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## **Journalist and Author Roland S. Martin to speak at Soul Food Dinner**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Journalist and author Roland S. Martin will present the keynote speech at Illinois Wesleyan University's annual Soul Food Dinner on Sunday Feb. 24 in the Hansen Student Center (300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington). The event, sponsored by Student Senate, is in celebration of Black History Month.

Dinner will be catered by Sodexho Campus Services and served at 5:30 p.m. Following dinner Martin will address the audience.

Tickets for the Soul Food Dinner will go on sale January 29 and sell through February 9. For the general public tickets are \$12. For Illinois Wesleyan faculty, staff, and students tickets are \$5. Illinois Wesleyan students with meals plans can charge the dinner to their ID.

Martin graduated from Texas A&M in 1991 with a bachelor's of science degree in journalism and is currently studying for his master's degree in Christian Communication at Louisiana Baptist University.

As a journalist, Martin has won more than 20 professional awards including a regional Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio Television News Directors, two citations from the National Associated Press-Managing Editors Conference, and several first place awards from the Dallas-Fort Worth Association of Black Communicators.

His books include *Listening to the Spirit Within: 50 Perspectives on Faith and Speak, Brother! A Black Man's View of America*. He is also a nationally syndicated columnist with Creators Syndicate. He is a former executive editor/general manager of the *Chicago Defender*.

Martin is also a commentator for TV One Cable Network and host of "The Roland S. Martin Show" on WVON-AM in Chicago. Most recently, Martin became a special correspondent for *Essence Magazine* as well as a contributor to CNN.

Martin is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

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