

Tulane-Aspen Institute hosts Thomas Jefferson, Sally Hemings author, Annette Gordon-Reed

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Pulitzer Prize winner [Annette Gordon-Reed](#), an American historian and legal scholar, will be the featured speaker in the next [Tulane-Aspen Institute Values in America Speaker Series](#) event on Monday, October 29 from 1-2 p.m. in Rogers Memorial

Chapel on the Tulane University campus.

Tulane professor of history, [Walter Isaacson](#), will moderate the event, “When America’s Values are Tested: Lessons from Jefferson, Lincoln and other great leaders in the Age of Trump,” and Gordon-Reed will discuss how Thomas Jefferson, and other prominent political figures, are judged today in light of today’s values.

A question and answer session will follow the discussion, and there will be a post-event reception and book signing. Refreshments will also be available.

“Annette Gordon-Reed is a brilliant scholar who understands how history ripples through the generations to touch our lives today,” Isaacson said. “We will explore Jefferson and race and how to judge historical figures in the context of their times and in ours.”

Gordon-Reed is the Charles Warren Professor of American Legal History at Harvard Law School and a professor of history in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University. Gordon-Reed won the Pulitzer Prize in History in 2009 for *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family* (W.W. Norton, 2009), a subject she had previously written about in *Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings: An American Controversy* (University Press of Virginia, 1997).

The Tulane-Aspen Institute Values in America Speaker Series kicked off with its [inaugural event](#) on April 19, 2018, with professor Isaacson and renowned presidential historian, [Jon Meacham](#), serving as the first guest.

The Tulane-Aspen Institute Values in America Speaker Series features a variety of speakers who give voice to the nuanced and stimulating topic of values in America.

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