# Fear of a Black Republic

### Scholar Explores US - Haiti Relations

sive earthquake struck the island try in the Western Hemisphere." nation of Haiti, devastating large

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It's been10 years since a mas- mantra: "Haiti is the poorest coun-

portions of the small country and "Pearl of the Antilles" and the most to hear from Leslie M. Alexander, killing nearly 300,000 people. In profitable New World colony in the quake's immediate aftermath, the 18th century to being the most University of Oregon, when she U.S. media incessantly repeated the despised and persecuted nation on presents a free public lecture "Fear of

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Celebrating Black History Month, How did Haiti go from being the Reed College invites the community associate professor of history at the a Black Republic in the Aftermath of the Haitian Revolution," on Monday, Feb. 17 at 4:30 p.m. in Psychology, Room 105. Reed is located at 3203 S.E. Woodstock Blvd.

> The presentation will explore how US and western European nations used their economic and diplomatic strength to isolate and impoverish the "Black Republic" from its birth in 1804 through the 20th century.

> Professor Alexander is an esteemed scholar and a former professor at Ohio State who relocated to Oregon in 2017. She is also the sister of Michelle Alexander, author of widely acclaimed "The New Jim Crow."

### Concordia to Shut Down

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Concordia currently serves a library. about 6,000 students - 1,600 undergraduates and 4,300 graduate News & World Report, many students, down from 8,000 students just a few years back. The because of financial pressure and school's closure will also include declining enrollment. its law school in Boise. The school says it will work with students, but Oswego, which awarded its first just where they will continue their degree in 1897, closed at the education and where Concordia employees will find jobs is still up in the air. The college had 340 employees, including 200 full-time on to study at Concordia Uniand part-time faculty.

The Concordia campus on Northeast Holman Street will likely be sold, officials said, but the sale will not impact Faubion Elementary, an adjacent school building facing Northeast Dekum, something he had hoped to do here. official said.

school that replaced an outdated KGW New8. building, is owned by Portland Public Schools. Concordia stu- for quite some time and its assets dents and faculty worked with Faubion teachers in a wrap around ance," he said. Ries said enrollprogram called "3 to Phd," helping low income families and students of color obtain success in life, from age three to advanced students transfer to other schools college degrees.

important resource for its educa- coming weeks. tion and nursing programs, bringing new teachers and nurses of mony at the university will be on color to local schools and medical April 25 and the law school gradfacilities. The campus also ex- uation will be on May 2.

panded its footprint in the last decade with new athletic fields and

According to a recent U.S. small colleges are shutting down

Marylhurst College in Lake end of 2018, citing declining enrollment as the main reason. Some Marylhurst students went versity.

Ries came to Portland in January after serving as president of Concordia University in St. Paul, Minn., where he was able to lower tuition and increase enrollment,

But the financial hurdles were Faubion, a newly constructed too large to overcome, Ries told

> "It has had negative cash flow and its liabilities are out of balment has dropped dramatically in recent years.

Ries said the school will help and faculty and staff would be The college was known as an told more about their options in

The last commencement cere-





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## Isham 'Ike' Harris for Portland City Commissioner, Position 1

I am running for Portland City Commissioner because, like the Biblical land of Canaan, America is a good land flowing with milk and honey, but it has giant problems that must be defeated.

#### **Giant Problem #1, Poverty:**

56 years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared an unconditional war on poverty and \$22 trillion was spent on poverty programs, but the war on poverty was a failure. Six types of poverty exist: Situational, generational, absolute, relative, urban and rural poverty. There are also 40.6 million people living in poverty in America.

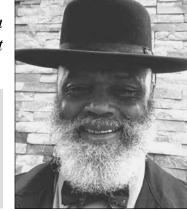
#### **Giant Problem #2, After School Funds:** We need sustained funding for after-school programs.

Giant problem #3, Achieving Clean Air: In the age of global warming, we can improve air quality by controlling carbon emissions

and adopting a system of cap and trade.

#### **Giant Problem #4. City Government Structure:**

I support a change from the commission/ mayor form of city government to one of elected representatives by individual districts and hiring an executive manager who oversees the various city bureaus.



#### **Giant Problem #5**, **Supporting Neighborhood Associations:**

I encourage the sustainability and longevity of Portland's 95 Neighborhood associations by encouraging participation; by getting to know your neighbors; and by attending community potlucks, block parties and social events, all in the name of promoting safety, livability, the love for neighbors and changing my neighborhood to a brotherhood.

#### Giant Problem #6, Portland's Racist History

We need to revisit the historical displacement of families of color from the Albina district. Bring representatives of Legacy Emanuel Hospital, the Rose Quarter's Memorial Coliseum and Moda Center, and the Oregon Department of Transportation together to discuss how to atone for sins of displacement for people of color.