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The Belle Zeller Lecture

Charles Hamilton Houston

Black Freedom, School Segregation, and the Supreme Court



Genna Rae McNeil is professor of history at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and author of the prize-winning *Groundwork: Charles Hamilton Houston and the Struggle for Civil Rights*. She is the recipient of the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award in American legal history, which *Harvard Law Review* praised *Groundwork* as "outstanding scholarship." The *New York Times* declared, "Thanks now to *Groundwork*, Houston's contributions to the struggle for civil rights and in particular his pivotal role in the effort to integrate American schools, have been documented in a scholarly manner." *Ebony* hailed the biography as "a moving, long overdue testament to a singularly neglected giant of history." Dr. McNeil is also co-editor with John Hope Franklin of *African Americans and the Living Constitution* (1995) and with V.P. Franklin of *African Americans and Jews in the Twentieth Century* (1998). Dr. McNeil is co-author with Quinton H. Dixie of a forthcoming bicentennial history of New York City's famed Abyssinian Baptist Church. A graduate of the University of Chicago, former chairperson of Howard University's Department of history, former Woodrow Wilson Center Fellow, and former Schomburg Center Scholar, Dr. McNeil is an award-winning teacher and writer. She has also taught at Hunter College and Howard University School of Law. Beyond the academy, Dr. McNeil has served as a project archivist for the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the Deputy General Secretary and Ecumenical Officer for the inter-racial American Baptist Churches of the USA. McNeil is Belle Zeller Visiting Professor at Brooklyn College.

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