

# Dr. Terry Anne Scott Presents 'The Smithsonian Has It Right: Trump Has It Wrong'

*Join Dr. Terry Anne Scott for a lecture series exploring slavery's impact and the resilience of African Americans.*

SEATTLE, WA, UNITED STATES, September 4, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Institute for Common Power](#) invites the public to a three-day lecture series, September 7–9, titled [The Smithsonian Has It Right: Slavery Was Brutally Horrible, Still We Rise](#), led by historian [Dr. Terry Anne Scott](#).

The series responds to recent public debates questioning how slavery is represented in museums, including the Smithsonian, and underscores the importance of truth-telling in American history. Dr. Scott will survey the struggles and accomplishments of people of African descent in the United States during slavery, analyzing the path from importation through the Civil War and the fight for freedom.



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**THE SMITHSONIAN HAS IT RIGHT: SLAVERY WAS BRUTALLY HORRIBLE, AND STILL WE RISE**

**Dr. Terry Anne Scott**  
Institute Director

**VIRTUAL EVENT**  
Sunday & Tuesday Sept 7, 9 / 4:00 - 5:30pm PT  
Monday Sept 8 / 3:30-5:00pm PT

In this institute course, Dr. Terry Anne Scott will survey the struggles and accomplishments of people of African descent in the United States. While some attention will be paid to African origins, the three sessions in this series will analyze the historical path from importation through the Civil War, the fight for abolition, and the process of freedom.

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Dr. Scott is an acclaimed speaker, author, and scholar. She left her tenured position as Chair of the Department of History at Hood College in Maryland to lead the Institute for Common Power. She holds a Ph.D. in History from the University of Chicago and a master's degree with distinction from Southern Methodist University.

## Lecture Schedule:

**Lecture One: The Emergence of Slavery in North America — Sunday, September 7**  
Examining how slavery developed, the social construction of race, and how enslaved labor built wealth in the New World.

**Lecture Two: The Domestic Slave Trade and African American Resistance — Monday, September 8**

A virtual walking tour through Montgomery, Alabama, retracing the steps of enslaved people who arrived in one of the nation's largest slave markets. This session highlights forms of Black resistance and continued exploration of labor's role in building wealth.

### Lecture Three: Abolitionism — Tuesday, September 9

Exploring how individuals and groups resisted slavery and what their collective efforts can teach us about coalition-building today.

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