
THE LIFE OF JAMES H. WILLIAMS BETTER KNOWN AS “PROFESSOR JIM”

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026 • 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Kevin Johnson portrays James H. Williams, known as Professor Jim, who was born into captivity in Yonkers, New York, in 1788. After escaping to Connecticut, Williams served in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and worked as a Trinity College custodian. The portrayal covers his escape, adventures at sea and service in the War of 1812.

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Kevin Johnson works in the CT State Library's History and Genealogy Department. For over 20 years, he has presented emotional, exciting first-person narratives featuring Revolutionary War hero Jordan Freeman and Civil War soldier Private William Webb.

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