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## Anthony Ray Hinton to Speak at Stetson University

*Social justice activist, author will talk about incarceration, freedom*

**DELAND, Florida**, March 13, 2019 – Anthony Ray Hinton spent 30 years on Alabama’s death row for crimes he did not commit. He was released from prison in April 2015 with the help of the Equal Justice Initiative, a nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to prisoners who may have been wrongly convicted of crimes. Hinton is the 152<sup>nd</sup> person since 1973 to be exonerated from death row in the United States and the sixth in the State of Alabama.

Hinton will share his experiences with justice and incarceration during a presentation on Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m., at Stetson University as part of Stetson’s [Many Voices, One Stetson](#) initiative. The event will be in the Carlton Union Building’s Stetson Room (second floor), 131 E. Minnesota Ave., DeLand, 32723. The event is free and open to the public.

Many Voices, One Stetson provides an open forum for engaging and relevant dialogue about various topics.

Hinton wrote about his life behind bars in his 2018 biography, “The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row.” His memoir is a *New York Times* bestseller and Oprah’s Book Club selection. His inspirational story provides a timely discussion about racial inequality.

“At Stetson University, we are preparing our students as future leaders of the world and to help solve some of the most complex world problems,” said Savannah-Jane Griffin, executive director of community engagement and inclusive excellence. “Anthony Ray Hinton’s story showcases the deeply rooted racial inequities in the United States and the impact it has had on his life.”

### About Stetson University

Founded in 1883, [Stetson University](#) is the oldest private university in Central Florida. Stetson focuses on intense learning experiences in a supportive community that allows students to develop their voice in a connected, inclusive environment. Stetson University ranks No. 5 on U.S. News & World Report’s 2019 list of Best Regional Universities (South), and has been recognized as one of The Princeton Review’s 384 Best Colleges, 2019 edition. [Stay connected](#) with Stetson on social media.

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