



Harvard Radcliffe Institute Student-Only Lunch

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12-1 PM EST



Featuring Ruth J. Simmons

Ruth J. Simmons is a distinguished presidential fellow at Rice University and senior adviser to the president of Harvard University on engagement with HBCUs. She served as president of Prairie View A&M University until March 2023. Prior to joining Prairie View, she was president of Brown University from 2001 to 2012 and president of Smith College from 1995 to 2001.

After completing her Ph.D. in romance languages and literatures at Harvard, Simmons served in faculty and administrative roles at the University of Southern California, Princeton University, and Spelman College before becoming president of Smith College. At Smith, she launched a number of important academic initiatives, including an engineering program, the first at an American women's college. As president of Brown University, Simmons held an appointment as a professor of comparative literature and Africana studies and led the university's reckoning with its history of slavery and injustice, forming the Brown University Steering Committee on Slavery and Justice to help the community think seriously, deeply, and rigorously about their past.

The discussion is capped at 25 participants and lunch will be served. We encourage you to come with specific questions in mind! **Register** using this link below by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, November 7.

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