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The Charles H. Thompson Lecture-Colloquium Series began in November 1980 as a living memorial to Dr. Charles H. Thompson, founder of The Journal of Negro Education, longtime distinguished professor, and dean of the university’s Graduate School. Friends and colleagues of Dr. Thompson underwrote the first lecture. The success of the first lecture led to the formation of a committee that established a $20,000 endowment to sustain the lectures. This year marks the 35th Annual Charles H. Thompson Lecture-Colloquium. We are pleased to announce this year’s speaker...

Vanessa Siddle Walker, Ph.D.
“School "Outer-gration" and "Tokenism": Segregated Black Educators Critique the Promise of Education Reform in the Civil Rights Act of 1964”
Wednesday, November 5, 2014
School of Business Auditorium
Howard University
5:00 p.m.

Dr. Vanessa Siddle Walker is the Professor of History of American Educational and Qualitative Research Methods and The Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of African American and Educational Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. For 25 years, Dr. Walker has explored the segregated schooling of African American children, considering sequentially the climate that permeated the schools, the network of professional collaborations that explains their similarity, and the hidden systems of advocacy that sought equality and justice.

Thanks to the steadfast support of concerned donors over the past three decades, we have been able to host the lecture annually with intellectually stimulating speakers. Yet, the cost of hosting each year’s lecture and reception has risen to over $10,000. We do not spend the principal in the endowment account. We use only the interest generated by the endowment account to cover expenditures each year. In recent years, however, our endowment account generates barely enough interest to cover expenditures for the event.

This year’s campaign seeks to increase the endowment that supports these worthwhile efforts to a level that will sustain the lecture. Our goal is to raise $250,000 over the next 5 years. To do so, we need your help! Contributors will receive a complimentary copy of The Journal of Negro Education issue in which the lecture will be published along with a letter expressing our deep appreciation for your support.

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