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“T.R.M. Howard: Doctor, Entrepreneur, Civil Rights Pioneer”

Professor Beito's talk tells the remarkable story of T.R.M. Howard, one of the early leaders of the Civil Rights movement. Howard was the subject of a biography that she and her co-author David T. Beito wrote under the title of *Black Maverick: T.R.M. Howard's Fight for Civil Rights and Economic Power* (University of Illinois Press, 2009), which is now available with a new foreword and afterword (Independent Institute, 2018). A renaissance man, Theodore Roosevelt Mason Howard (1908-1976) was a respected surgeon, important black community leader, and successful businessman. Howard's story reveals the importance of the black middle class, their endurance and entrepreneurship in the midst of Jim Crow, and their critical role in the early Civil Rights movement. Howard founded black community organizations, organized civil rights rallies and boycotts, championed free enterprise, critiqued Big Government and socialism, mentored Medgar Evers, fought the Ku Klux Klan, and helped lead the fight for justice for Emmett Till and others. Raised in poverty and witness to racial violence from a young age, Howard was passionate about justice and equality. Ambitious, zealous, and sometimes paradoxical, T.R.M. Howard provides a complete and fascinating portrait of an important leader all too often forgotten.

Linda Royster Beito is Professor of Social Sciences at Stillman College, where she has received several awards for excellence in teaching and was inducted into the Zeta Phi Beta Hall of Fame. She received her M.S. in criminal justice and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Alabama, and is now a Research Fellow at the Independent Institute, Oakland, CA. Professor Beito is the author of the book, *Leadership Effectiveness in Community Policing* (1999) as well as many popular and scholarly articles, and she has appeared on numerous TV and radio programs across the country.

**Monday,
March 18th**

SJSU, Student
Union Theater
5:15-6:45pm

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to the public*

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We invite you to attend, relax, ponder, and enjoy the thought process.

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