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Quick Facts

- Janet Hudson of the University of South Carolina will speak on S.C. civil rights issues on Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.
- Held in Plowden Auditorium, the discussion will be part of the Liberty Tree Initiative series.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Janet Hudson** of the University of South Carolina will discuss aspects of the civil rights movement unique to South Carolina and talk about the significance of the “**Friendship Nine**” on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in **Plowden Auditorium**.

Hudson, an expert on civil rights issues in the state, is the author of "Entangled by White Supremacy: Reform in World War I-era South Carolina (New Directions in Southern History)."

Local members of the “**Friendship Nine**” are invited to attend the discussion and will be recognized. “**The Friendship Nine**” were African Americans jailed during a sit-in at a local Rock Hill lunch counter in 1961.

This is the fourth event in the **Liberty Tree Initiative series**, which is supported by a group of educators, professionals, media personalities, journalists and writers who have a unified interest in raising awareness of **First Amendment rights**.

A panel discussion about the **First Amendment** and public reconciliation will be held on Monday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. in Plowden Auditorium.

For more information, visit Winthrop’s **Liberty Tree Initiative Web site**.

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