



Karla FC Holloway Writing Awards

In 1996, Karla Holloway was appointed head of African American Studies at Duke. She worked to double the course offerings, to establish a graduate certificate, and to have Duke's African American Studies program become the first in the nation to have independent tenure lines.

Karla Holloway is a James B. Duke Emerita Professor of English, African American Studies, and Professor of Law at Duke University. Her classrooms and scholarship focused on literature, law, and bioethics. She is the author of two fiction novels, eight academic books, and many articles and essays.

This award recognizes excellence in student research and writing in the fields of African & African American Studies (AAAS). Faculty and students may nominate research papers or projects, as well as critical and creative pieces, in any written form from AAAS classes and classes cross-listed with the department.

Eligibility:

- For The Graduate Writing Award, a student should:
 - Have written the paper or dissertation chapter for an AAAS owned or cross-listed course with an [AAAS faculty member \(primary, joint, or secondary\)](#)
- For The Undergraduate Writing Awards, a student should:
 - Be in their senior year
 - Be currently pursuing a major in AAAS
 - Have written the paper for an AAAS owned or cross-listed course with an [AAAS faculty member \(primary, joint, or secondary\)](#)

Papers/projects will be judged by the following criteria:

- Conception of research



- Organization and development of thesis
- Effective use of primary and/or secondary resources
- Page limit: Minimum 6 pages, no more than 15 pages (not including works cited page)

Application Procedures

Faculty/student -nominated papers or projects should be emailed to the DUSA at tiara.paylor@duke.edu, with the subject line reading “2025 Karla FC Holloway Writing Award (Student Last Name, Student First Name)”

Deadline

Applications and papers/projects are due by end of business day, **Wednesday March 18, 2024**. Submissions will be evaluated by a faculty committee from African & African American Studies. Applicants will be notified of the results by **April 14, 2025**.



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