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M.L. King Breakfast Speaker

Irma McClaurin to speak on the impact of the digital divide

Irma McClaurin Ph.D., who has blazed trails as an anthropologist, an author, poet and a university administrator, will give the keynote address at The Skanner Foundation's 2013 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast.

"We are delighted to have a speaker of her caliber come to Portland to talk to us about the impact of broadband and what is happening in other parts of the country, and the world," said Bernie Foster, publisher of The Skanner News.

McClaurin's storied career includes stints as a university administrator, academic and nonprofit administrator.

Among her many publications are: three books of poetry; *The Civil Rights Movement & The Future of Black America*; and *Women of Belize: Gender and Change in Central America*. McClaurin also edited the landmark anthology: *Black Feminist Anthropology: Theory, Politics, Praxis and Poetics*.

As culture and education editor for www.insightnews.com of Minneapolis she has written about everything from Michelle Obama to her travels in Paris.

She's also got more degrees than you have room to hang on your wall. She earned her bachelor's degree in American Studies from Grinnell College, then went on to study for a master's degree in English followed by a master's and a doctorate in Anthropology, from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

McClaurin plans to talk about Dr. King and the struggle for equality in the age of broadband technology, at The Skanner Foundation's 27th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at the Hilton Hotel in Portland, Jan. 21. *The Skanner News* spoke to her Dec. 3.

TSN: You are on the road a lot. But where are you based?

IM: I'm based in Raleigh, N.C. Raleigh is a very modern city, while Durham is a little more old-fashioned. They both have their

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KING HEDLEY

Portland Playhouse's string of Afro-centric theater hits continues with *King Hedley II* by August Wilson, opening Dec. 8. Emmy Award-winning Oregon Shakespeare Festival actor Peter Macon, at right, will make his Portland debut as King, headlining an extraordinary cast that includes beloved actors Victor Mack, Ramona Lisa, and Vin Shambry, as well as film and television actor John Cothran. The play tells the story of an ex-con in Pittsburgh trying to rebuild his life after incarceration and is widely considered the production of the year in Portland theater. The show runs through Dec. 30 at Portland Playhouse, 602 NE Prescott St. Ticket information at 503-205-0715 or go to www.portlandplayhouse.org.

