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Governors State University's Faculty Senate President David Golland's second book has been selected for a campus-wide freshman reading program at Washburn University, where Arthur Fletcher earned a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1950.

Fletcher is the central figure in Golland's "A Terrible Thing to Waste: Arthur Fletcher and the Conundrum of the Black Republican."

A civil rights leader who was widely considered the father of affirmative action, Fletcher was the first Black player on the Baltimore Colts NFL team. After his football career, he began a life in public service and served as an adviser to Presidents Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan. President George H.W. Bush named Fletcher Chairman of the [U.S. Civil Rights Commission](#).

Golland's book exploring Fletcher's life was published in 2019 and [celebrated on campus](#).

"It's such an honor," Golland told [cjonline.com](#) about his book being selected for iRead. "To be one of the authors chosen by an institution as prestigious as Washburn, with well

over a century of higher education in Topeka, and for them to see my book as being important enough for every member of the freshman class to read is such an incredible honor.”

Read the entire online story [here](#).