

IN CONVERSATION

Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and Johnnetta Betsch Cole

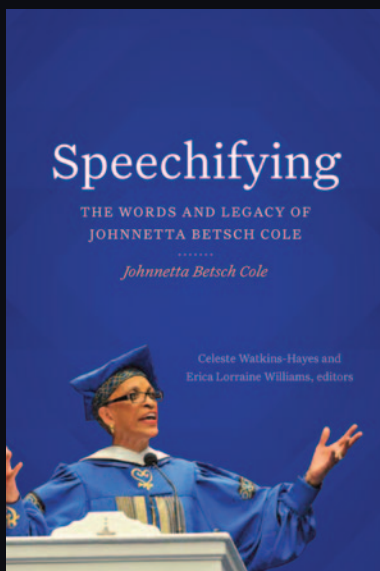


**October 26, 2023
6:00–8:30 p.m.**

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Join Lonnie G. Bunch III and Johnnetta Betsch Cole as they discuss *Speechifying: The Words and Legacy of Johnnetta Betsch Cole* and reflect on the need for transformational leadership to address change and issues of our times.

Introduction by coeditor Celeste Watkins-Hayes; moderated by Maggie Johnson Obaji. Followed by a book signing.



Lonnie G. Bunch III is the 14th Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, founding director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, and first historian to be Secretary of the Institution. He oversees 21 museums, 21 libraries, the National Zoo, numerous research centers, and several education units and centers. He received France's highest award, the Legion of Honor, in 2021.

Johnnetta Betsch Cole is the author and editor of numerous books, president emerita of Spelman and Bennett Colleges, director emerita of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African Art, and former chair and president of the National Council of Negro Women.



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