Dr. Gladys DeVane, Professor Emeritus, Indiana University, is a storyteller, actor, and writer who retired from Indiana University after 38 years of clinical supervision in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences and teaching in the Kelley School of Business. Upon retiring in 2003, she returned to her first love, the theater where she has appeared in main stage performances both locally and regionally. In addition, she has written and performed numerous stories depicting the lives and struggles of African American people. In 2016, in recognition of Indiana’s bicentennial, she wrote (in collaboration with Elizabeth Mitchell and Danielle Bruce) Resilience: Indiana’s Untold Story. After the resounding success of that play, she went on to write Stories of Monroe, her second original play celebrating the lives and honoring the struggles of African Americans in Monroe County.

Dr. DeVane’s latest endeavor Come Sit with Me: A Collection of Written Works is a book of stories and poems. While most of the entries were written to be performed, a few were written in this last year during a time of uncertainty, when shared experiences were prohibited. As a result these pieces were written for introspection and reflection. With life on hold and cities under lockdown, DeVane decided to bring together a lifetime of experience revising and editing a collection of works to be published May 2021.

Join us on April 8, as Dr. DeVane performs excerpts from Come Sit with Me: A Collection of Written Works, sharing her experiences as a Black child growing up in the South as well as offering insight as a professional woman, wife, and mother in our ever-changing world.

Register by noon on Tuesday, April 6 by emailing uclub@indiana.edu. Only members who register by the reservation deadline will receive a Zoom link for this presentation.