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# Sixth Annual Womack Lecture

"The Ledger and the Chain: How Domestic Slave Traders Shaped America"

Joshua Rothman, Ph.D.



Nov. 1, 2022  
6 p.m.

Derryberry Hall  
Auditorium

Between the American Revolution and the Civil War, slave traders forced the migration of more than one million enslaved people across state lines so they might be sold to cotton and sugar planters in the Deep South. In this lecture, Professor Joshua D. Rothman tells the story of the largest and most significant slave trading operation in American history, placing it in the larger context of slavery and the slave trade and considering its impact on the American past and present.

**Joshua D. Rothman** is a Professor of History and Chair of the Department of History at the University of Alabama, where he specializes in the histories of race, slavery, and the nineteenth-century United States. He is the author of three books on the history of American slavery, including, most recently, *The Ledger and the Chain: How Domestic Slave Traders Shaped America*, which is a finalist for the Harriet Tubman Book Prize. He is also co-director of Freedom on the Move, a digital archive of "runaway slave ads" that appeared in American newspapers before the Civil War.

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