

***Freedoms Gained and Lost:  
Reinterpreting Reconstruction in the Atlantic World***

**Preliminary Conference Schedule  
March 16-18, 2018**

**Conference Website:** <http://claw.cofc.edu/conferences/2018-conference-freedoms-gained-and-lost-reinterpreting-reconstruction-in-the-atlantic-world/>

FRIDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>

**2:30 p.m.**

**Unveiling of Historic Marker on Meeting Street**

**3:30-5:00 p.m.**

**Opening Plenary**

*"W.E.B. Du Bois, Black Reconstruction, and the New History of Emancipation"*

*Thavolia Glymph*

*James Oakes*

*Heather Cox Richardson*

*Brian Kelly*

**5:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Opening Reception and Exhibition Opening**

**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**Keynote Lecture**

*"Who Was Reconstruction For?"*

*Bruce Baker*

SATURDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>

**8:15-9:45 a.m.**

**Panel 1A - Religion and Politics**

"African American Religion during Reconstruction"

*Bernie Powers*

"Emancipating Religion: Race, Gender and Politics in a Reconstruction Era Black Church"

*Nicole Turner*

### **Panel 1B - Remembering Reconstruction**

"Fact, Fancy, and Nat Fuller's Feast in 1865 and 2015"

*Ethan Kytle*

"A Once and Future Past"

*Jason Young*

"Reconstruction's Traces and Erasures in Gullah Narratives of Charleston"

*Julia Eichelberger*

"Curating the Print Archive of Emancipation: William Wells Brown and the Cultural Work of Reconstruction"

*Sarah Gardner*

**10:00-11:30 a.m.**

### **Panel 2A - Violence**

"The Benefits of Economic Depression: Black Self-Defense in the Alabama Black Belt"

*Michael W. Fitzgerald*

"Fighting Mob Law: William R. Meadows, a Black Republican in the midst of Reconstruction"

*Kathryn Dungy*

"Lessons from 'Redemption': Memories of Reconstruction Violence in Colonial Policy"

*Adam Dombay*

"'They Mustered a Whole Company of Kuklux as Militia': State Violence and Black Freedoms in Kentucky's Readjustment"

*Shannon M. Smith*

### **Panel 2B - Professionals, Class, Race, and Legal Status**

"North Carolina's Antebellum Free People of Color During Reconstruction"  
*Warren E. Milteer, Jr.*

"Reconstruction and the Long History of Equal Access to Court Testimony"  
*Pippa Holloway*

"Reconstruction Justice: African American Police Officers and the Politics of Urban Space in Charleston and New Orleans"  
*Samuel Watts*

"A Party for the Ages: The Great Jubilee Thursday, Maryland and the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment"  
*Clifton Coates*

**11:30- 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**11:30 - noon**

**Exhibit Tour and Curatorial Conversation (optional)**

"Freedoms Gained and Lost: Forging Citizenship, Transforming Labors, and Negotiating Solidarity in Reconstruction Era South Carolina"  
*Aaisha Haykal and Mary Jo Fairchild, archivists*

**1:00-2:40 p.m.**

**Panel 3A - Reconstruction in the Atlantic World and Beyond**

"Irish Nationalists and American Reconstruction"  
*David Gleeson*

"British Views of U.S. Emancipation and Early Reconstruction"  
*David Brown*

"Othello's occupation? Transatlantic Activism, Black Literature and Political Sovereignty after Emancipation"  
*Fionnghuala Sweeney*

"Toward an International History of Reconstruction"  
*Don H. Doyle*

"The Dream of *Rural Democracy*: U.S. Reconstruction and Abolitionist Propaganda in Rio de Janeiro, 1880-1888"

*Sergio Pinto-Handler*

**Panel 3B - Legal and Social Change**

"Insanity as Virtue: Mental Competence, Gender, Race and the Law in Reconstruction U.S."  
*Felicity Turner*

"'Drawn by the strongest possible cords': The Reconstruction Acts, Reconstructed Rebels,  
and Republican Networks  
*Brian K. Fennessy*

"'Idle and Dangerous: Police Power, Penal Forced Labor, and Vagrancy Law in New Orleans,  
1863-1877"  
*John Bardes*

"Incarcerating Children in an Age of Emancipation"  
*Catherine Jones*

"The American Freedmen's Inquiry Commission and the State of Black America, 1863-64"  
*Jeff Strickland*

**3:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Second Plenary**

The Making of Reconstruction Era National Monument: A Round Table  
*Michael Allen*  
*Eric Foner*  
*Kate Masur*  
*Billy Keyserling*  
*Sam Murray*  
*Abraham Murray*  
*Rodell Lawrence*

SUNDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>

**9:00-10:30 a.m.**

**Panel 5A - Educational Reconstruction**

"Black Enfranchisement and The Struggle for Public Education During Reconstruction."

*Jon Hale*

"Implementing Black Public Schools: Opposition and Shifting Protest Strategies in Mobile, Alabama"

*Hilary Green*

"Beat yuh books and we go break away: Education as a Decolonizing Strategy"

*Alison McLetchie*

"Richard T. Greener and the Golden Age of African Americans in Higher Education"

*Bruce K. Cole and Lady June L. Cole*

### **Panel 5B - The Culture of Reconstruction**

"Who Are Radical: Emancipationist Memory, Direct Action, and Race Pride in Tidewater Virginia, 1865-1890"

*Matthew Stanley*

"Resetting the Rails: Confederate Ex-Prisoners' Depictions of their African American Guards in the Post-Reconstruction South"

*Angela Riotto*

"The Lynching of Homer Barron: Reconstruction and 'Alternative Facts' in Faulkner's 'A Rose for Emily'"

*Wallis Hamm Tinnie*

"African American Periodicals in Civil War Era New Orleans"

*Jonathan Daniel Wells*

**10:45-12:15 p.m.**

### **Panel 6A - Comparative Reconstructions**

"Reconstruction as a Transatlantic Phenomenon: Challenges of Reconciliation"

*Niels Eichhorn*

"Hidden Similarities between the United States and Ghana (the Gold Coast) in the 1860s"

*Rebecca Shumway*

"Representations of American Slavery and Russian Serfdom in Popular Fiction, 1870-1900"

*Amanda Bellows*

"Whose Freedom? Whose Memory?: Shaping a Transnational Public Memorial Landscape  
in the Atlantic World

*Melissa Ooten*

**Panel 6B - A Discussion on Public History and Reconstruction**

"Reconstructing the present: Interpreting Reconstruction in Beaufort, South Carolina"

*Lemuel W. Watson*

*Page Putnam Miller*

*Deloris Pringle*

**12:15-6:00 p.m.**

**Optional Tour of Reconstruction Era National Monument**