

Advocate for state's poor to give commencement address at Montevallo



Kristina Scott

Approximately 320 students are expected to receive degrees from the University of Montevallo Saturday.

Spring commencement will begin at 9 a.m. on the lawn of Flowerhill, the president's home. A reception to honor graduates will be held at 8 a.m. on King Quad on the UM campus.

Kristina Scott, executive director of Alabama Possible, will deliver the commencement address.

Alabama Possible is a campaign associated with the Alabama Poverty Project, whose mission is to eliminate poverty through education.

Before joining the Alabama group in 2008, Scott served as managing attorney for external affairs at the Los Angeles City Attorney's office where she partnered with children's health professionals and housing advocates to combat childhood lead poisoning. She

also launched the Freedom of Information Unit to improve public access to government records, and she led a multi-agency effort to expand elder-abuse prosecutions.

Scott holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Florida and a juris doctorate with distinction from Emory University. She is a member of the California, Georgia and New York bars.

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