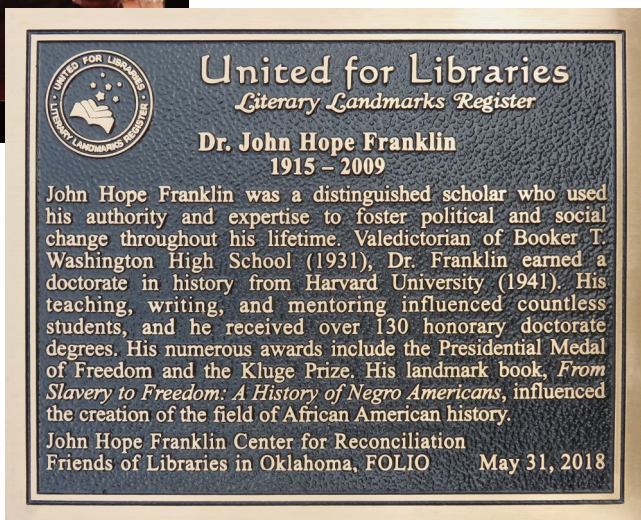
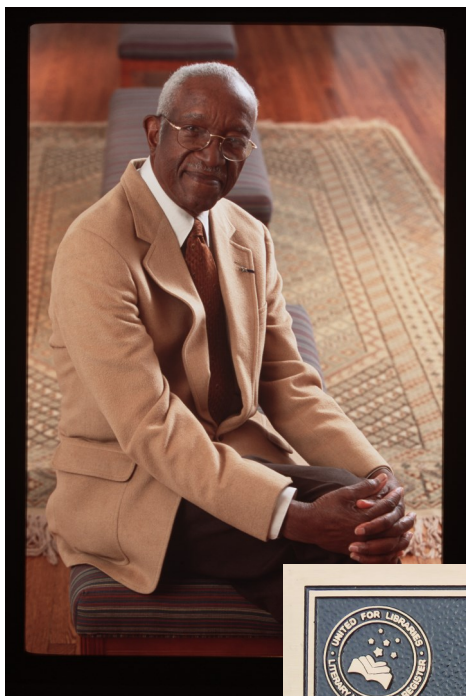
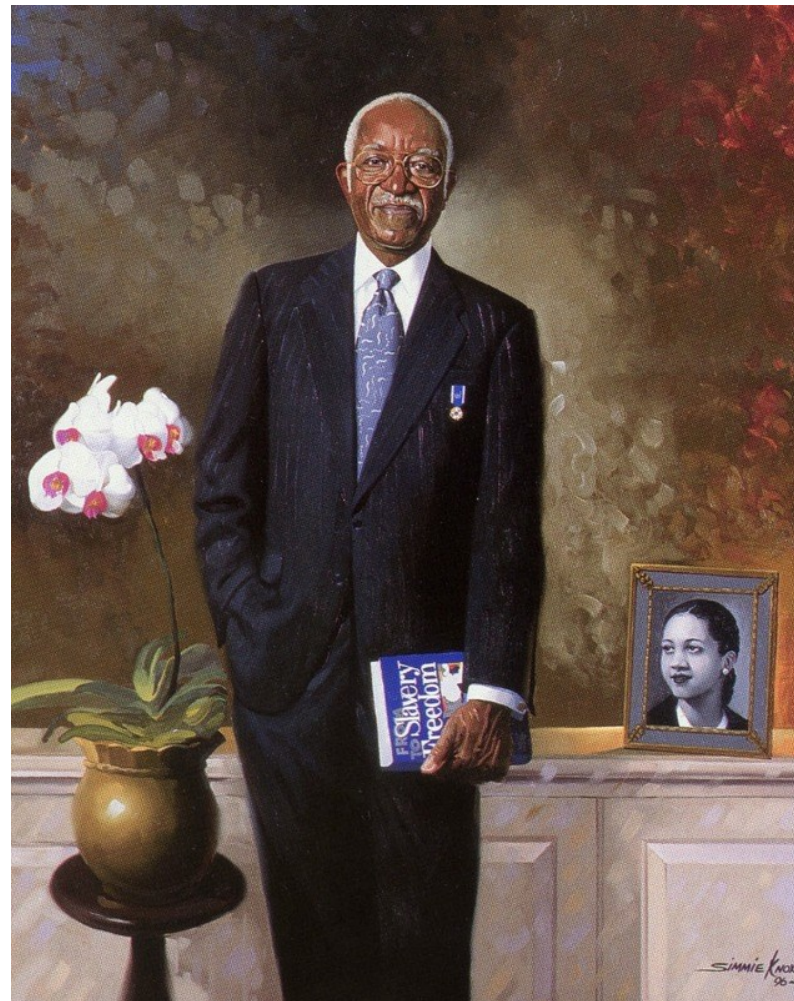


