“John Hope Franklin lived for nearly a century and helped define that century. A towering historian, he led the recognition that African-American history and American history are one.”
— Duke President Richard H. Brodhead

Dr. Franklin, the James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of History, built his reputation as a scholar in 1947 with the publication of his book, From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African-Americans, still considered the definitive account of the black experience in America.

“I think knowing one’s history leads one to act in a more enlightened fashion. I can not imagine how knowing one’s history would not urge one to be an activist.”
— John Hope Franklin

As a distinguished scholar, Dr. Franklin used his authority and expertise to foster political and social change. And as a teacher, he inspired his many students and colleagues to delve deeper into the causes and remedies of inequality, bigotry and oppression.

“John Hope Franklin was one of the most important American historians of the 20th century and one of the people I most admired.... He graced our country with his life, his scholarship and his citizenship.”
— Bill Clinton, Former President of the United States

Dr. Franklin worked on the Brown v. Board of Education (1954) case, was active in the civil rights movement, headed President Clinton’s 1997 national advisory board on race, and witnessed the inauguration of the nation’s first black president.

“Because of the life John Hope Franklin lived, the public service he rendered and the scholarship that was the mark of his distinguished career, we all have a richer understanding of who we are as Americans and our journey as a people.”
— Barack Obama
President of the United States
Below is an abbreviated schedule of events held in honor of Dr. Franklin’s 100th birthday. Most are free and open to the public.

**JANUARY 12**
“Life and Legacy of John Hope Franklin” Luncheon
Speakers: Walter Brown, NCCU; John Gartrell, John Hope Franklin Collection
Co-hosted by NCCU Department of History
12 pm • Stanford L. Warren Library, Durham
durhamcountylibrary.org/calendar/warren

**JANUARY 18**
Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration
Speaker: Rev. William Barber, NC NAACP
3 pm • Duke Chapel
mlk.duke.edu

**JANUARY 28**
JHF Centenary Kick-Off Event
Speaker: Vernon Jordan, civil rights activist
6-7:30 pm • Von der Heyden Pavilion

**FEBRUARY 5**
Lecture on Dr. John Hope Franklin
Speaker: Historian Freddie Parker
North Carolina Central University
11:35 am • NCCU Nursing Building Auditorium

“Tutu & Franklin: A Journey Towards Peace,” documentary
Speaker: John W. Franklin, Senior Manager

**FEBRUARY 10**
“My Lifelong Friendship with Dr. Franklin”
Speaker: Walter Brown, former dean, NCCU
Department of Education
North Carolina Central University
11:35 am • NCCU Student Union lobby

**FEBRUARY 28**
Young Adult Workshop: Guide to Creating Illustrated Books
Speaker: L. Jamal Walton, illustrator, Running for Hope
2-5 pm (location TBA)
jhfyoungscholars.tumblr.com

**MARCH 4**
Law School Luncheon
Speakers: Walter Dellinger and Bill Leuchtenburg
12:30 pm • Duke Law School, Room 3041
law.duke.edu/events

**MARCH 28**
Reflection: Aurelia Whittington Franklin
Moderated by Karen Roberts Franklin (JHF daughter-in-law)

**APRIL 1**
Distinguished Lecture
Speaker: Historian Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Harvard University
6:30 pm • Sanford School of Public Policy

**OCTOBER 15**
Distinguished Lecture
Speaker: Historian Thomas C. Holt, University of Chicago
6:30 pm • Sanford School of Public Policy

**OCTOBER 30**
Musical Celebration
World Premiere Commission for JHF 100th
Composer: Frederic Rzewski | Musicians: Imani Winds
8 pm • Baldwin Auditorium, Duke University
For tickets, visit dukeperformances.org

**NOVEMBER 5-7**
John Hope Franklin Centenary Symposium
Speaker: Drew Faust, President, Harvard University
Nasher Museum of Art & John Hope Franklin Center
aaas.duke.edu