

News Release

CANCELLED: Author and Activist Maggie Harrison Lowery to Speak

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Thursday, February 1, 2018

EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.

Author and civil rights activist Maggie Harrison Lowery will speak at the University of Minnesota Crookston in honor of Black History Month. Lowery will be the featured speaker during Thursday Commons on February 15 at noon in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. All are welcome. Parking is recommended in Lot A and no parking permits will be required.

Lowery was one of thousands participating in the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., in 1965 when she was twelve years old. Her father operated a general store between Selma and Montgomery, Ala., that was visited often by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and meeting him is something that Lowery recalls clearly. Her presentation on campus is one in a series of events recognizing Black History Month at the U of M Crookston.

The author of *Pressing My Way Throughout America*, Lowery is a social scientist, artist, and educator who has traveled across America working in the areas of social services and education. She spent many years of working in juvenile corrections.



Lowery holds bachelor's degrees in social sciences and family and consumer sciences from the University of North Dakota (UND). She also holds a Master of Education from Auburn University in Alabama and is currently in pursuing a doctorate degree in educational leadership at UND.

She grew up in segregated Alabama and is the tenth of fourteen children born to Ned Sr. and Virginia Harrison. She has learned (sometimes the hard way) that Alabama is not the only state in America that has discrimination issues.

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