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
• 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 Davis Auditorium in Schapiro Hall
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