**SPONSORS – Literary Landmark Dedication**



**Dr. John Hope Franklin  
(1915 – 2009)**



***National Literary Landmark™ dedication***

***John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park  
321 N. Detroit Ave., Tulsa, OK***

**May 31, 2018 6:00 p.m.**

## Agenda

- Welcome**..... Reuben Gant, Executive Director,  
John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation
- Prayer**..... Rev. Debra Garfinkel, M.Div.
- Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma**.... Karen Neurohr, President
- Oklahoma’s Literary Landmarks**.... Michael Wallis, Master of Ceremonies
- Recognition of Special Guests & Dignitaries**..... Michael Wallis
- City Proclamation & Presentation**.....Vanessa Hall-Harper,  
Tulsa City Councilor, District 1
- State Proclamation**..... State Representative Regina Goodwin
- Remarks**.....State Senator Kevin Matthews
- Song**..... Star Fisher
- Dr. John Hope Franklin**.... Hannibal B. Johnson, esq.
- Community Choir**.....Certain Curtain
- Keynote Address**..... John Whittington Franklin
- Award Unveiling**..... John W. Franklin and Karen Roberts  
Franklin with Chris Bumgarner
- Photographs**
- Closing**..... Julius Pegues, Board Chairman and  
Jean Neal, Program, Development, and Event Manager  
John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation

*On this anniversary date of the tragic Tulsa Race Riot/Massacre in 1921, please join us at the Tower of Reconciliation for a Memorial Ceremony dedicated to those who lost their lives to violence.*



*Dr. John Hope Franklin, avid orchid horticulturist in his greenhouse, 1990s, Durham, North Carolina. Photo courtesy John Hope Franklin Research Center, Duke University*

## Dr. John Hope Franklin Literary Landmark

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| OU Center for Democracy and Culture                                       | Tulsa Artist Fellowship    |
| Oklahoma Historical Society   | Oklahoma Humanities        |
| Oklahoma Library Association  | Tulsa World Media Company  |
| Tulsa Community College   | Tulsa Community Foundation |
| Friends of the Oklahoma Center for the Book                               |                            |
| John Hope Franklin Center for Interdisciplinary and International Studies |                            |
| John Hope Franklin Research Center, Duke University                       |                            |



## FOLIO and Oklahoma's Literary Landmarks

Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma (FOLIO) is a 501c(3) organization whose mission is supporting libraries through Friends of Libraries. FOLIO proudly works with local communities to co-sponsor Oklahoma's Literary Landmarks. [www.okfriends.net](http://www.okfriends.net)

Literary Landmarks™ are a national project of United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. Sites must be dedicated to a deceased author or his or her work, or a literary figure. [http://www.ala.org/united/products\\_services/literarylandmarks](http://www.ala.org/united/products_services/literarylandmarks)

### Oklahoma currently ranks third nationally for the number of its Literary Landmarks. Honorees and sites:

- ◆ John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park (2018)
- ◆ Marquis James, Enid Public Library (2016)
- ◆ Harold Keith, Norman Public Library (2015)
- ◆ Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel, Stroud Public Library (2013)
- ◆ Wilson Rawls, Tahlequah Public Library (2011)
- ◆ John Joseph Mathews, Osage Nation Museum, Pawhuska (2009)
- ◆ Will Rogers Memorial Museum, Claremore (2007)
- ◆ Sequoyah's Cabin near Sallisaw (2006)
- ◆ John Berryman, McAlester Public Library (2005)
- ◆ Angie Debo, 2 sites: Edmon Low Library, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater; Community of Marshall, Oklahoma (2004)
- ◆ Lynn Riggs, Claremore Museum of History (2003)
- ◆ Ralph Ellison Library, Oklahoma City (2002)
- ◆ Woody Guthrie Park, Okemah (2001)

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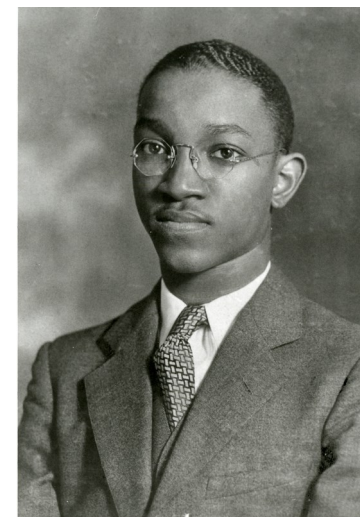
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## Dr. John Hope Franklin

Today, Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma (FOLIO), the John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, United for Libraries and the Oklahoma State University Library honor the esteemed historian Dr. John Hope Franklin (1915 –2009) with a national Literary Landmark designation of the John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

John Hope Franklin was born in Rentiesville, Oklahoma in 1915. His father Buck was an attorney and his mother Mollie was a schoolteacher. In early 1921, Buck relocated to Tulsa, OK for better opportunities. The family's plan to join him was delayed by four years due to the tragic Tulsa Race/Massacre (1921). At sixteen years of age, John graduated Valedictorian from Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa in 1931.

