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## LOCAL NEWS



Rev. Osagyefo Sekou, a civil rights leader from Arkansas, a scholar of racial reconciliation, and a teacher of alternatives to violence, will join other activists from Portland to discuss race, faith and justice in the age of Ferguson and Baltimore.

### Race, Faith and Justice

#### Ferguson activist to lead talk on black humanity

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Like other cities across the nation, the black community in Portland finds itself in a struggle over issues of police brutality, unnecessary gun violence at the hands of its youth, ongoing displacement of residents out of their historic neighborhoods, and many other justice issues.

Rev. Osagyefo Uhuru Sekou, a black minister from rural Arkansas, has led a nationwide effort to

address many of these concerns, and will join other activists from Portland to discuss "Race, Faith and Justice in the Age of Ferguson and Baltimore."

Sekou, a scholar of racial reconciliation and teacher of alternatives to violence, will lead a healing discussion with Jo Ann Hardesty, leader of the Portland NAACP chapter, Dr. Daymond Glenn of Warner Pacific College and Eric Knox of the Imago Dei Community, a non-denominational church in southeast Portland, on Monday, June 19 at Warner Pacific.

He hopes to not only address what is happening in Baltimore, where Freddie Gray, an unarmed black man died in police custody;

and in Ferguson where Michael Brown, an 18-year-old unarmed black man was shot and killed by a white police officer, but also here in Portland.

"Any city could be a Ferguson or a Baltimore," says Sekou, "because the souls of black people are hungry everywhere for justice."

He is an activist who has faced arrest on multiple occasions in order to move the cause of justice forward, including last summer when he locked arms with other leaders of faith in front of a garrison of riot police in Ferguson.

"We were praying and kneeling," says Sekou, "supporting the

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### Good in the Hood

#### Multicultural festival kicks off Friday

The Good in the Hood annual celebration of multicultural music and food is coming to Lillis Albina Park this weekend.

The festivities kick off Friday with a "Good Neighbor Night" party, featuring DJ Pryce and a surprise live band. The annual Good in the Hood Parade is held Saturday, starting at 11 a.m. from King School Park via Northeast Prescott and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Lillis Albina, located off North Russell Street.

At the park, visitors have the

chance to meet the University of Oregon Ducks mascot, and the university's jazz band, which will be playing live. Community members can enjoy an ethnic food market place, a beer and wine garden, a kids' space, and live puppet shows and games. Legacy Health Systems will be hosting a \$6 bike helmet sale throughout the day and their pavilion will also offer free health screenings to visitors until 6 p.m.

Finally, on Sunday, the Portland Timbers Street Team will

welcome performances by Klyntel, Surround Sound, Andy Stokes, the Norman Sylvester Band, the Kirk Green Band, Randy Starr & The Players, the On-Q Band, The Parliament Funkadelic Tribute Band, Brandon Foster, Kimberly Holy, Lloyd Allen, Ben Jones & Friends, the Soul Commanders, Steele Family, and the University of Oregon Gospel Choir, among other featured performers.

This year's Good in the Hood Festival Grand Marshall will be former Sen. Avel Gordly. Those interested in volunteering or learning more about this year's festival are encouraged to call 971-302-6380 or visit goodinthehood.org.