As part of UNESCO’s recognition of this decade as The International Decade of People of African Descent, a multinational team began to study the long-term effects of slavery on people of African descent. A series of international symposia were held to explore findings and the results published as *The Psychological Legacy of Slavery: Essays on Trauma, Healing, and the Living Past* (2021). This presentation will review social practices, beliefs, and psychological dispositions that are distinct continuities from slavery. People of African and European descent are both impacted. These legacies continued and transformed into the present.

Benjamin Bowser, a sociologist, will explore the social and cultural legacies and George Woods, a Forensic Psychiatrist, will explore the psychological and psychiatric legacies. Regina Mason, a descendant of freedom seeker William Grimes, will discuss the impact of the surveillance and enforcement practices of slavery on her ancestor. The presentation will end with suggestions of what can be done to mitigate and heal the negative effects of these legacies on all Americans.