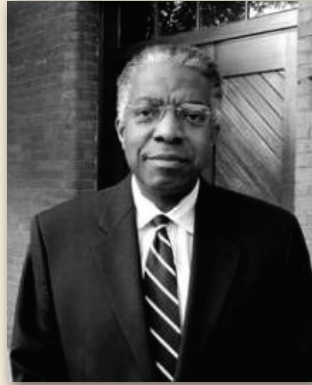




# Mary Tefft White

## CULTURAL CENTER LECTURE SERIES



Ray Rickman

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### *How Providence Became a City*

### *Because of the Hardscrabble and Snowtown Race Riots of 1824 and 1831*

In the 1824 Hardscrabble Riot and the 1831 Snow Town Riot, working-class whites attacked African-American residents. The elite town fathers were unable to control the violent mobs and had to request that the Governor send in military troops. A race riot was not a rare event during the years between the American Revolution and the Dorr Rebellion. Ray Rickman gives a riveting talk about the confluence of class and race in early America. The talk is also centered on how the riots convinced the people of Providence to demand the creation of a city government with strong police powers.

Highlight Accession of the Civil War-era correspondence.

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