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Marita Golden is University of the District of Columbia's First Writer-in-Residence

Washington, D.C. —Acclaimed African American novelist and essayist, Ms. Marita Golden, is the University of the District of Columbia's first-ever Writer-in-Residence. Her appointment is the first of its kind in the University of the District of Columbia's history. Writer-in-Residence programs are part of a long-standing tradition among universities to bring on writing "gurus" to ignite the literary and literacy tradition processes throughout the academic and learning communities. The Writer-in-Residence position is an extremely significant one in the University's commitment to define writing as a tool of empowerment that needs to be embedded and nurtured across the curriculum. Ultimately, the Writer-in-Residence program seeks to create a culture of writing and reading that is essential to student retention and academic success. Ms. Golden will kick off this literary/literacy post with her initial reading, free and open to the University community on Thursday, October 27, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., Bldg. 41, Room A03. A reception and book signing will follow in Bldg. 39, 3rd floor, in the reception area outside of the Provost's office. The calendar for the remaining events of the Writer-in-Residence program is as follows:

- **Tuesday, November 8, a reading for UDC students in the Windows Lounge, Building 38, Second Floor, 12:30-2:00 p.m.**
- **The Reading Series (Spring 2006)**
 Patricia Elam, Friday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.,
 Building 44 (Rm. A03)
 Ethelbert Miller, Friday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.
 Building 44 (Rm. A03)
 Lynn Duke, Friday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.
 Building 44 (Rm. A03)
- **“I Want To Write...But,” - Ms. Golden’s two-day workshop/retreat for up to 20 UDC faculty and staff (no cost) - Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., each day, Student Lounge, Building 38, Second Floor.**



Ms. Marita Golden, University of the District of Columbia’s
 Writer-in-Residence

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located at the Van Ness/UDC stop on the Red Line of Metro. For more information on other University activities, contact Mike Andrews, Senior Director for Communications and University Spokesman at (202) 274-5685 or visit the University's web site at www.udc.edu.