

Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia Spring 2021 Speaker Series Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Social Responsibility

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Dr. Jewell Parker Rhodes

Celebrating Empathy and Resilience, Empowering Voices for Social Justice

Wednesday, February 24, 12:00 p.m.

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Dr. Jewell Parker Rhodes advocates for equity, inclusion, and an end to racism and racial bias. Writing fiction, she reimagines significant moments, significant characters of history to promote empathy and cultural knowledge for contemporary audiences.

Honoring the African American oral and spiritual traditions, her works are both accessible and nuanced in their depictions and themes. She promotes “empowered voices” rooted in self-love, self-awareness, and compassion as keys to a better, future world.

Dr. Rhodes is the award-winning author of several books for youth including *Black Brother, Black Brother*, named Chicago Public Library’s Best of the Best 2020, and the New York Times bestseller *Ghost Boys* which has garnered over 30 awards and honors including the Jane Addams Peace Award. She is also the author of *Towers Falling*, winner of the 2017 Notable Books for a Global Society, and the celebrated *Louisiana Girls’ Trilogy: Ninth Ward*, winner of a Coretta Scott King Honor Award, *Sugar and Bayou Magic*.

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