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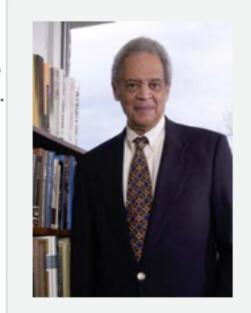
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Roger Wilkins, Pulitzer Prize Winner, to Speak at IWU's Soul Food Dinner February 1, 2006

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -Roger Wilkins, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and lawyer, will be the guest speaker at Illinois Wesleyan University's Soul Food Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington). The dinner, a part of IWU's Black History Month celebration, is open to the public and costs \$10. IWU student admission is \$5.

Wilkins, whose career has spanned government, law, philanthropy and journalism, is perhaps best known for his role in exposing the Watergate scandal in the '70s, for which he won the Pulitzer Prize in 1972. He started his career interning with Thurgood Marshall at the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund. Additionally, he was the assistant attorney general under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and has worked with many departments of the government, including the State Department, Department of Commerce and the Department of Justice.



Roger Wilkins

Wilkins has also authored two books, written at least 60 book reviews for major American

papers, published articles in two dozen magazines, and conceived, written, and narrated two Frontline documentaries. He was a member of the editorial page staff at the Washington Post, as well as a member of the editorial board of the New York Times.

In his three years of philanthropic work, he served as the program officer in charge of social development for the Ford Foundation.

Wilkins, who currently works as a network radio commentator for National Public Radio and is the Clarence J. Robinson Professor of History and American Culture at George Mason University, holds ten honorary degrees and has served on more than five boards, including the NAACP and the African-American Institute. In 1990, he was the national coordinator of Nelson Mandela's visit to the United States.

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