

Department of Women's and Gender Studies
2025 Adrenée Glover Freeman Lecture
**SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND
AMERICAN SLAVERY**

A Local Examination of the South's Rape Culture
with Dr. Shannon C. Eaves



The Adrenée Glover Freeman Lecture in African American Women's Studies was established in 1993 in memory of Adrenée Glover Freeman, a Columbia attorney who was active in civic affairs and served on the Community Advisory Board of the WGST Department. Each year the lecture is given by a prominent African American woman.

Drawing from her recently published book, *Sexual Violence and American Slavery: The Making of a Rape Culture in the Antebellum South*, Eaves will explore how South Carolina exemplified the South's rape culture and rape culture's profound impact on enslaved communities.. Through the stories of enslaved women, she examines how these women understood their vulnerability, resisted sexual exploitation, and negotiated for survival. By centering sexual violence in the history of slavery, the lecture underscores how legacies of violence shaped the afterlives of slavery well into the 20th century.



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