

# Student LIFE

LEADERSHIP INNOVATION FUN ENGAGEMENT

## Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North

with post-screening discussion facilitated by Inheriting the Trade author Thomas DeWolf, who is featured in the film

For two hundred years, the DeWolfs were distinguished public servants, respected merchants and prominent Episcopal clerics, yet their privilege was founded on a sordid secret...Their Rhode Island forebears had been the largest slave-trading dynasty in American history.



**Date**  
April 5, 2011

**Time**  
12pm - 2pm

**Place**  
Auburn Hills Campus  
Room G240

In the Traces of the Trade documentary, Producer/Director Katrina Browne tells the story of her forefathers, the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. From 1769 to 1820, DeWolf fathers, sons and grandsons trafficked in human beings. The film follows Browne and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey which brings them face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise and, in so doing, reveals the pivotal role slavery played in the growth of the American economy. This courageous documentary asks every American what we can and should do to repair the unacknowledged damage of our troubled past. Traces of the Trade was created to act as a catalyst for heart-to-heart dialogue, education and action.

