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# 2022 Fall Term Free Public Lecture

November 7, 2022, 2:00 pm  
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## CONVICTION

At a ceremony in Province House on April 15, 2010, as Nova Scotia's Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Dr. Mayann Francis ONS executed the Royal Prerogative of Mercy to grant posthumously a Free Pardon to Viola Desmond. How did this pardon come to be? What was the story behind Viola Desmond's conviction? Did it break her spirit and crush her dreams? And how did executing the pardon affect Dr. Francis? Learn more about the cruel act on November 8, 1946 that gained world-wide attention and made this pardon necessary, hear how being arrested and imprisoned affected Viola, and how freeing an innocent Black woman has impacted Dr. Francis.

## THE HONOURABLE DR. MAYANN FRANCIS, ONS

served from 2015-2020 as the first Distinguished Public Service Fellow, in the Faculty of Management, School of Public Administration at Dalhousie University. In December 2020, She was appointed the Dean's Warden for The Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax, NS and from 2006-2012 Dr. Francis served as Lieutenant Governor for the province of Nova Scotia. She was the first African Nova Scotian and second woman to be appointed as the vice-regal representative.

