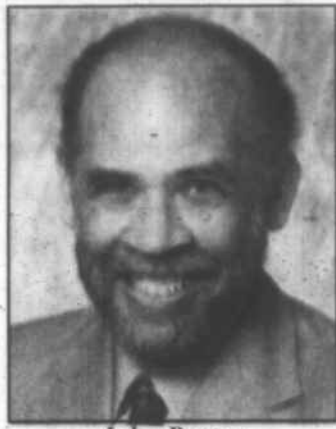


# NAACP lawyer to speak at WSSU

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

John Payton, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, will be the guest speaker for the J. Alston Atkins Constitutional Law Lecture at Winston-Salem State University on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dillard Auditorium of the Anderson Conference Center.



John Payton

Kilpatrick Stockton. Payton, who has defended some of the most important civil rights cases in the

U.S. in recent years, was a partner at the Washington Law firm of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr prior to joining the Legal Defense and Educational Fund. He was the lead counsel for the University of Michigan in successfully defending the use of race in the admission process, including the undergraduate school argument before the United States Supreme Court.

Payton has taught at the Georgetown Law Center, Howard University Law School and Harvard Law School, where he had earned his law degree in 1977.

## Divinity

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attendance at the celebration.

The lecture was given by the Rev. Dr. Alton Pollard III, dean and professor of Religion and Culture at Howard University School of Divinity.

Pollard, a former member of the Wake Forest faculty and alumnus of Harvard University Divinity School, delivered his address, "A Defining Moment," based on a Scripture from the Book of Matthew.

Dr. Veronice Miles, assistant professor of Homiletics and Christian Education and a former student of Pollard's, provided the introduction.

"Dr. Pollard is a scholar, teacher, preacher and prophet, mentor, friend and colleague," Miles told the audience. "We greatly anticipate (his) words today."

Pollard spoke highly of his days at Wake Forest, opening his talk with fond memories of his time as a member of the faculty. He schooled the audience on important dates in the institution's history, including the graduation of the first School of Divinity class, which took place in 2002.

"It is important to remember that you are part of the company of the faithful here at Wake Forest University School of Divinity not because you must, but because you may," he commented.

Our nation and world face many challenges, and men and women of God play an important role in the state of our society, Pollard said.

"Theological education is in a prime position to significantly impact higher education and indeed, the world at large," he declared. "...Our collective stories are deeply passionate and profoundly instructive."

In order to be most effective, one's theo-

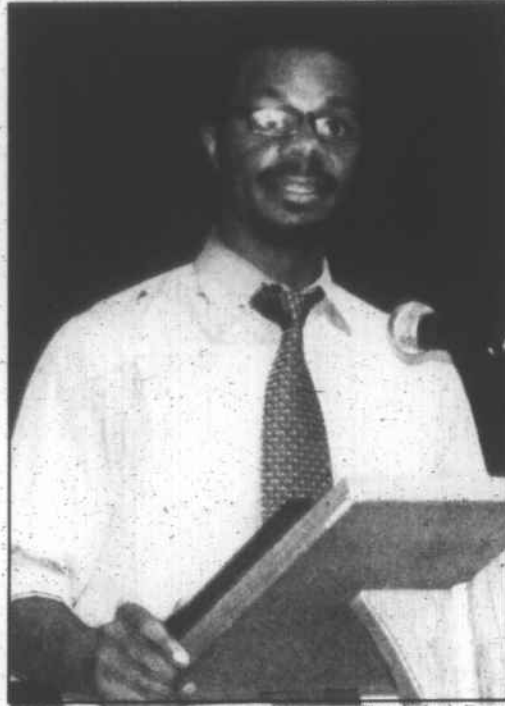


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Student Cedric Wright.

logical education should extend far beyond the confines of the Divinity School, Pollard said.

"The 21st Century theological task of faith seeking requires openness on our part," he intoned. "...We must be ready to delve into the entire universe of higher education, for the world's sake."

Pollard outlined the eight principles that have governed his life, and culminated with some parting advice for listeners.

"My simple benediction to you is go deeper; never stop," he declared. "Believe in the powerful transcendent within."

## BALANCE BACKLOG

### We're stronger together.

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Saturday, October 24  
**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk to Cure**  
 Wake Forest University



Saturday, October 31  
**DADA Halloween Spooktacular**  
 Trade Street, Downtown W-S  
 6-9 PM



Friday, November 6  
**DADA First Friday Gallery Hop**  
 Trade Street, Downtown W-S  
 7-10 PM



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Thursday, November 19  
**Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**  
 First Community Bank Financial Center  
 Jonestown Road  
 5-7 PM

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Sunday

October 11th

4:00 pm- 7:00 pm

Clock Tower Stage

### Emcees



**Debra Terry**-accomplished actress, comedian, singer and producer, is the event's organizer and emcee, owner of Mustard Seed Entertainment.



**Carmen Russell Bonham**- funeral director, gospel announcer and well-known member of the Russell family has had a visible role in the community for over 20 years. **Russell Funeral Home**

### Local Gospel Talent

- 4:05 Envision
- 4:30 Dionn Owen & The Renaissance
- 4:50 Brothers in Christ
- 5:05 Total Silence
- 5:22 Borne
- 5:50 Ministry
- 6:03 Nelson Roberts & The Calvary Christian Center Praise Team
- 6:20 Powerhouse of Deliverance Cathedral Choir

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