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**Plessy v. Ferguson:  
How the Legal Basis for "Seperate but Equal"  
was Established**

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Palm Beach, FL -The Flagler Museum's 31st annual Whitehall Lecture Series presents *Plessy v. Ferguson: How the Legal Basis for "Seperate but Equal" was Established* on Sunday, February 14. Tickets are free for Museum Members at the Sustaining level and above, \$10 for Individual, Family, and Life Members, and \$28 for non-members.

Williamjames Hull Hoffer, Professor at Seton Hall University, and author of *Plessy v. Ferguson: Race and Inequality in Jim Crow America*, will present the lecture.

Backed by the Committee of Citizens, in 1892 Homer Plessy defied Louisiana's Separate Car Act by boarding a train car reserved for whites only. The case eventually made its way to the Supreme Court, which upheld Louisiana's statute and the doctrine of "Separate But Equal." Author and professor Williamjames Hull Hoffer will discuss the various factors that lead the Supreme Court to uphold the doctrine of "Separate But Equal" as Constitutional.

The Whitehall Lecture Series is sponsored by PNC Bank, the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

For more information, or to purchase tickets please call the Flagler Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visit [www.FlaglerMuseum.us](http://www.FlaglerMuseum.us).

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***About The Flagler Museum***

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the New York Herald as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring guided tours, changing

exhibits, and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. The Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon until 5:00 p.m., Sunday. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 13-17, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under six are free. For more information visit [www.flaglermuseum.us](http://www.flaglermuseum.us) or call (561) 655-2833.

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