

# John Hope Franklin Memorial Day

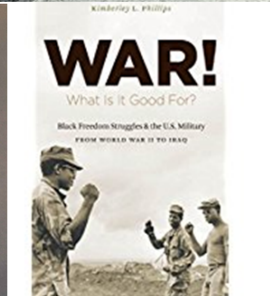
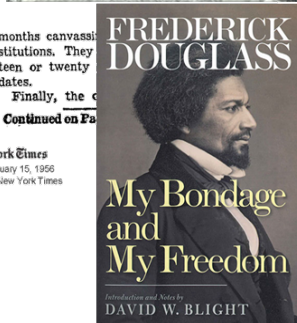
Wednesday,  
February 28, 2018

The Department of History,  
in cooperation with the Office of  
the President, the Department of  
Africana Studies, the Ethyle R.  
Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,  
and the Conservatory of Music,  
presents

## Negro Educator Chosen to Head Department in Brooklyn College

Howard University Professor  
Will Be First of Race to  
Hold That Rank Here

By BENJAMIN FINE  
For the first time, a municipal college is to have a Negro educator as chairman of an academic department. Brooklyn College has named Dr. John Hope Franklin, Professor of History at Howard University, to be a full professor and chairman of its history department.  
As far as can be determined, no other college in the city—or in the state for that matter—has ever appointed a Negro chairman. He will serve at a salary of about \$11,000.  
The new faculty member was proposed by the history department committee on appointments. The present chairman, Prof. Arthur C. Cole, has reached the mandatory retirement age of 70.  
The committee, consisting of Dr. Cole, Prof. Jesse D. Clarkson, Prof. Robert A. East, Prof. Solomon F. Bloom, and Prof. Hans Rosenberg, spent several



## African American History and the Public Sphere

3:40 to 4:55 p.m.  
Woody Tanger Auditorium  
Brooklyn College Library

**David Blight** is a public historian, Class of 1954 Professor of American History at Yale University, and Director of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition. He is the author of the forthcoming *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*.

**John W. Franklin** serves as the cultural historian and senior manager in the Office of External Affairs at Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. He is a co-editor, with his father, John Hope Franklin, of *My Life and an Era: the Autobiography of Buck Colbert Franklin*.

**Kimberley Phillips-Boehm** is an award-winning historian and writer. She is the author, most recently, of *War! What is it Good For? Black Freedom Struggles and the U.S. Military from World War II to Iraq*.

## Freedom Concert

5:05 to 6:20 p.m.  
Roosevelt Gymnasium  
Reception to Follow

Brooklyn College Symphonic Choir, Conservatory Singers, and Glee Club

**Naomi Jackson** is author of *The Star Side of Bird Hill*, winner of many awards. Her work has appeared in literary journals and magazines in the United States and abroad. Jackson has taught at the University of Iowa, University of Pennsylvania, City College of New York, and Oberlin College.

**Malcolm J. Merriweather** is Director of Choral Studies and Voice Department Coordinator at Brooklyn College, Music Director of NYC's Desoff Choirs, and Artistic Director of Voices of Haiti, a 60-member children's choir in Port-au-Prince, operated by the Andrea Bocelli Foundation.

**Marcello di Russo** is a student in the Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music, and composer of a work honoring John Hope Franklin, *Questions for Thee*, premiering at this concert.

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