



***Lincoln and the U.S. Colored Troops:*
Personally Speaking Conversation with John David Smith**

President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation not only set in motion the abolition of African American slavery, but also authorized the mobilization of African Americans to serve in the Federal armies to suppress the Confederates' insurrection.

Join author John David Smith on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in a conversation about Lincoln's decision to use African Americans to keep the Union intact and the yeoman service of the more than 180,000 black soldiers who donned the Union blue, as told in Smith's *Lincoln and the U.S. Colored Troops*.

The conversation with Smith, Charles H. Stone Distinguished Professor of American History at UNC Charlotte, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at UNC Charlotte Center City, 320 E. 9th Street in Charlotte. A reception and book signing will follow. This is the third in UNC Charlotte College of Liberal Arts & Sciences' and J. Murrey Atkins Library's 2014-2015 author series, Personally Speaking.

The event is open to the public without charge, but RSVPs are requested via the [online registration form](https://clas-pages.uncc.edu/ps/register/) at <https://clas-pages.uncc.edu/ps/register/> or by calling 704-687-1429. Complimentary parking will be provided at the two lots directly across 9th Street and directly across Brevard Street from Center City.

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