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Dr. Josephine D. Davis, an experienced academic administrator, will deliver an address based on her recent book *Coloring the Halls of Ivy: Leadership and Diversity in the Academy*. The book is an honest, personal look at the experiences of minority administrators at predominantly white academic institutions. The 11 contributors are academic administrators representing people of color who have faced challenges, crises, and triumphs as leaders in their institutions. Their stories offer:

- A look at the professional and personal journeys of mid-level and senior administrators of color.
- Experiences as subjects, managers, and leaders of diversity efforts on predominantly white campuses.
- A look at slow-changing institutional cultures and leadership.
- An opportunity to expand the difficult dialogue on diversity.
- Observations and recommendations for the new cohort of minority administrators.

Davis was the third president of York College and was the first African American woman appointed to the presidency of a senior college in the City University of New York system.