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**“THE 1898 WILMINGTON RACE RIOT”**  
**Thursday, July 17, 2008**  
**Free lecture!**

**NEW BERN, NC (June 9, 2008)** --- Dr. John Haley, Professor Emeritus, UNC-Wilmington, and member of the North Carolina Race Riot Commission will explore the origins, leadership and conduct of the Great White Supremacy Campaign of 1898, and how a combination of political and racial violence led to the overthrow of the legally constituted government in Wilmington.

These events resulted in the collapse of African-American political leadership, disenfranchisement of African-American voters, legalized Jim Crow, and the institution of a new political order in North Carolina that existed for over a half century.

This event is free and is part of the African-American lecture series at Tryon Palace. It will take place in the Tryon Palace Visitor Center auditorium at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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