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The Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church, in conjunction with The Bookloft, is sponsoring an event with author Gene Dattel at The Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church in Great Barrington, MA on Saturday, February 27 at 2:30 pm. In celebration of the 142<sup>nd</sup> birthday of W.E.B. Du Bois, Mr. Dattel will be giving the keynote address - *Cotton Captivity: The Fate of the African Americans*, and signing copies of his new book *Cotton and Race in the Making of America: The Human Costs of Economic Power*.

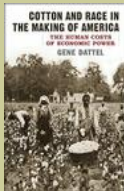


Dattel's new book is a bold, unflinching interpretation of the connection between cotton, race, and the American Experience. In it, he explores the force of the cotton industry's economically productive, but socially devastating march across America between 1787 and 1930. This is an American story, not a Southern story -- a vastly unappreciated tale that is central to America's rise to economic power. Cotton may no longer be king, but its legacy endures.

Gene Dattel is a financial historian, author, lecturer and advisor on American and Asian financial institutions, and a former international capital markets investment banker at Salomon Brothers and Morgan Stanley. He lives in New York City.

## ***Cotton and Race***

By Gene Dattel



Since the earliest days of colonial America, the relationship between cotton and the African-American experience has been central to the history of the republic. America's most serious social tragedy, slavery and its legacy, spread only where cotton could be grown. Both before and after the Civil War, blacks were assigned to the cotton fields while a pervasive racial animosity and fear of a black migratory invasion caused white Northerners to contain blacks in the South.

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