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STCC welcomes history professor, activist

Smith College professor Elizabeth Stordeur Pryor, who specializes in 19th-century U.S. history and race, will speak at Springfield Technical Community College on April 24.

Pryor's essay, "Etymology of [the n-word]: Resistance, Language, and the Politics of Freedom in the Antebellum

North," won the Ralph D. Gray Prize for the best article of 2016 in the *Journal of the Early Republic*.

Pryor will discuss the article as well as her experience growing up as the child of a white Jewish woman and black man in the United States. She is the daughter of the iconic late comedian Richard Pryor.

Her first book, "Colored Travelers: Mobility and the Fight for Citizenship before the Civil War," is a social history of black activists, who, long before Rosa Parks, fought against segregation on public transportation.

Pryor originally was scheduled to speak during Black History Month in February,

but the event was postponed until April 24 at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. She will speak at STCC's Scibelli Hall Theater.

Part of the college's Ovation Educational and Cultural Event Series, Pryor's talk is free and open to the public.

For more information, go online to stcc.edu.



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