



PVAMU TO VIRTUALLY LAUNCH THE RUTH J. SIMMONS CENTER FOR RACE AND JUSTICE

The Center aims to encourage teaching and scholarship that contributes positively to overturning systemic biases that impede the ability of minorities and other groups to be accorded their full rights under the U.S. Constitution.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (March 24, 2021) – Tomorrow marks a historic day for Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) – its anticipated launch of the Ruth J. Simmons Center for Race and Justice.

“I really wanted to help both our students understand the history here and to learn how to manage through these difficult conversations that we’re having. That was the whole purpose — to do our civic duty and help the region and country deal with a very difficult issue,” said President Ruth J. Simmons.

WHAT: **The Launch of the Ruth J. Simmons Center for Race and Justice**

WHO: **Melanye Price**, Ph.D., Director, Ruth J. Simmons Center For Race And Justice;

Farah Jasmine Griffin, Ph.D., Professor, Chair of African-American & African Diaspora Studies at Columbia University; and

Nikky Finney, Poet, Writer, and Endowed Professor of Creative Writing and Southern Letters at the University of South Carolina

WHEN: Thursday, March 25, 2021

TIME: 2 - 4 p.m. CST/3 – 5 p.m. EST

WHERE: <http://www.youtube.com/pvamu>

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About Prairie View A&M University: Designated an institution of “the first class” in the Texas Constitution, Prairie View A&M University is the second-oldest public institution of higher education in the state. With an established reputation for producing engineers, nurses, and educators, PVAMU offers baccalaureate degrees, master’s degrees, and doctoral degree programs through nine colleges and schools. A member of The Texas A&M University System, the university is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research, and service. For more information regarding PVAMU, visit www.pvamu.edu.

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