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Quick Facts

- The free cultural event is at 7 p.m. on April 10 in the Richardson Ballroom.



Bree Newsome

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — She climbed the flagpole at the South Carolina Statehouse and pulled down the Confederate battle flag in protest, declaring “This flag comes down today!”

Now, **Bree Newsome** is bringing her message of racial equality to Winthrop University on April 10 for the **16th Annual Dorothy Perry Thompson Colloquium**. The 7 p.m. event in **Richardson Ballroom** is free and open to the public. It is an approved cultural event.

Newsome will share messages about how, with courage, zeal and support, ordinary

people can make an extraordinary difference.

Newsome graduated from New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts with a degree in film and television. While at NYU, she wrote and directed a public service announcement for youth voter turnout that won her the Grand Prize in a competition sponsored by both Tisch and MTV. Her short film “Wake” recently debuted on the ASPIREtv network and has won several awards on the film festival circuit.

While most know Newsome from her protest of the flag, she also has participated in a sit-in at the North Carolina State Capitol and currently works as a western field organizer for IgniteNC, a grassroots collective dedicated to empowering underserved communities in the Charlotte, North Carolina, area.

The annual colloquium honors the **late English Professor Dorothy Perry Thompson**, the founder of Winthrop’s African American Studies program, and invites speakers to discuss different aspects of the African-American experience.

For more information on Winthrop’s **African American Studies program**, [visit the website](#) or call 803/323-3095.

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