He furthered his education with a bachelor's degree from Fisk University (1935), a master's from Harvard (1936), and a doctorate from Harvard (1941). Dr. Franklin's lifetime of teaching appointments included Fisk University, St. Augustine's College, North Carolina College, Howard University, Brooklyn College, the University of Chicago, and Duke University. He became one of America's most esteemed historians and was awarded over 130 honorary doctorate degrees.



On June 11, 1940, John married Aurelia Whittington whom he met at Fisk University. Aurelia's education attainments included a B.A. in English and M.A. in Library Science. Married until she passed in 1999, he wrote in his autobiography that he considered her his "closest friend." He also wrote, "...I owed much of whatever success I enjoyed to her strong and consistent support at every stage of my life."



John and Aurelia were blessed with a son, John Whittington Franklin born on August 24, 1952. Educated at Stanford University and John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, John W. is a specialist in the history and traditions of communities of

the African diaspora. He serves as the cultural historian and senior manager in the Office of External Affairs at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. John Whittington Franklin is married to Karen Roberts.

Dr. Franklin is best known for his book, *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans*. First published in 1947, the book is in its eighth edition, has sold over 3 million copies, and has been translated into several languages. This book was the first of his many scholarly publications which focused on race in America and helped influence the development of the field of African American history.

## John Hope Franklin Center Reconciliation Park 321 N. Detroit Ave., Tulsa, OK



The John Hope Franklin Center Reconciliation Park was dedicated in 2010. Resulting from the 2001 Oklahoma Commission to study the Tulsa Race Riot/Massacre, the Reconciliation Park memorializes the tragic event and helps tell the story of African Americans' role in building Oklahoma.

The Park is adjacent to the John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed in 2007. The Center's work includes an annual Dinner of Reconciliation and an annual national Reconciliation in America Symposium. The Center's mission is "to promote reconciliation and generate trust through scholarly work and constructive community engagement."

<https://www.jhfccenter.org>

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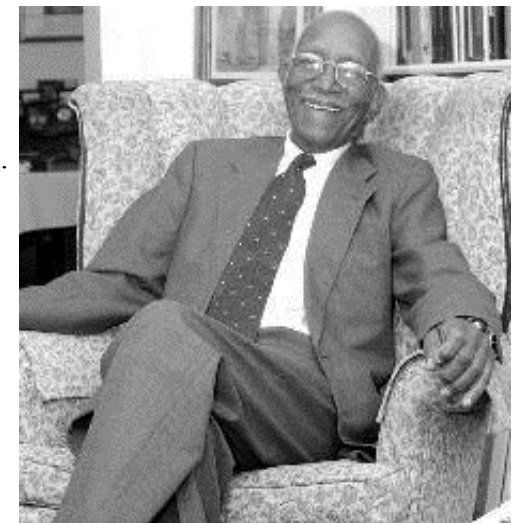


Dr. John Hope Franklin with son John Whittington Franklin and daughter-in-law Karen Roberts Franklin. Photo courtesy John Hope Franklin Center for Interdisciplinary and International Studies

Dr. Franklin worked on the landmark *Brown vs. Board of Education* case (1954), and held several political appointments including President Clinton's National Advisory Board on Race (1997) and the Fulbright Board of Scholarships (1962–1969). He served as president of several national organizations including the American Historical Association (1979), the Organization of American Historians (1975), the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa (1973–1976), and the American Studies Association (1967). During his career, Dr. Franklin delivered State Department and United States Information Service lectures throughout the world.

In 1982, Dr. Franklin joined the Duke University faculty as James B. Duke Professor of History. In 1985, he became a professor of legal history for the Duke University Law School. Also in 1985, Dr. Franklin was elected James B. Duke Professor of History Emeritus, a title he held until his passing in 2009.

Duke University established the John Hope Franklin Research Center for African and African American History and Culture in the Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library in 1995. Dr. Franklin was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor in 1995.



Dr. John Hope Franklin, 2000s. Photo courtesy John Hope Franklin Research Center, Duke University

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