

Freedom's Gained and Lost

REINTERPRETING RECONSTRUCTION IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD

March 16-18, 2018

College of Charleston

Marlene and Nathan Addlestone Library

205 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC 29401

Conference Schedule

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH

2:30 p.m.

Unveiling of Historic Marker

South of Meeting and Broad Streets intersection, adjacent to Waring Judicial Center garden

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Opening Plenary

Welcome

Vernon Burton, chair

"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

Speaker Introduction

Adam Domby

"Who Was Reconstruction For?"

Bruce Baker

SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH

7:45 - 8:15

Join us for coffee and pastries on the first floor of the Addlestone Library

8:15-9:45 a.m.

Panel 1A - Religion and Politics

Joseph Rizzo, chair

"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

Blain Roberts, chair

"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

Rebecca Czuchry, chair

"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 Domby

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

Shannon M. Smith

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

H. Paul Thompson, chair

"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 15th 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

Anthony Greene, chair

"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

Simon Lewis, chair

"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

Michael B. Moore, chair

The Making of Reconstruction Era National Monument: A Round Table

Michael Allen

Eric Foner

Kate Masur

Billy Keyserling

Sam Murray

Abraham Murray

Rodell Lawrence

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8:30 - 9:00

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9:00-10:30 a.m.

Panel 4A - Educational Reconstruction

Edwin Breeden, chair

"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 4B - The Culture of Reconstruction

John Quist, chair

"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 5A - Comparative Reconstructions

Blake C. Scott, chair

"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 5B - A Discussion on Public History and Reconstruction

Rachel Donaldson, chair

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

Deloris Pringle

Urshula Barbour

12:15-7:00 p.m.

Optional Tour of Reconstruction Era National Monument