

UNCF Names Dr. Jelani Favors Vice President of the Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute

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UNCF is pleased today to announce Dr. Jelani M. Favors is joining the organization as Vice President of the Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute.

Dr. Favors will be responsible for developing and executing UNCF's expansive research agenda, which is central to the development of our organization's efforts to advocate for historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs). He will direct research programs and initiatives that support the Institute's mission and enhance the presence, image, and visibility of UNCF and HBCUs.

Dr. Favors is one of the world's leading historians and scholars on HBCUs. He has been awarded major fellowships in support of his research that includes an appointment as a Humanities Writ Large Fellow at Duke University in 2013, and he was an inaugural recipient of the Mellon HBCU Fellowship at the John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute at Duke in 2009.

Dr. Favors most recent professional appointment was at North Carolina A&T State University where he served as the Henry E. Frye Distinguished Professor of History and the founding director of the Center of Excellence for Social Justice. In this latter role, Dr. Favors raised over a million dollars to support the programming of the center and recruited research fellows to North Carolina A&T to further the institution's legacy as a seedbed of social justice and advocacy. He has also held academic roles at Clayton State University, University of Baltimore, and Morgan State University.

Dr. Favors earned his doctorate in history and his master's degree in African American studies from The Ohio State University. He is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history with honors. Dr. Favors is a native of Winston-Salem, NC, and currently resides in Atlanta, GA.

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