KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Heather A. Williams

Dr. Heather A. Williams is a former attorney with the United States Department of Justice and the New York State Attorney General’s Office. She received undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University. Williams is currently associate professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where her courses include: U.S. History to the Civil War; African American Life and Culture in Slavery; Emancipation; Domination and Resistance in American Slavery; Slavery in South Carolina; and African American History to 1865. Her book, Self-Taught: African American Education in Slavery and Freedom, published by UNC Press in 2005, received several prizes including the Lillian Smith Book Award from the Southern Regional Council. During the 2007–2008 academic year, Williams was a fellow at the National Humanities Center. Her new book, Information Wanted: Separation and Loss in 19th Century African American Families, is expected in 2012.

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
LECTURE SERIES 2011
Honoring Dr. Helen G. Edmonds

“Our History is our Strength”

Dr. Helen Gray Edmonds
1933 – 1995

Upon receiving her M.A., Dr. Edmonds embarked upon a teaching career. She spent one year at the Virginia Theological Seminary and College before joining the faculty at St. Paul’s High School and Junior College. She remained at this second institution for five years, leaving to teach at North Carolina College, which is now known as North Carolina Central University (NCCU). Dr. Edmonds remained at this institution for the remainder of her academic career. She eventually became a full professor of history, chair of the Department of History, and dean of the Graduate School. In this final position, Dr. Edmonds became the first African-American woman in the United States to serve as dean of a graduate school. Upon retiring, Dr. Edmonds also became a member of NCCU’s Board of Trustees.

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Tuesday March 1
1 p.m.
Hubbard-Totton Auditorium

Tuesday March 15
7 p.m.
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Wednesday March 16
Lecture: Michelle Lanier, director, African American Heritage Commission, “Hearing a Black Woman’s Voice from the South: Witnessing and Activating the Legacies of Anna Julia Cooper”
1 p.m.
Hubbard-Totton Auditorium

Monday March 21
Lecture: Amatullah, Abdul-Karin, advisory board member of Senior Citizens Center Durham, “‘We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest’ Ella Baker, the Civil Rights Worker and Catalyst for the 1960s Revolution”
2 p.m.
Edmonds Classroom Building, Rm. 207

Tuesday March 22
Panel Discussion: Baiyina Muhammad, assistant professor, history, NCCU, “NATION Builder: Clara (Evans) Muhammad and Women’s Leadership in the Black Muslim Community”
Anna Lee, associate professor, psychology, WSSU, “Acculturation, Class and Body Image and Black Women’s Identity”
Tanya Walker, assistant professor, English, WSSU, “The Black Rape Tragedy in Contemporary Drama”
2:25 p.m.
Hubbard-Totton Auditorium

Wednesday March 23
5 p.m.
Edmonds Classroom Building, Rm. 207

Thursday March 24
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Keynote Speaker Thursday March 24
Heather Williams, associate professor, history, UNC-Chapel Hill, “Blue Glass Beads Tied in a Rag of Cotton Cloth: Family Loss, Persistence, and Hope Among Enslaved Women”
5 p.m.
Hubbard-Totton Auditorium
Reception immediately following

Friday March 25
Lecture/Activities: LaShawn Wordlaw-Stinson, assistant professor, NCCU, “Phenomenal Women in Health and Medicine”
4:30 p.m.
Hubbard-Totton Auditorium
Monday March 28

Lecture: “Mujeres Publicas: Femininity, Visibility and Citizenship Among Venezuelan Women”
Layla D. Brown, Doctoral candidate, Duke University
10 a.m.
Edmonds Classroom Bldg., Rm. 207

Tuesday March 29
Lecture: Lydia Lindsey, associate professor, NCCU, “Nature and Nurture: Mom, Grandma and Aunts in the Life of Grace P. Campbell, 1830-1910”
6:30 p.m.
Edmonds Classroom Building, Rm. 207

Thursday March 31
Lecture: Freddie Parker, interim chair, history, NCCU, “Female Runaway Slaves in North Carolina, 1775-1840”
1 p.m.
Edmonds Classroom Building, Rm. 201A

“The fact that the adult American Negro female emerges a formidable character is often met with amazement, distaste and even belligerence. It is seldom accepted as an inevitable outcome of the struggle won by survivors, and deserves respect if not enthusiastic acceptance.”

Maya Angelou