

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

John Hope Franklin, John Matthews Manly Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago and current President of the American Historical Association, has produced pioneering work in his chosen field that has endured the test of time. Born in Oklahoma, he was educated at Fisk University and Harvard; his teaching career has taken him to several major institutions, among them St. Augustine's College and North Carolina Central University.

Dr. Franklin's first book, The Free Negro in North Carolina, is a model of scholarship in that area. His best known work is From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans. This ground-breaking volume, the first of a deeply scholarly nature to encompass the whole of the black experience in America, has been for thirty years the most highly regarded work in its field. Another of his books, Reconstruction After the Civil War, a study of Blacks in the South in that critical period, also was in many ways a pioneer labor. He is the author of many other important books and articles.

Numerous honors have come to this distinguished historian, including, besides his present post as head of the American Historical Association, the Presidency of Phi Beta Kappa, of the Southern Historical Association, and of the Organization of American Historians. He was named Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions at Cambridge University, and he has been honored by leading institutions here and abroad. Dr. Franklin, a warm human being with a resilient sense of humor, also grows orchids in a roof-top greenhouse in his home in Chicago. This University now is pleased to acclaim his distinguished accomplishments.