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## Event: News Conference

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**Speaker:** Roger Wilkins

- Clarence J. Robinson Professor of History and American Culture at George Mason University (Virginia).
- Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist on the Washington Post team that unmasked the Watergate scandal along with Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein.
- Former Assistant U.S. Attorney General, 1966-69.
- Nephew of veteran civil-rights leader Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 1955-77.

**Date:** Jan. 14 (Sunday)

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Location:** Henning Room, IWU Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St., Bloomington

**Background:** Wilkins' news conference will be followed at 5 p.m. by his speech, "The Civil Rights Movement in the 21st Century," which is open to the public, free-of-charge. Wilkins' address will keynote the 11th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., National Holiday Gospel Festival, which Illinois Wesleyan University co-sponsors with the United Community Gospel Singers of Bloomington-Normal. Wilkins' speech will be followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner in IWU's Memorial Student Center. See the attached news release for ticket information. IWU will cap the National Holiday marking the birth of slain civil-rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with a seven-hour gospel festival, beginning at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15 in Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall. The gospel festival is open to the public, free-of-charge.