

Dread Scott

“On the Impossibility of Freedom in a Country Founded on Slavery and Genocide”

Invitation of the artist Dread Scott to give a public lecture and a series of student workshops

Hampshire College and the Five College Consortium

Co-organized with Eric Gottesman

February 21-22, 2017

On February 21, 2017, artist **Dread Scott** will visit the Five College consortium to give a public lecture about his work:

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Dread Scott is an acclaimed American artist whose work has garnered significant public and scholarly attention and been widely exhibited in the US and abroad. Scott describes his work—which powerfully addresses such topics as American imperialism, symbols of nationalism, police brutality and police murders of African Americans, the history and legacies of slavery, and anti-Black racism in the US—as “revolutionary art to propel history forward.” Scott’s visit to Hampshire and the Five Colleges is part of a series, taking place on various campuses of the Five Colleges, of lectures, exhibitions, and other programming by artists, writers, performers, and activists whose work creatively addresses questions of free speech, freedom of expression, democracy, art, and dissent.

Feb 21 | 7pm, Herter Hall 231 @UMass Amherst | Free and open to the public

Co-sponsored by Hampshire College and the University Museum of Contemporary Art, UMass Amherst, with additional support from the Hampshire College Africana Studies, Film, Photo, Video, Humanities, and Studio Art Programs, Dean of Faculty’s Office, School of Cognitive Science, School of Critical Social Inquiry, Amherst College Department of Art and the History of Art, Mount Holyoke College Department of Art, Smith College Department of Art, Five College Lecture Fund, Five College Photography Seminar, and the Creative Capital Foundation. Organized by **Jennifer Bajorek** and **Eric Gottesman**, Hampshire College.

Following his public lecture, "On the Impossibility of Freedom in a Country Founded on Slavery and Genocide," **February 21 (7pm, Herter Hall 231 @UMass Amherst)**, artist **Dread Scott** will run **two workshops on art and activism for Five College students on the Hampshire College campus:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

Workshop space will be limited. We are therefore asking faculty to nominate students. In making your nominations, please give priority to students who you think have demonstrated seriousness of purpose, are ready to engage constructively, and who stand to benefit particularly from being in a workshop with Dread at this time.

There will be two workshops: **one for students of color only** (11 am-1 pm) and **one open to students of all backgrounds** (2:30-4:30pm). We will follow up with all nominated students, asking them to self-identify and express a preference. *It is therefore not necessary to nominate students for a particular workshop.*

If a student must miss class to attend one of the workshops, we will provide him/her/them with an e-mail that can be shared with professors, explaining the reason for their absence.

Please send your nominations to revolutionaryart@hampshire.edu

Workshops co-organized and facilitated by **Javiera Benavente** and the Program for Ethics and the Common Good, Hampshire College