**Book Launch-*Vital and Valuable:*** ***The Relevance of HBCUs to American Life and Education***

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Washington Duke Inn

Durham, NC

1:00 PM

**12:30-1 pm Registration and Arrival**

**1:00 Opening Remarks, William Darity, Director (Virtual)**

**1:10-1:30 pm-Overview of Book and Key Highlights, Co-Authors- James Koch and Omari Swinton**

**1:30:2:30 pm Panel Discussion, History and Impact: The Case for HBCUs**

Panelists: Jelani Favors, NC A&T-Moderator

Jim Harper, Chair of History Department, NCCU

Andre' D Vann, Coordinator of University Archives, NCCU

Gregory N. Price, Professor of Economics and Finance, University of New Orleans

2:30 Break

**2:40-3:40 pm-Panel Discussion, Assessment and Performance: Enrollment, Retention, Graduation and Finances**

Panelists: Malik Edwards, Interim Dean School of Law, NCCU, Moderator

Angelino Viceisza: Associate Professor of Economics, Spelman College

Paquita Yarborough, Executive Director, Capacity Building,Thurgood Marshall Fund

Rhonda Sharpe, President, Women’s Institute for Science, Equity and Race (WISER)

3:40 Break

**3:50-4:50** **Panel Discussion:** **Vision for the Future: Growth and Sustainability**

Panelists: Derrick Drakeford, President of Purpose University, Moderator

James Koch, President Emeritus of Old Dominion University

Nicole Pride, Program Performance Officer at UNCF and Former President of West Virginia State University

Clarence D. “Clay” Armbrister, President of Johnson C. Smith University

**4:50 -5pm Closing Remarks**

Reception Immediately Following