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UST ANNUAL B.K. SMITH LECTURE: ‘WRITING BLACK WOMEN INTO OUR NATION'S HISTORY’

HOUSTON (Feb. 23, 2006) -- The annual B.K. Smith Lecture in History will feature eminent African-American and women's historian, Dr. Darlene Clark Hine, professor of history at Northwestern University. Dr. Clark-Hine will discuss "Writing Black Women into our Nation's History," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For details, contact Dr. Irving Kelter at kelter@stthom.edu.

Darlene Clark Hine has written extensively on African-American history, particularly on black women, and she has held a number of distinguished faculty positions at Purdue, Michigan State, and Roosevelt University. Early in her career, Hine was an assistant professor and coordinator of Black Studies at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg. She received her B.A. from Roosevelt University in Chicago and a Ph.D. from Kent State University in 1975.

In 1990, one of many of her books, *Black Women in White,* was named Outstanding Book by the Gustavus Myers Center for the *Study of Human Rights*. She received the Lavinia L. Dock Book Award from the American Association for the History of Nursing, and was awarded the Letitia Woods Brown Book Award from the Association of Black Women Historians.

She is also the Director of Comparative Black History Ph.D. program at Michigan State University. Her forthcoming book is "*Freedom Is Our Business": Black Professionals and the Origins of the Civil Rights Movement, 1890-1955*.

The family and friends of the late Benjamin Kopper Smith established the B.K. Smith Lecture in 1957. The series has brought a series of distinguished scholars to the UST campus to lecture and hold informal discussions with students and faculty. B.K. Smith, a welding superintendent for the Pennsylvania Railroad, came to Texas in 1920 and founded the Big Three Welding and Equipment Company, which opened a Houston office in 1925. His contributions to Houston were many and he remained active until his death in 1948, a year after UST was founded.

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