

THE DR. SHIRLEY S. SEATON CULTURAL AWARENESS SERIES 2016-17

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You're invited to an exploration of cultural differences and a celebration of diversity. Through guest speakers and performers, the Dr. Shirley S. Seaton Cultural Awareness Series illuminates various cultural perspectives to help sharpen an understanding of the ways in which we are all interconnected. These events provide exciting opportunities to engage the campus community in and outside the classroom.

BREE NEWSOME

TEARING HATRED FROM THE SKY

10.26.16 @ 6:30 p.m.

7:45 p.m. Reception

**Dolan Center for Science and Technology
Donahue Auditorium**

Born with an artist's soul and spirit, Bree Newsome has always been sensitive to the essential role that art and symbols play in shaping culture and consciousness. As she watched the funeral of Rev. Clementa Pinckney, one of 9 people slaughtered in the name of white supremacy at Mother Emmanuel Church in Charleston, SC, she recognized the message being communicated clearly by the US flag and the SC state flag at half-mast while the Confederate flag remained fully furled. Refusing to accept the premise of this image—that white supremacy is supreme, untouchable and invincible—she scaled the 30ft flagpole in front of the statehouse and removed the “stars and bars” declaring, “This flag comes down today!” Bree's intention was to create a new image, a new symbol and a new consciousness of the power inherent in direct action. The iconic picture of her on the pole, flag in hand has become a touchstone of empowerment for disenfranchised people around the world.



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