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# — AUTHOR TALK —

with Dr. Jacqueline Jones

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Weld Hall

## **NO RIGHT TO AN HONEST LIVING**

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Winner of the Bancroft Prize

**THE STRUGGLES OF BOSTON'S  
BLACK WORKERS  
IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA**



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*No Right to an Honest Living:  
The Struggles of Boston's Black  
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Before, during, and after the US Civil War, Boston's Black workers were barred from the skilled trades, factory work, and public-works projects. In cities across the North, white abolitionists focused virtually all their energies on the plight of enslaved Black Southerners, while refusing to address the challenges faced by their Black neighbors. The author presents inspiring and heart-wrenching stories of people -- from day laborers and domestics to physicians and lawyers -- who ingeniously forged careers in the face of monumental obstacles.

Dr. Jacqueline Jones is Professor of Women's History Emerita at the University of Texas at Austin and the past president of the American Historical Association. Winner of the Bancroft Prize and a two-time finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, she lives in Concord, Massachusetts.

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