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Damon Root Discusses *Dred Scott's Revenge* with Judge Andrew Napolitano

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Associate Editor Damon W. Root will be speaking today at noon at a Cato Institute Book Forum on Judge Andrew Napolitano's *Dred Scott's Revenge: A Legal History of Race and Freedom in America*. From the official event description:

The Declaration of Independence proclaimed America's belief in legal equality and inalienable rights. But American governments legally suspended the free will of blacks for 150 years and then denied blacks equal protection under the law for another 150 years. How did this happen in America? How were the Constitution and laws of the land twisted so as to institutionalize racism? How did it—or will it—end? In his new book Judge Andrew P. Napolitano takes a no-holds-barred look at the role of the government in the denial of freedoms on the basis of race. Juan Williams of NPR, author of *Eyes on the Prize* and of a biography of Thurgood Marshall, calls it "the best history of the law and race I've ever read." Damon Root and Jason Kuznicki, both of whom have written on the history of race and the law, will comment.

Click [here](#) to watch a live stream of the event starting at noon. Click [here](#) to read an excerpt from *Dred Scott's Revenge* that recently appeared on Reason.com.
