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**THE PORTENT—  
JOHN BROWN'S RAID  
IN AMERICAN MEMORY**

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Even after 150 years, a mention of John Brown's raid on the Federal Armory at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, spurs debate about the meaning of justice, terrorism, liberation, and vigilantism.

On the eve of the Civil War, Brown inflamed a nation and ignited the passions already heated by the slavery debate.

## Exhibition Programming

### Banner Lecture

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Noon

*The Portent: John Brown's Raid  
in American Memory*

William M. S. Rasmussen

### Gallery Walks

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Noon

*The Portent: John Brown's Raid  
in American Memory*

William M. S. Rasmussen

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Noon

*John Brown's Memory in the  
African American Community*

Lauranett Lee



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**Free to children under 18 daily and  
free to everyone on Sundays!**

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