



## From the Office of the President

**"If a race has no history, it has no worthwhile tradition. It becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world and it stands in danger of being exterminated."**

**Dr. Carter Woodson, 1933**

Dr. Carter Woodson is often credited for the creation of what evolved into Black History Month, a federally recognized celebration during the month of February to highlight the contributions of African Americans. This is also a time to reflect on the ongoing efforts for racial justice and equity for all.

Union Institute & University is proud to celebrate the accomplishments of those within our community and the impact they have made. I invite you to read about **Janet Sims-Wood, Ph.D. 1994**, an author and activist who broke barriers in the field of library science who has dedicated her long career to Black history, particularly the accomplishments of women.

Her seminal book on Dorothy Porter Wesley connects us back to Dr. Carter Woodson and reminds us of the pioneering spirit and drive that continues to inspire and motivate each of us toward a legacy of equity and inclusiveness.

We are also excited to announce a special webinar featuring **Ph.D. student Terence Lester** and the seminal work he is doing to help others overcome poverty and homelessness.

**Be sure to join us on February 23** for a live discussion, moderated by Dr. Jennifer Raymond, interim dean of our Ph.D. program.

Register here: <https://uii.ce21.com/item/terence-lester-interview>

While the nation has set aside the month of February to learn more about the countless contributions made by African Americans, at Union, we strive year-round to engage, enlighten, and empower substantive change, with a goal to create a more just and equitable world.

At Union, we foresee a time when the accomplishments of African Americans are not limited to one month but celebrated year-round.

Please join me in commemorating this important month and the historic accomplishments of our colleagues.

Thank you!

Dr. Karen Schuster Webb  
President