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Newcomb College Institute hosts Karla Holloway as Inaugural Speaker for the Anna Julia Cooper Project on Race, Gender and Politics in the South

(February 6, 2012)—New Orleans, LA—In celebration of Black History Month, noted author and scholar Prof. Karla Holloway will give a public lecture at Tulane’s uptown campus on Thursday, February 23. Her talk, titled "When Race Matters: Private Bodies, Public Texts" is an exploration of the complex interlocking systems of race, gender, law, and medicine and includes a discussion of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Karla Holloway, Ph.D., M.L.S., is James B. Duke Professor of English and Professor of Law at Duke University.

Tulane Professor of Political Science Melissa Harris-Perry is the founding director of the Anna Julia Cooper Project on Gender, Race and Politics and she notes that Holloway’s research on New Orleans is a fitting tribute to the project’s namesake. "Karla Holloway is the inaugural speaker in what we hope will become the preeminent lecture series by and about women of color in the United States. The series is named for Anna Julia Cooper, whose trailblazing work at the turn of the twentieth century laid the foundation for so many contemporary women in the academy. Holloway is a scholar whose interdisciplinary and intersectional research is firmly rooted in Cooper’s tradition. We are honored to have her as our first speaker."

Holloway’s talk is open to the public, and members of the greater New Orleans community are encouraged to attend. It will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 7pm in the Kendall Cram Lecture Hall of the Lavin-Bernick Center (LBC). For more information about the Anna Julia Cooper Project, please visit www.cooperproject.org. To learn more about Prof. Holloway and her work, visit www.karlaholloway.com.

About Newcomb College Institute:
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