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Quick Facts

- Noliwe Rooks will talk about her latest book, "White Money/Black Power: The History of African American Studies and the Crisis in Higher Education," March 31.
- The 10th DPT Colloquium, to be held in Plowden Auditorium, is free and open to the public.



Noliwe Rooks

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Professor **Noliwe Rooks**, associate director of [Center for African American Studies](#) at Princeton University, will be the keynote speaker for the **10th Dorothy Perry Thompson Colloquium in African American Studies and the African American Experience** on March 31.

Rooks, who will speak at 7 p.m. in [Plowden Auditorium](#), will discuss her most recent book, "**White Money/Black Power: The History of African American Studies and the Crisis in Higher Education.**" In the work, **Rooks** delves into the complicated history of African American Studies, the Ford Foundation funding that saved many of these programs and the increasing number of white students in African American Studies courses.

She teaches courses on migration and urbanization, urban education reform, race and social entrepreneurship, black women's studies and black popular culture. **Rooks** is the author of two other books: "Hair Raising: Beauty, Culture and African American Women," winner of the 1997 Choice Award for Outstanding Academic Book and selected by the Public Library Association as an Outstanding University Press Book in 1997, and "Ladies' Pages: African American Women's Magazines and the Culture That Made Them" (2004).

Sponsored by Winthrop's **minor in African American Studies program**, the colloquium honors late English professor **Dorothy Perry Thompson**, founder of Winthrop's minor in African American Studies. The colloquium, an approved cultural event for students, is free and open to the public.

Contact Adolphus Belk, associate professor of political science and director of the minor in African American Studies, at 803/323-4581 or belka@winthrop.edu for more information about the colloquium.

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