

# DES Equity and Social Justice Education Series

## The Life and Times of Black America VOL. II: Three Film Narratives from the Golden Era of Black Cinema

**This Black History Month 2023, representation matters.** In the decades between 1967 and 1997 Black American Cinema came into maturity with a richness, nuance, and variety that had never before been seen in American movies. This “golden era” of Black American Cinema and cultural production set the stage for the explosion of complexity and character we enjoy today in movies, television, theatre, and popular culture. Join us for three extraordinary Fridays that will celebrate and explore the rich inner worlds of Black culture depicted on screen.

We'll continue our exploration this year with three more films that represent what I think are the best Black American Cinema has to offer from three different decades, each offering a complex theme for exploration and discovery from a Black perspective. Afterward, we'll have commentary and conversation with Black artists, critics, and culture workers who can give more insight, context, and offer new reasons to appreciate. Join us for **The Life and Times of Black America VOL. II: Three [More] Film Narratives from a Golden Era of Black Cinema** (featuring post-film commentary and discussion with prominent Black artists, community, and culture workers!) First up:

Theme: **Just a Little Light: Dignity and Defiance:** Film: **In the Heat of the Night**, 1967 featuring commentary with **Mr. Marlon Brown**, activist, and community strategist. He is co-owner of Racial Equity Consultants, LLC and works with businesses and organizations who strive to develop anti-racist and anti-oppressive workplaces. <https://www.racialequityconsultants.com/>



**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00pm – 5:30pm**

**Zoom:** <https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/89207598027>

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