

John Hope Franklin
(1915-2009)

Born in Rentiesville, Oklahoma, on January 2, 1915, John Hope Franklin was the third of four children born to Buck and Mollie Franklin. In 1925, the family relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma, four years after the infamous Tulsa Race Riots which destroyed home to one of the wealthiest black communities in the country, with a downtown district known as “Black Wall Street”. It was against the backdrop of violence, segregation, and rebuilding that John Hope Franklin began his personal journey to change society. Franklin attended Fisk University and Harvard University for his education in the field of history. He began his career as an educator at Fisk University, during his time in graduate school, and accepted his first full-time position as professor of history at St. Augustine’s College in Raleigh, NC in 1939. Over the course of the next 70 years, Franklin would teach full-time at six colleges and universities (St. Augustine’s College, North Carolina Central University, Howard University, Brooklyn College, The University of Chicago and Duke University). He also served as a visiting professor and lecturer at universities around the globe. Franklin was the author of twelve books and hundreds of articles and speeches. He is best known for the best-selling *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of American Negroes*. Originally published in 1947, *From Slavery to Freedom* remains in publication today, has sold over three million copies, and has been used in classrooms for decades. Franklin was engaged with activism throughout his life, most notably joining a team of scholars to prepare research for the NAACP for the landmark 1954 Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education*. During his public life of service, Franklin became a leading voice on issues of race relations, civil and human rights, education, childcare, and public policy. The marriage of his scholarship and activism demonstrated his philosophy of using history not only to understand the past, but also to chart a course to a better society in the future.

John Hope Franklin was married to his college sweetheart, Aurelia Whittington Franklin (1915-1999) for fifty-nine years. Their union bore one son, John Whittington Franklin, in 1952. While serving as a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii in 1959, Franklin took an interest in cultivating orchids, which, along with fly-fishing, served as beloved leisure activities. Many people who met Franklin or had the pleasure to call him a friend, remember him fondly for his strength, humility, dignity, and uncanny ability to connect with people, no matter their title or credentials. The endearing nature of his personality and his commitment to engage with the community beyond the hallowed halls of academia made him one of the most revered public intellectuals of recent memory. John Hope Franklin died on March 25, 2009, in Durham, North Carolina. He was 94 years old.

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DUKE UNIVERSITY’S 2015 SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
*Dignity Through Dissent: Demanding
Civil Rights in a Modern World*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015
THREE O’CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speaking in Page Auditorium on November 13, 1964.

Martin Luther King, Jr. is remembered as a crusader for civil rights. He advocated for civil rights in many ways: including voting, through assembly, and through dissent. As we in North Carolina reflect on a year of protest, from Moral Mondays to Ferguson, we consider: what does it mean to have real voting rights today? How does marriage equality fit into the broader civil rights struggle? And what do publicized examples of police brutality mean for people of color around the country? *Dignity Through Dissent* focuses on those who assemble, protest, and occupy spaces in an effort to secure civil—and human—rights. This year we also remember the life and legacy of Dr. John Hope Franklin as one who inspired dignity through dissent.

DUKE UNIVERSITY'S 2015 SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
THE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Duke University Chapel ~ Durham, NC
Sunday, January 18, 2015

*Please, no flash photography during the service.
And please turn off all electronic devices.*

PRELUDE John Brown and the University Jazz Ambassadors

PROCESSIONAL Collage Dance Company
Directed by Ms. Sadiyah Shakur-Saleem
*Members of the procession will be carrying John Hope Franklin orchids
which were bred and named in honor of Dr. John Hope Franklin.*

YI' YU L' RATZON Dr. Judith Ruderman
(May the Words of my Mouth) *Retired Vice Provost
Academic and Administrative Services
Duke University*

INVOCATION The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery
*Dean of the Chapel
Duke University*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE Ali Bootwala
OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE *Representative of the Muslim Student Association*

Rachel Fraade
Representative of Jewish Student Union

*The Candle of Peace, Hope and Justice celebrates the light of God that shines through
the darkness, pain and violence in the world, which is symbolized by the barbed-
wire that surrounds the candle. As this candle is lit, we remember those who are
experiencing oppression around the world and we stand in resistance to injustice.*

MUSICAL SELECTION North Carolina Central University Choir

GREETINGS Dr. Richard H. Brodhead
President, Duke University

Mr. William Bell
Mayor, Durham, NC

Mr. Kevin Sowers
President, Duke University Hospital

MUSICAL SELECTION North Carolina Central University Choir
JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN TRIBUTE Eden Segbefia

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Jamal Edwards
President, Black Student Alliance

MUSICAL SELECTION Sung by Yara Allen
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Edward Boatner
(1898-1981)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS The Rev. Dr. William Barber
President of the North Carolina NAACP

BENEDICTION Mr. Joshua Lazard
C. Eric Lincoln Minister for Student Engagement, Duke Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*congregation standing*)
Call and Response led by Yara Allen

RECESSIONAL The Collage Dance Company

WILLIAM BARBER



Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is the President of the North Carolina NAACP, convener of the Historic Thousands on Jones Street (HKonJ) Peoples Assembly Coalition, a broad alliance of more than 140 progressive organizations, and the architect of North Carolina's Moral Monday, Forward Together Movement, a multi-racial, multi-generational social justice movement of tens of thousands. Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II is also a member of the National NAACP Board and Chair of the National NAACP Legislative Political Action Committee.

Prior to being elected president of the North Carolina NAACP, Dr. Barber served as the Executive Director of the North Carolina Human Relations Commission, State of North Carolina. He has also been a faculty member at N.C. Wesleyan College, North Carolina Central University and Duke University Divinity School.

Rev. Dr. Barber graduated Cum Laude from North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C., receiving a B.A. in Political Science. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University, where he was a Benjamin Mays Fellow and a Dean scholar. Dr. Barber has a Doctoral degree from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, with a concentration in Public Policy and Pastoral Care. He was also a Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mel King Community Fellows Program.

Dr. Barber is the author of several books including his most recent book, "Forward Together: A Moral Message for the Nation." He has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, CNN, MSNBC, the New York Times, Crisis Magazine, and has spoken, preached and lectured around the country.

He has received many awards for his work fighting for justice, and social change, including the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest citizenship award presented to outstanding North Carolinians who have a proven record of service to the state.

Barber's membership affiliations include the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Prince Hall Mason, 33°. Scottish Rite, and Shriners.

Rev. Dr. Barber lives in Goldsboro, North Carolina where for over 20 years he has pastored at Greenleaf Christian Church.

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