

Tuesday Talks

PRESENTS

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Speaking on

“W.E.B. Du Bois: Pioneering Sociologist of the
African-American Experience”

In this Tuesday Talks session, we will examine the life and scholarly works of W. E. B. Du Bois, his efforts to combat structural racism, and why his ideas are still relevant to us today.

William Edward Burghardt Du Bois (1868-1963) was the first African American to receive a PhD degree from Harvard University (1895). His monumental study *The Philadelphia Negro* (1897) is the first large-scale study of urban sociology in the United States and his book *The Souls of Black Folk* (1903) is regarded as a literary and cultural masterpiece. After being unable to secure a full-time faculty position at a major North American university, he established the first school of sociology in the United States at historically-Black Atlanta University in 1897. Du Bois was a key founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and editor of its journal *The Crisis*. Today Dr. Du Bois is regarded as the most important African American scholar of his time.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

3:30-4:45 PM

Angell College Center

Cardinal Lounge

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If you wish to be a speaker on this lecturer series, please contact Kristin Short, ext. 3150.