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Baton Rouge—In *Slave Against Slave*, the first-ever comprehensive analysis of violence between slaves in the antebellum South, Jeff Forret challenges persistent notions of slave communities as sites of unwavering harmony and solidarity. Though existing scholarship shows that intraracial black violence did not reach high levels until after Reconstruction, contemporary records bear witness to its regular presence among enslaved populations.

Slave against Slave, to be published by LSU Press in November, explores the roots of and motivations for such violence and the ways in which slaves, masters, churches, and civil and criminal laws worked to hold it in check. Far from focusing on violence alone, Forret's work also adds depth to our understanding of morality among the enslaved, revealing how slaves sought to prevent violence and punish those who engaged in it.

Jeff Forret is professor of history at Lamar University and the author of *Race Relations at the Margins: Slaves and Poor Whites in the Antebellum Southern Countryside*.

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New Directions in Slavery Studies addresses the various ways in which the institution of slavery reduced human beings to a form of property. It provides new examinations of the lives and histories of enslaved people in the United States.

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Christine E. Sears is associate professor of history at the University of Alabama at Huntsville and the author of *American Slaves and African Masters: Algiers and the Western Sahara, 1776–1820*.

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