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county-wide issues. “The library really wanted to approach this from a solutions-based perspective,” explained Cunningham. “So starting with the question:

ple to the table for real conversations,” said Matthew Desmond, in an interview with Multnomah County Library. “Communities like Portland are coming for-

## “Everybody Reads 2017 is using ‘Evicted’ to initiate a community dialogue

how do we create a thriving community for everyone?”

To encourage participation, Multnomah County Libraries are offering a lengthy program of discussions, lectures and meetings, which includes reading parties, renters’ rights workshops, personal housing stories, a poverty simulation, and more.

“Homelessness in Portland is a critical and acute issue, but that’s also bringing new peo-

ward to make important statements: we want economic diversity in our neighborhoods, we want to make livable communities and we’re willing to give a bit up personally so that families know what ‘home’ means.”

Matthew Desmond will present a talk on March 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. This event is presented by Literary Arts, which will provide ticket information.

—Melanie Sevchenko



## Mitchell S. Jackson Visits Clark College Jan. 17

During the 2017 winter quarter installment of its renowned Columbia Writers Series, Clark College will welcome back former student Mitchell S. Jackson, award-winning author of the novel *The Residue Years*. Mitchell will read from and discuss his writing from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Jan. 17, in room PUB 258 on Clark’s main campus. The event is free and open to the public. Directions and maps are available online. Individuals who need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event should contact Clark College’s Disability Support Services (DSS) Office at (360) 992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP) or visit room PUB 013.

The Columbia Writers Series was launched at Clark College in 1988, bringing local, national and international authors to the college and the region. Information about the Columbia Writers Series is available at [www.clark.edu/cc/cws](http://www.clark.edu/cc/cws).

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trained to be an electrical engineer. She then spent several years globe-trotting for General Motors, before settling in Oregon with her husband, Mark. The couple now owns two McDonald’s franchises and they live in Happy Valley with their four children.

*The Skanner* sat down with Bynum to discuss her path to politics and how she plans to tackle the job of representing her district, which encompasses the cities of Happy Valley, Damascus and Boring in Clackamas County, Gresham in Multnomah County, and unincorporated parts of both counties, including East Portland.

This interview has been edited for space and clarity.

**The Skanner News:** You trained as an electrical engineer. So how did you get into the restaurant business, and from there into politics?

**Janelle Bynum:** I don’t think it’s much differ-

ent. I’m super analytical, very data-driven, I like to solve problems. But I’m also one of those people that like to have life fit in with the laws, whether it’s the laws of nature, or the laws that men and women make. So I like to look at the 30-thousand-foot view and then break it down into bite-sized pieces.

I grew up in Washington D.C., and we don’t make anything in D.C. but laws – or chaos, depending on how you view it. In high school I had an opportunity to work on Capitol Hill. I worked for Senator Arlen Specter. The reason I chose him was because when Clarence Thomas was having his hearings for his confirmation to the Supreme Court, I didn’t really like how Arlen Specter treated Anita Hill. I came from a very Democratic family and so I thought that I should find out what the Republican thought process is, what the other side was

like.

Even throughout my professional career I’ve always been involved civically. Especially here in my community, I’m involved with the schools, because I really feel passionate about making sure the educational system supports the families and the kids, and supports what we need as a state.

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**TSK:** How would you like to see education improved in District 51?

**JB:** My home district is North Clackamas, but what I felt was particularly acute was the needs of the students of color. But also, in general, as an employer in the area, I’m seeing what skills kids are coming out of school with. So if we can

have a more in-depth conversation about what businesses need from the students, I think that’s where I’ll be able to contribute a lot.

**TSK:** What inspired you to run for State Representative?

**JB:** I’ve been on our owner-operator PAC board for a couple of years, and through that process I’ve invited leg-

islators into my restaurants. Having met Speaker Tina Kotek and Rep. Shemia Fagan, they were kind of kick-ass women (laughs).

**TSK:** What was the process of forming a campaign?

**JB:** The first part is asking your family for

support, so I asked my mother what she thought of the idea. She told me that my generation wasn’t standing up, so that was kind of the kick in the pants. She said, “You all are too comfortable, you’ve been given a lot.” She came from a segregated environment and she graduated from the last segregated high

school in South Carolina. I also talked to my husband, who claims I never asked him (laughs). What I found very interesting was you had to have access to capital, and I think that is a barrier to good people entering government. That’s where I felt fortunate, because I’m a good fundraiser. I don’t like that it takes so much money to win, but you have to be willing to ask. It was also a good opportunity for people who hadn’t traditionally participated in campaigns to really be a part of it. So I looked at it as kind of a community thing, and it was energizing. And it was the most expensive campaign for a House seat ever in Oregon. You have to buy broadcast commercials, and there’s not a lot of cable penetration, so you end up in more expensive markets. It’s mostly advertising. You’ve got to get people’s attention.

Read more of the interview at [TheSkanner.com](http://TheSkanner.com)

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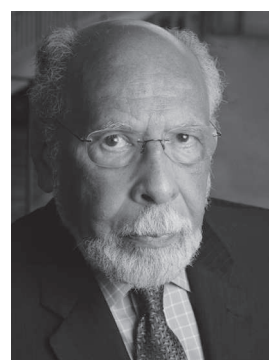
in law) from Boston University’s School of Law in 1960.

Moore served as a clerk for United States District Court Judge Charles E. Wyzanski, Jr. and was admitted to practice law in Massachusetts in 1961. He returned to Atlanta in 1962, where he

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was one of 10 African American attorneys in the state of Georgia. He traveled with civil rights activist Vernon Jordan on Sundays. Alongside attorneys Don-

ald Hallowell and A.T. Walden, Moore worked to promote anti-discrimination laws such as the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act, as well as two court cases – *City of Greenwood v. Peacock* and *Georgia v. Rachel* – which used federal civil action to counterattack against unconstitutional attempts to use state law against citizens exercising their rights. In 1966 Moore represented Julian Bond in his fight to take seat in the Georgia House of Representatives, and he was part of the NAACP team in the 1970 Supreme



Howard Moore

traditional civil rights organizations, and the left as a whole, have lacked political imagination – failing to predict,

Court Decision of *Turner v. Fouche*.

After moving to the West Coast, Moore became part of the legal team that represented Angela Davis between 1971 and 1977.

Moore said

for instance, that Hillary Clinton’s primary wins among Black voters in states where Democrats rarely win would not translate to a decisive win in the general election.

To purchase tickets for this year’s breakfast, please visit [www.theskanner.com/mlk-breakfast-tickets](http://www.theskanner.com/mlk-breakfast-tickets).

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