

# John Hope Franklin Commemorative Events,

February 23 and 24, 2021

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The Department of History,  
in collaboration with the Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,  
*The Department of English, and the Common Reader/1619 Project*  
presents

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## Remembering Tulsa, 1921: Race Relations in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century United States

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 5-6:15 pm

John W. Franklin, National Museum of African American History  
Cheryl D. Hicks, University of Delaware

Public YouTube URL

<https://youtu.be/y9CJxIG746Y>

## Social Justice through Sound and Film

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 7pm

Grammy award-nominated conductor and singer, Professor Malcolm J. Merriweather will moderate a conversation with composer, Laura Karpman. Karpman's setting of Sonia Sanchez's poem, "Catch the Fire," is an aria responding to the Tulsa Massacre as depicted in episode 9, Rewind 1921, of the sci-fi/horror/fantasy sensation, LOVECRAFT COUNTRY. The program will be complimented by performances from previous Freedom Concerts and music composed around the time of the Tulsa Massacre. Conversations about the art of film composition and higher education curriculum with Professor Jonathan Zalben, M.F.A. Program in Media Scoring/Sonic Arts and Professor Stephanie Jensen-Moulton, Director, H. Wiley Hitchcock Institute for Studies in American Music at Brooklyn College.

Public YouTube URL

<https://youtu.be/KMWNK3nzB9I>

### Negro Educator Chosen to Head Department in Brooklyn College

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

By BENJAMIN EYNE  
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 departmental 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. Charles, Prof. Robert A. East, Prof. Solomon F. Brown, and Prof. Hans Rosenberg, spent several



months examining academic qualifications. They considered 20-ten or twenty potential candidates.  
Finally, the committee, with

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