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Matthew Holden, Jr. Visits Tougaloo Campus

Matthew Holden Jr., one of America's leading political scientists will visit the campus on February 15th. Hosted by the Reuben V. Anderson Pre-Law Society, Professor Holden will speak to the faculty and student body at Wednesday's convocation, celebrating *Black History Month*.

A native Mississippian, Holden, Ph.D. is the Henry L. and Grace M. Doherty Professor Emeritus of Government and Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia. Dr. Holden has authored publications, including articles on decision-making, administrative-executive politics, law and politics, regulatory policy and energy and urban government. Dr. Holden has been appointed to numerous government positions, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In the private sector, he was the director of Atlantic Entergy, Inc. and chairman of their audit committee. Dr. Holden is also emeritus in the Department of Government and Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia and a former president of the American Political Science Association. Currently, Dr. Holden is engaged in The Isaiah T. Montgomery Studies Project, Inc. (cofounder of Mound Bayou, MS) and the reorganization of the electric power industry.

Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational four-year liberal arts institution, located on the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi. Known nationally as "The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi," the College is led by its first female president, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. The 13th president of Tougaloo College, Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College boasts a student retention rate of 88%, well above the national average, and ranks as one the top five historically black colleges and universities whose graduates earn their PhDs in the sciences. More than half (66%) of its graduates enter graduate and professional schools immediately after graduation. Today, Tougaloo College is the leading producer of African American health professionals, including over 40% of the physicians and dentists, practicing in the state of Mississippi. It has produced more than one-third of the state's African American attorneys and educators, including teachers, principals, and school superintendents. Its alumni include Congressman Bennie Thompson, Judges Tomie Green, Denise Sweet Owens and Constance Slaughter-Harvey; scholars and educators Dr. Jayne Sargent, Dr. Jerry Ward, Dr. Oscar Rodgers, Dr. Joffre Whisenton, Dr. Rosentene B. Purnell, and Dr. Joyce Ladner; Attorneys Reuben Anderson, Edward Blackmon, Isaac K. Byrd, Robert Gibbs, Precious Martin and Dennis Sweet; physicians Dr. Aaron Shirley, Dr. Malcolm Taylor, Dr. Myrna Alexander Nickens and Dr. Alphonso Willis; and Dr. Walter J. Turnbull, founder of the Boys Choir of Harlem.