

Meet Michelle Duster, Author and Historian

Michelle Duster is a writer, speaker, and project manager who is focused on highlighting the positive contributions of African Americans. She has written numerous articles and essays as well as the books *Ida In Her Own Words: The Timeless Writings of Ida B. Wells from 1893* and *Ida from Abroad*. She also worked on the documentary *Ida B. Wells: A Passion for Justice* about the life and times of her great-grandmother.

In her effort to preserve the legacy of her great-grandmother, Duster is involved in several projects named after Ida B. Wells, including a scholarship fund at Rust College (Ida's alma mater) and a museum in Holly Springs, Mississippi. She is also a member of a commemorative art committee in Chicago, which is developing a substantial piece of artwork that will be located in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood. The multi-dimensional piece will capture the life and times of her great-grandmother.