

The 2008 John L. Hatfield '67 Lecture

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Karla F. C. Holloway is the James B. Duke Professor of English at Duke University. She also holds appointments in the Law School and in Women's Studies and African & African-American Studies. Her research and teaching interests focus on African-American cultural studies, biocultural studies, ethics and law. At Duke, she has served as Dean of the Humanities and Social Sciences and she is founding co-director of the John Hope Franklin Center and the Franklin Humanities Institute. She is the author of six books, including *Passed On: African-American Mourning Stories* (2002) and *Bookmarks: Readings in Black and White, A Memoir* (2006).

Professor Holloway will speak on themes from her memoir *Bookmarks*, which looks at a remarkable trend among African-American writers to comment on the books they have read in their autobiographies. The reading lists of writers like Maya Angelou, James Baldwin, W.E.B. Du Bois, Zora Neale Hurston, and Malcolm X, as well as the selections of Oprah Winfrey's popular book club, reveal something interesting and profound about race and culture in America. In this moving volume, the reader also learns about the role of the Civil Rights Movement in desegregating southern libraries, and the ways that reading has personally affected the author as a young girl, as a parent, and as a scholar.

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