

Hidden History: Understanding the Origins of Racial Inequity

Emancipation Proclamation through Post Reconstruction: 1863 – 1900s

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Moderator



Brian Conybeare joined the ABC57 News team as a main anchor in January 2018. Brian has helped shine a light on the racial divide between his hometown of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph with a 2019 special series called “The River” investigating the deaths of six Black men whose bodies were found in the water separating the two communities. Prior to joining ABC57, Brian worked as a general assignment reporter and fill-in anchor at CBS2 News in New York City. Brian also served as main anchor and managing editor at News12 Westchester where his investigative reporting earned him three New York Emmy Awards, five Edward R. Murrow Regional Awards and a national award from the Society of Professional Journalists.

Panelists



Christopher Everett combined his love for history and film to direct and produce his first feature-length documentary, *Wilmington on Fire*, chronicling the Wilmington Massacre of 1898. The film has been screening nonstop at various film festivals, museums, universities, and nonprofit organizations since 2015. The self-taught documentarian won Best Director First Documentary Feature at the Pan African Film Festival in 2017. Christopher was recently selected for Firelight Media’s Documentary Lab for his upcoming documentary *Grandmaster*, which chronicles the life of Grandmaster Vic Moore and the cultural impact of martial arts on Black communities. Films that he’s produced have been featured on Amazon Prime, KweliTV, BET and AppleTV.



J. William Harris is Professor Emeritus of History at the University of New Hampshire, where he taught courses on African American history, the history of the South, and the Civil War. He is the author or editor of seven books, including *Deep Souths: Delta, Piedmont, and Sea Island Society in the Age of Segregation*, which was one of three finalists for the 2002 Pulitzer Prize in History. He is currently completing *The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow*, a history of the U.S. South after the Civil War.



Kate Masur is an Associate Professor of History at Northwestern University. She is also an author, most recently, of *Until Justice Be Done: America’s First Civil Rights Movement, from the Revolution to Reconstruction*, published by W. W. Norton in March 2021. She has written and spoken widely on race, law, and politics in the nineteenth-century United States, and she has worked extensively in public history, including collaborations with the National Park Service and museums seeking to present and interpret the history of Reconstruction. She is also currently co-editor of *The Journal of the Civil War Era*.