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Dr. Colin Palmer  
Dodge Professor of History, Emeritus  
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Dear Professor Palmer,

On behalf of the faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, we welcome you back to our campus for the Fourteenth Annual African-American History Month Lecture, which has been named in your honor.

As a member of our faculty from 1980 to 1994, your achievements here were many and lasting:

- You chaired and nurtured the Curriculum in African and African American Studies from 1980 to 1988.
- As chair of the Department of History from 1986 to 1991, you were the first African American to lead a major department in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- And as the distinguished William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of History from 1990 until 1994, you were an exemplary scholar who mentored and inspired many of your students and colleagues.

We recognize and applaud these achievements, and extend our heartfelt thanks for all you did to make our university stronger. We are proud to have your name associated with this year's lecture. Congratulations on this honor!

Sincerely,

Leslie V. Parise  
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