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**Christian Hudson /Insight News »**

 The University of Memphis is celebrating one hundred and fifty years of Ida B. Wells.

 As part of the celebration a historian discussed the often unspoken side of slavery and freedom in the 19th century.

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 **»** Chained, whipped and beaten it was daily routine for a group of marginalized people across the South including here in Memphis, TN.

Fast forward 200 plus years later on a October evening to the campus of the University of Memphis where slavery was being discussed by historian Dr. Twitty who fell into studying the subject.

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**Dr. Anne Twitty /Historian »**

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**When I came to graduate school, I came to graduate school thinking I was going to be a gender historian and in fact I worked with a gender historian and about two years into my program she says, ‘there’s this collection of documents and they’ve just been digitized so there available online so you have to check them out,’ ‘No. No, that’s not what I’m doing. I am not interested in slavery I am a gender historian.’ So I resisted for a little bit but she was very persistent and so for a research project in a class I decided I was going to write a research paper on these documents. Well I got looking at the documents and they were fascinating.**

**Joshua Bolden /Insight News »**

**Twitty's lecture is part of a series of events celebrating the life of Ida B. Wells. A journalist and civil rights activist who founded the Free Speech newspaper here in Memphis. It was because of her pieces on denouncing the lynching black men that death threats were placed on her life forcing her to leave Memphis.**

Twitty focused on law and how slaves learned about becoming free.

Dr. Twitty tells the story of Maria and Jesse Whitten a urban slave, slaves who worked in the city for small time owners, and her master.

Students said it was important for them to come to learn more about a different side of slave history.

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**Hannah Smith /Attendee »**

**I am of course deeply influenced by African-American history so learning more about it is important.**

Twitty said historians are finally starting to expand beyond the plantation when it comes to slavery.

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The celebration of Ida B. Wells continues on the U of M campus throughout the 2012 fall semester.