

Literary scholar Trudier Harris to speak at Virginia Foundation for the Humanities on Friday, Nov. 6



Trudier Harris, the J. Carlyle Sitterson Professor of English Emerita at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will speak at 1 p.m. on Friday, November 6, at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities in Charlottesville. Professor Harris's lecture will be drawn from her new book, *The Scary Mason-Dixon Line: African American Writers and the South* (LSU Press, 2009). Free and open to the public, the lecture will be preceded by a reception at 12:30 p.m.

Professor Harris is the author or editor of more than 20 volumes of criticism on African American literature and folklore. Her publications include *Exorcising Blackness: Historical and Literary Lynching and Burning Rituals* (1984), *Fiction and Folklore: The Novels of Toni Morrison* (1991), *Saints, Sinners, Saviors: Strong Black Women in African American Literature* (2001), *The Oxford Companion to African American Literature* (1997), and *Reading Contemporary African American Drama: Fragments of History, Fragments of Self* (2007). Her memoir, *Summer Snow: Reflections from a Black Daughter of the South*, appeared in 2003. Her several teaching awards include the UNC System Board of Governors' Award for Excellence in Teaching (2005). A founding member of the Wintergreen Women Writers Collective, she lives in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities is located at 145 Ednam Drive. From UVa, take 250W and turn left at the stoplight at the Boar's Head property. Take the first left onto Boar's Head Place. The VFH is at the top of the hill.

For info about the VFH, go to www.virginiafoundation.org or call 434-924-3296. For more info about this lecture, contact Hilary Holladay, Director of the VFH Fellowship Program, at hh4j@virginia.edu or 434-243-5176.