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## FISS MOURNS ARCHON FRANKLIN

The Fisk University community deeply mourns the loss of one of the nation's preeminent historians and humanitarians, Archon John Hope Franklin, class of 1935 and chairman emeritus of the Fisk University Board of Trustees. He died of congestive heart failure at Duke University Hospital on March 25 at the age of 94. A memorial service was held at the Fisk Memorial Chapel on April 18.

He was preceded in death by his wife and professional associate, Aurelia W. Franklin (also Fisk class of 1935), and on June 11 a celebration of both of their lives and achievements took place in the Duke Chapel on the campus of Duke University, where Dr. Franklin was the James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of History. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that contributions be made to Fisk University and directed to the Aurelia W. and John Hope Franklin Endowed Scholarship Fund.

After graduating from Fisk, Dr. Franklin matriculated at Harvard University; he was the first African American graduate student to be admitted unconditionally. In 1941 he earned his doctorate in history from that institution and went on to earn



international recognition for his humanitarian contributions, as well as for his distinguished career as a professor, historian and author.

"You can't have a high standard of scholarship without having a high standard of integrity, because the essence of scholarship is truth," he wrote in the *Winston-Salem Journal* on August 6, 1989.

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# REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED *for* 2009

**Northeast Region Meeting Atlantic City, NJ September 24-27, 2009**

**Pacific Region Meeting Phoenix, AZ October 28-November 1, 2009**

**Southeast Region Meeting Columbus, GA October 23-25, 2009**

**Western Region Meeting Kansas City, MO October 16-18, 2009**