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HARRIET BEECHER STOWE PRIZE

8th Annual

BIG TENT JUBILEE

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The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center Board of Trustees
invites you to

STOWE PRIZE DAY 2018 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

The Stowe Prize and Student Stowe Prizes are awarded annually and recognize authors and outstanding high school and college writers whose written work has made a tangible impact on a social justice issue critical to contemporary society in the tradition of Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

Action Fair: 3-4 pm

**A Conversation with Matthew Desmond
and Student Prize Winners: 4-5:30 PM**

moderated by WNPR's Lucy Nalpathanchil

Immanuel Congregational Church
10 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT

Open to the public • Free admission

For more information about these events contact
Oliver Scholes at oscholes@stowecenter.org; 860.522.9258 x312

**8th ANNUAL
BIG TENT JUBILEE: 6-9 PM**

Ticketed fundraising event on the Stowe Center Lawn
Cocktail reception, dinner program with
Stowe Prize Winner Matthew Desmond and
Student Stowe Prize Winners Zyahna Bryant and Wes Gobar

For Big Tent Jubilee tickets and sponsorship information contact
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2018 STOWE PRIZE WINNER MATTHEW DESMOND

for Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City

Matthew Desmond is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at Princeton University. After receiving his Ph.D. in 2010 from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, he joined the Harvard Society of Fellows as a Junior Fellow. The principal investigator of The Eviction Lab, Desmond's research focuses on poverty in America, city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality, and ethnography. Desmond is the recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship, the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award, and the William Julius Wilson Early Career Award. A Contributing Writer for the *New York Times Magazine*, Desmond was listed in 2016 among the Politico 50, as one of "fifty people across the country who are most influencing the national political debate." Desmond is also the author of the award-winning book *On the Fireline*, the coauthor of two books on race, and the editor of a collection of studies on severe deprivation in America.



2018 STUDENT STOWE PRIZE WINNERS

Zyahna Bryant is a junior at Charlottesville High School. Her winning entry, "*Change the Name of Lee Park and Remove the Statue*," a petition to Charlottesville city council, helped spark the town's movement to remove Confederate statues. Zyahna is a student activist and community organizer who works on issues of racial justice in Charlottesville, VA. Her primary focus is on the achievement gap and equal access for students of color. She founded the Black Student Union at her high school and is a member of the Charlottesville Youth Council. At age 12, she organized her first demonstration, a rally for justice for Trayvon Martin and other unarmed black lives lost to police violence. Zyahna has been featured on CNN and in *The New York Times*, *National Geographic*, *The New Yorker Magazine*, and *Vice News*. She was recently awarded the 2018 Washington, D.C. Princeton Prize in Race Relations.



WES GOBAR, a senior at University of Virginia, wrote "*What It's Like to Be a Black Student When White Supremacists March in Your College Town*" published on Vox. In his winning entry, Gobar described his experiences when white supremacists rallied at the University of Virginia in response to efforts to remove Confederate statues. Wes is a native of Fredericksburg, Virginia. He will graduate from the University of Virginia in May 2018 with majors in Government and History. Through the Distinguished History Major Program, he has written an undergraduate history thesis on the 1887 Thibodaux Massacre. At UVA, he served as President of the Black Student Alliance, a peer advisor for incoming African American students, a member of the Cavalier Marching Band, and a member of the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society. As BSA President, Wes was a consistent advocate for racial justice and led student efforts to respond to the terrorist events of August 11-12, 2017. Wes has published work in *Vox Media*, the *Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*.



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8th ANNUAL BIG TENT JUBILEE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Event Chair - **Kate Farrish**

Featuring

2018 Stowe Prize Winner

Matthew Desmond

2018 Student Stowe Prize Winners

Zyahna Bryant

Wes Gobar

6 PM - Outdoor reception on the Stowe Center lawn

Ticketed fundraising event

Cocktail reception, dinner program with Stowe Prize Winner
& Student Stowe Prize Winners

7 PM - Dinner on the Stowe Center lawn

Harriet Beecher Stowe Center
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**To purchase tickets online or for more
information about Stowe Prize visit:
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RSVP by August 24th