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## **A DREAM DEFERRED: ONE MAN'S FIGHT FOR EQUALITY**

### **Forward by Frankie Freeman Former U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

Author, Vivian Johnson, details a thought provoking true story of Dr. Edward Haynie's experiences and encounters during his tenure in dental school. A third generation educator, his dream of being a dentist, instilled in him as a child by his uncle, was obstructed by the prejudice of Caucasian professors who manipulated the system to his disadvantage. Haynie, a bright, young, enthusiastic chemistry professor, became the first African-American accepted in the first class of Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine at Edwardsville, Illinois in 1972. Little did he know "the powers that be" would foil his every effort and dreams in his pursue of becoming a dentist. Haynie's courage persisted as he filed a discrimination suit with the support of the NAACP for the psychological torture he endured. He paved the way for other African-American students to succeed in future attempts to obtain a Doctor of Dental Medicine Degree from SIU-E. This story, set in the 1970s, unveils the inequities that still persist in higher education today.

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**Award:** Edward Haynie presented the Wallace Wright Justice Award 2006; St. Louis County NAACP St. Louis, MO

# A Dream Deferred:

## One Man's Fight for Equality



An African American third-generation educator fought discrimination while trying to live out his dream and the dreams of his ancestors. Following in the footsteps of his uncle, Dr. Edward Wiggins, who graduated from the University of Illinois Dental School in 1934; Dr. Edward Haynie pursued the field of dentistry. His life-long dream of becoming a dentist was systemically shattered by the institution of racism, both direct and vicious. A Dream Deferred: One Man's Fight for Equality is a story of the first African American accepted to the Southern Illinois School of Dental Medicine. Despite blatant and damning racism, courage and dignity were displayed. This story, set in the 1970's, unveils the inequities that still defer dreams in higher education today, and will inspire and motivate all who read it to pursue their dreams.



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### A True Story

Dr. Edward Haynie, a lifelong educator, has served as a member on many local, state, and national science boards and organizations. He has taught chemistry, both at the secondary and collegiate level. Dr. Haynie is a founder and director of a national science program, author of science articles, and recipient of many awards. He provides workshops as a consultant to various school districts and inspires others with his message of determination and dedication to academic success.

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