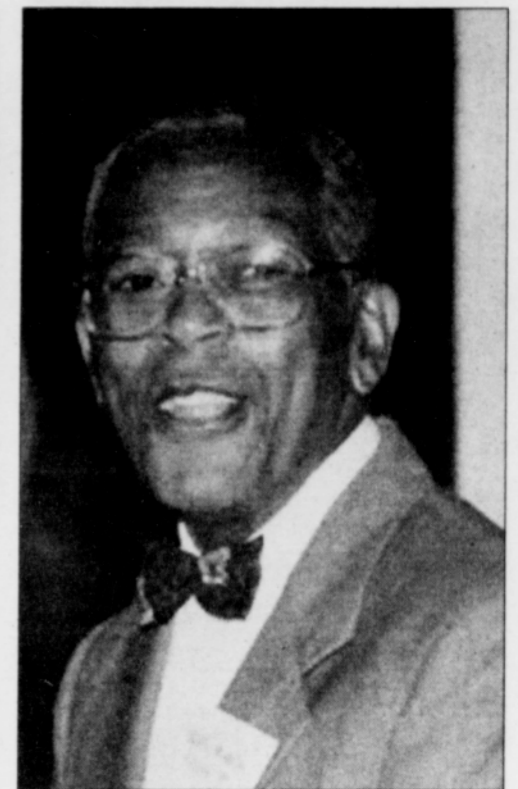


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Hollis Watkins (left) during his early civil rights involvement, and now (right).

# Civil Rights Legend to Share Experiences

A Civil Rights leader who participated in the first Woolworth's lunch counter

sit-in in Mississippi during Jim Crow, will speak on the campuses of the Portland Community College next week for Black History Month.

The public is invited to hear legendary activist Hollis Watkins, who is best known for singing and leading people in 'Freedom Songs' during his stay in the Mississippi Maximum Security prison on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Watkins also used a hidden camera to film voter registration abuses for CBS News during the turbulent civil rights struggle, led a 'Freedom School' in 1963, and attended the testimony of Fannie Lou

Hamer at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City.

Watkins' presentations are scheduled at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, at the Moriarty Auditorium on Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St.; noon on Tuesday, Feb. 7 in Room 121 at the Rock Creek Campus, 17705 N.W. Springville Rd.; and 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9 in the Oak-Elm-Fir rooms on the Sylvania Campus, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each talk. For more information, call 971-722-5781.

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## Occupy the Dream Events

Occupy the Dream Portland, a committee within Occupy Portland, the grassroots effort promoting economic justice issues, hosts three events for Black History Month.

"Don't Let School Interfere with your Education," is the title of a series that begins with a discussion of how Africa provides much of the resources utilized in the U.S, yet fails to benefit people from Africa, and people who are descendents of Africa in the U.S. The discussion will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 6 pm. to 8 p.m. at the North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

A provocative book about racism, sexism, and class issues

in present day society will be the second topic when Ahjamu Umi reads from his novel "Find the Flower that Blossoms" and facilitates a discussion around civil rights issues. The event takes place Saturday, Feb. 18, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at Reflections Bookstore. 446 N.E. Killingsworth St.

What is African culture? Who practices it? What are the benefits of it? These questions will generate the discussion for the third discussion on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. at the North Portland Library.

All events are free and everyone is invited. For more information, call 360-980-1409 or email [occupythedreampdx@gmail.com](mailto:occupythedreampdx@gmail.com).