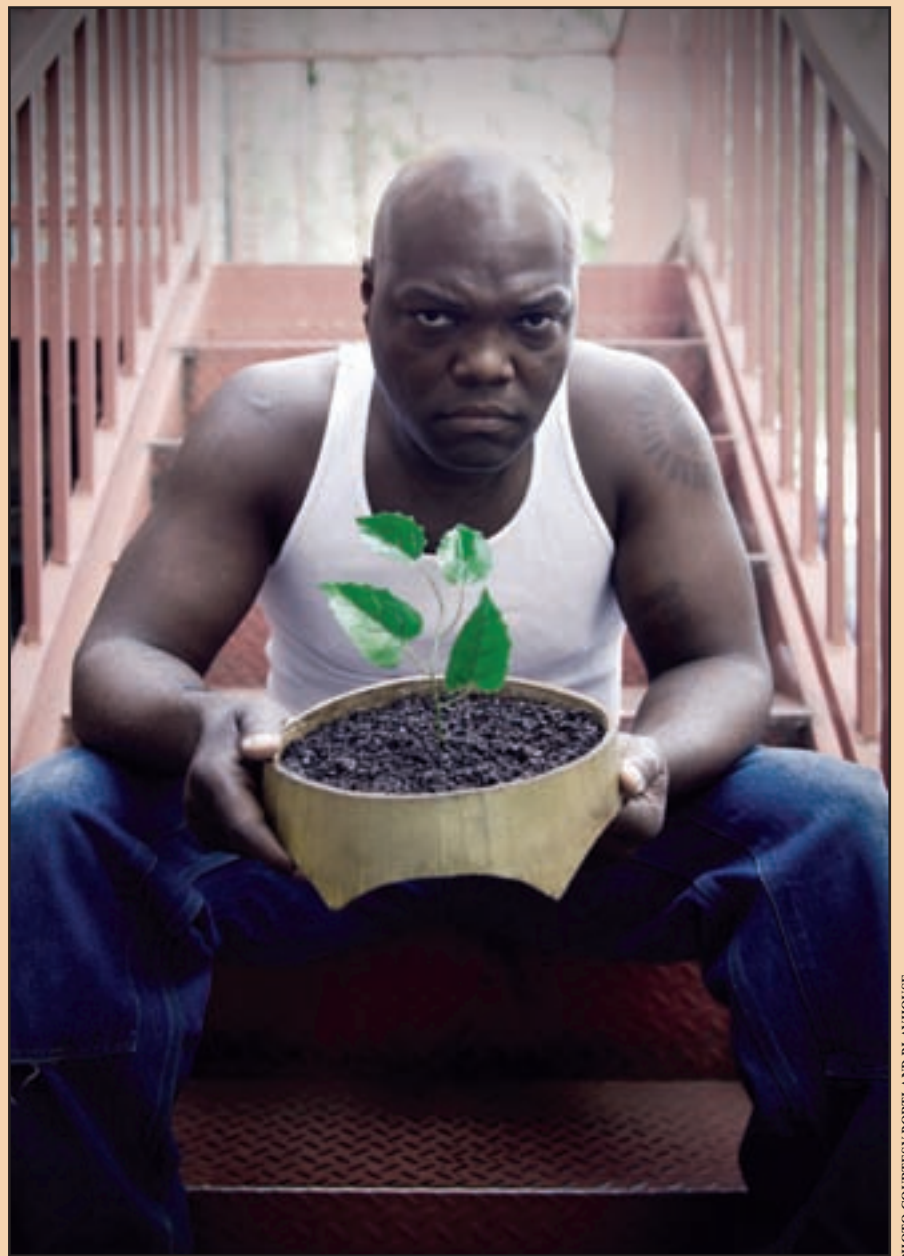


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Myths on HIV/AIDS Still Affect Lives

Getting tested early is key because of new, life-saving treatments

Twelve things to know about HIV/AIDS in Multnomah County on World AIDS Day 2012

We asked Michael Anderson-Nathe, director of prevention and education at Cascade AIDS Project, and Kim Toevs, Multnomah County manager for HIV, STD and adolescent health, to tell us what everyone needs to know on World AIDS Day, 2012.

Q. What does Multnomah County look like on World AIDS Day 2012?

Kim: The epidemic is not over. More than 5,000 Oregonians are living with HIV/AIDS, about 76 percent of them in the Portland metro area.

Q. Are people still becoming infected?

Michael: Sadly, yes. Nearly 275 people are diagnosed with HIV in Oregon each year. Nearly 40 percent of them go on to develop AIDS within the first year because they delayed getting tested for the disease.

Q. Why does the timing of the test matter?

Kim: If you learn your HIV status, within the first few years, you can start early treatment. HIV medications now are very effective at keeping people from getting sick with AIDS-related illnesses. You'll live a longer, healthier life, and you'll also help keep your partner safer. A very important study last year showed antiviral drugs can reduce the risk of transmitting the virus to someone else by 96 percent!

Q. So why are people waiting to get tested? What's going on?

Kim: Some people (including some doctors) think that the only people who need to get tested are individuals in "high-risk groups." Because of fear of judgments about sex or drug use, many people naturally hesitate to label themselves that way. Other people don't realize that their partners have HIV, and most often the partners themselves don't know it either.

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Racial Tensions in Robbery, Attack

Family and friends question emphasis on Black suspects

Bruce Poinsette
Of The Skanner News

A mother is speaking out after she says her son was wrongly arrested for a Hillsboro home invasion robbery.

Kei-Jian Buckley, 18, along with Xavier Mitchell, 18, Stanley Armitage, 18, and Dylan Trotter, 20, are being held in Washington County custody for their alleged

involvement in a robbery at the apartments on NW 185th Ave. and NW Rock Creek Blvd on Nov. 23. The victim, Chad Smith, 20, was knocked unconscious, suffered a broken jaw and reported having marijuana and electronics stolen.

Buckley's mother Kimberly says she has evidence to prove her son wasn't there and that racial bias has played a role in the coverage of the case.

Washington County Sheriff public information officer Bob Ray contends that they have a strong case against Buckley but says information on the specifics of the investigation isn't available yet.

A friend's mother and Buckley's girlfriend say he was with them throughout the evening.

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