

INHERITING THE TRADE

Thursday March 4, 2010

**University of South Alabama
9:30 am Humanities Room 160**

**Spring Hill College
7 pm Guatrelet Room**

In 2001, at age forty-seven, Thomas Norman DeWolf was astounded to discover that he was related to the most successful slave-trading family in United States history, responsible for transporting at least 10,000 Africans to the Americas. His infamous ancestor, U.S. Senator James DeWolf of Bristol, Rhode Island, curried favor with President Thomas Jefferson to continue in the trade after it was outlawed. When James DeWolf died in 1837 he was reportedly the second-richest man in America.



Thomas De Wolf

His journey through the notorious Triangle Trade—from New England to West Africa to Cuba—proved life-altering, forcing Tom to face the horrors of slavery directly for the first time. It also inspired him to contend with the complicated legacy that continues to impact black and white Americans, Africans, and Cubans today.

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