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Slavery and Its Legacy—February 16 to April 7, 2005

**The Five College
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2005 Memorial Series**

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for our times*

Free and open to the public



About Slavery:

Black slavery began in the Western Hemisphere in the 1500s. The first slaves were introduced at Jamestown in 1619. By the time slavery ended (in 1888 in Brazil) as many as 13 million Africans had been taken from their homes and brought across the Atlantic.



Surplus slaves were kept in holding pens like the one pictured above in Alexandria, Virginia before being sold. (Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, Civil War Photographs, [reproduction number, e.g., LC-B8184-3287.])

Most Americans are unaware of the importance of this forced labor to this country's growth, economic success and world influence. Most Northerners are unaware of the extent of slavery in the North or the significant involvement of our federal government. Much of this history has been forgotten, minimized or denied.

Slavery may have ended in 1865 in the U.S., but Jim Crow (which some say was "invented in the North") soon replaced it as a way of racial control. It was another five score years before African Americans achieved legal equality. What is the modern legacy of this history? This series of symposia is designed to focus attention on the sources of current social problems and through dialogue to make some contribution to their eventual alleviation.

About Five College Learning in Retirement:

Five College Learning in Retirement, a member of the Elderhostel Institute Network, was founded in 1989 to provide active retirees in the Pioneer Valley with self-directed learning opportunities, primarily peer-led seminars. In addition, 5CLIR runs other programs such as this "Slavery & Its Legacy" series for the public.

Membership in 5CLIR is open to anyone for a modest annual fee (assistance available). We are open to all and pride ourselves on including people from all walks of life and a variety of educational, professional, personal and academic backgrounds.

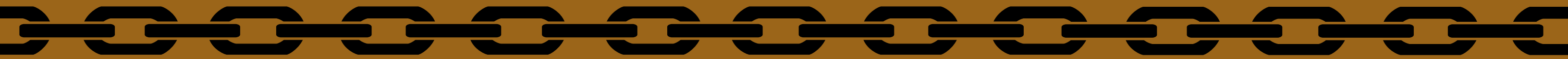
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For much of the 20th century African Americans were segregated in education, barred from the voting booth, sent to the back of the bus, and walled off from many of the rights they deserved as citizens. (Photograph of one of the Little Rock Nine from Arkansas Democrat/Will Counts)





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Keynote

Wednesday, February 16, 2005, 4 p.m.

Amherst College, Converse Hall, Cole Assembly Hall



Making Race and Nation
Anthony W. Marx, President, Amherst College, and author of Making Race and Nation



Challenges on the Road to Racial Justice in Higher Education
Lucas Wilson, Prof. of Economics, Chair, African American and African Studies, Mount Holyoke College

History

Saturday, February 26, 2005, 10 a.m.

Hampshire College, Main Lecture Hall of Franklin Patterson Hall

Slavery above the Mason-Dixon Line—The North, Massachusetts, and the Pioneer Valley

Three Learning in Retirement members Chuck Gillies, Frank Heston, and Robert Romer share their learning in retirement and other research.



Wednesday, March 9, 2005, 7 p.m.

Smith College Wright Hall

Slavery and the American Experience

Panel: John Bracey and Manisha Sinha, UMass Afro-American Studies; and Hilary Moss, Black Studies, Amherst College.



Legacy

Wednesday, March 23, 2005, 7 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts at the Quadrangle, Springfield, **Challenges of Black Economic Development: Discrimination and Access Issues**

Henry Thomas III (CEO, Springfield Urban League), moderator; Joyce Everett, Smith College School for Social Work, Glenn Davis, Springfield Urban League, and Dean Robinson, Political Science, UMass Amherst



Wednesday, March 30, 2005, 7 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts at the Quadrangle, Springfield, **The Residue of Slavery and Jim Crow in the Black Family—The Bad and the Good**

Henry Thomas III (CEO, Springfield Urban League), moderator; Mary Hall, Smith College, Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, St. John's Congregational Church, and Peter Brandon, Sociology, UMass.



Thursday, April 7, 2005, 7 p.m.

Mount Holyoke College, Gamble Auditorium

Slavery's Legacy: The Permanence of Racism in American Life

Derrick Bell (NYU Law School), educator, lawyer and author most recently of Silent Covenants: Brown v. Board of Education and Unfulfilled Hopes for Racial Reform.

