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CALIFORNIA AUTHOR HOSTS BLACK HISTORY ON-LINE DIALOGUES

Learn the History; Improve the Future

Sacramento, CA – As a mother and grandmother Author/Speaker Phyllis Brown addresses our nation’s great divide along our ancestral roots by hosting a series of on-line gatherings to delve into black history. Applying insights gleaned in her research tours to 39 countries, 14 of them in Africa, this veteran educator and public speaker facilitates dialogue to foster better understanding of how the past has shaped the present. “I hope to help participants realize we are more alike than we are different and we have common challenges to address together.” Interested parties can sign up to join the conversation at <https://phyllisjbrown.com>.

After thirty years in the classroom, Brown has devoted her retirement to writing, speaking and teaching about black history. In her debut novel, *Folayan’s Promise*, the first book in “*The Legacy of the Gold Banded Box*” series, she explores the background of heroine Folayan’s eighteenth century life in Africa before slave traders changed the course of her life and the lives of future generations.

Brown was inspired to teach a more thorough and honest black history by her own lack of awareness growing up. “I was a senior in college before I knew about the Black National

Anthem, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. I was helping my roommate pack up some music and saw it in a drawer. I was 21 years old and that was the first time I ever heard of it. I decided then that I would do all I could to teach my future students about African American heritage.

“From that moment forward, I decided I didn’t want anyone else to be like me and not know about this. That inspired me to teach my students the song and teach other important aspects of African American history. I think a lot of America’s problems today stem from the fact we never really went through therapy as a country. We had about ten years of progress after the Civil War before the fear of the night riders terrorized people.”

Today Brown expands her classroom beyond a school building to the internet where she brings diverse groups of people together to learn, discuss, and join her in helping the current generation of young black children grow up confident and proud of what their ancestors have overcome and the contributions their people have made to society. “My goal is to bring us together through a mentoring program to help black children and youth become successful citizens.”

Sign up today to join the conversation at <https://phyllisjbrown.com>. To schedule an interview with Phyllis Brown or book a public speaking engagement, contact her publicist:

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