

### **Brianna Perry interviewing Marlene Hurtt-Dunkley clip 3**

**Topic: Dr. James Newton**

**Interviewer:** So, I asked you if you knew James Newton and you did. Could you tell me about him?

**Marlene Hurtt-Dunkley:** Well James Newton actually was *the* person for most African Americans on campus. He was more like, a he was a mentor, he was a leader, he like told you like straight up how it was. I mean he encouraged like he encouraged people to see the other side, he was that person that was going to be there even when you left campus, like if you had to get a reference or you needed some advice or any of those kinds of things, people knew that James Newton was going to be there for you. He was more or less one of the go-to persons on campus. I didn't personally take any classes with him because he was Black Studies, but I knew him because of other people and interactions and he always opened his arms and because of my friend Laney, and Lasa and Edith and Terry, all of them were like close and were closely involved so once you became once he knew you, he knew you. It wasn't like "you're not in my class and I'm not going to deal with you," it was like "you're on this campus I'm going to help you to maneuver and matriculate and get all that you can out of you this this experience." So that was who James Newton, the James Newton that I knew, Dr. Newton, yeah.

**Interviewer:** Yeah, I saw an interview with him and he seems like such, seemed like such a powerhouse of a guy,

**Marlene Hurtt-Dunkley:** He is a powerhouse. He's just a leader in so many different ways and you know something we didn't want to do in our attitudes "we're not doing this, we're not doing that." He was like "no you do this because this is going to get you here or this is going to get you there. You need to do that for this reason," and once you kind of listen to his reasoning in why you should go to a certain event or why you should portray yourself in a certain manner, then you would be like "Okay oh I see, I got you" or sort of more or less. He's a very dynamic person.

**Interviewer:** Yeah, Quite a speaker too.

**Marlene Hurtt-Dunkley:** Yes, yes he is. Quite a speaker. Still, still he's out there in the community doing everything. I think this man is like an ever-running battery.

**Interviewer:** He's doing it well.