



CONTESTED DEMOCRACY: Freedom, Race and Power in American History

A Conference in honor of Eric Foner

**Friday, OCTOBER 14th &
Saturday OCTOBER 15th**

Sponsored by the Herbert H. Lehman Center for American History

Schedule of Events: Friday, October 14th, Columbia Faculty House, 400 W. 117th St.

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1 PM to 2:45 PM: Panel 1

- **Manisha Sinha, University of Massachusetts, Amherst**
An Alternative Tradition of Radicalism: Black Abolitionists and the Metaphor of Revolution, 1775-1865
- **Martha Jones, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
Leave of Court: African American Claims-Making and Citizenship in the Era of Dred Scott v. Sanford
- **Wang Xi, Indiana University, Pennsylvania**
Make "Every Slave Free, and Every Freeman a Voter": The Construction of Black Suffrage Discourse in the Age of Emancipation
- **Commentator: Ira Berlin, University of Maryland, College Park**

3 PM to 4.45 PM : Panel 2

- **Tyler Anbinder, George Washington University**
Isaiah Rynders and the Ironies of Popular Democracy in Antebellum New York
- **Martha Saxton, Amherst College**
Lives of Missouri Slave Women: A Critique of True Womanhood
- **Melinda Lawson, Union College**
Making it Fit: The Federal Government, Liberal Individualism, and the American West
- **Commentator: Elizabeth Blackmar, Columbia University**

5:00-6:00 PM: Eric Foner, Columbia University
"The Story of American Freedom: Before 9/11 and After"
The Davis Auditorium in Schapiro Hall

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Reception to Follow

Schedule of Events: Saturday, October 15th – Columbia Faculty House

9:00-10:30 AM: Panel 3

- **Michael Zakim, Tel Aviv University, Israel**
A Labor History of the Bourgeoisie, Or, How Industry Came to Mean Making Profits rather than Making Things
- **Sven Beckert, Harvard University**
From Tuskegee to Togo: The Problem of Freedom in the Empire of Cotton
- **Alessandra Lorini, University of Florence, Italy**
Cuba Libre and American Imperial Nationalism: Conflicting Views of Racial Democracy in Post-Reconstruction United States
- **Commentator: Adam McKeown, Columbia University**

10:45-12:45 : Panel 4

- **Lisa McGirr, Harvard University**
Sacco and Vanzetti: Transnational Social Movements In Latin America and Europe
- **Mae M. Ngai, University of Chicago**
“An Ironic Testimony to the Value of American Democracy”: Assimilationism and the World War II Internment of Japanese Americans
- **Martha Biondi, Northwestern University**
Student Protest, Law and Order, and the Origins of African American Studies in California
- **Penny Von Eschen, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
Practices of Hegemony: Rethinking Post 1945 U.S. History from the Outside In
- **Commentator: Thomas Bender, New York University**

1:00 PM: Closing Remarks - David W. Blight, Yale University