



Hidden History: Understanding the Origins of Racial Inequity Emancipation Proclamation through Post Reconstruction: 1863-1900s

TAKEAWAYS for Panel 2

Mr. Everett

- The Wilmington Insurrection was a result of the United States not holding the former Confederacy accountable after the Civil War.
- The legacy of slavery, Jim Crow, racial massacres (Wilmington, Tulsa, Rosewood, etc.), all provide the case for reparations for Black Americans.

Dr. Masur

- The Civil War was a conflict over slavery, and enslaved people played crucial roles in it.
- Because slavery was such a consequential institution, its abolition required a rethinking of American life from top to bottom, including three new constitutional amendments that reflected new thinking about individual rights and equality.
- Reconstruction was the first time the nation as a whole confronted the legacies of slavery. African Americans made some critical advances, but it turned out that the US government had neither the power nor the will to delivered what it had promised.

Dr. Harris

- Three pillars of Jim Crow: disfranchisement, segregation, and violence, all with national acquiescence
- Some consequences for Black health: nutrition, housing, health care
- Black resistance (lawyers, journalists) and Black institution-building (schools, hospitals)

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RESOURCES for Panel 2

For its Martin Luther King Week Celebration Lake Michigan College compiled an extensive list of resources for further exploration. <https://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/community/mlk>

In addition, our speakers and panelists have offered these additional materials for consideration.

Books:

Mia Bay, *To Tell the Truth Freely: The Life of Ida B. Wells* (2009)

Jane Dailey, *Before Jim Crow: The Politics of Race in Postemancipation Virginia* (2000)

W. E. B. Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folk* (1903)

Equal Justice Initiative, *Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror* (3rd ed., 2017)

Henry Louis Gates, Jr., *Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow* (2020)

J. William Harris, *Deep Souths: Delta, Piedmont, and Sea Island Society in the Age of Segregation* (2001)

Steve Luxenberg, *Separate: The Story of Plessy v. Ferguson, and America's Journey from Slavery to Segregation* (2019)

A Day of Blood (book) by LeRae Umfleet

From Here to Equality (book) by William Darity Jr. & Kirsten Mullens

True Story Behind the Wilmington Ten (book) by Larry Reni Thomas

W. E. B. Du Bois, *Black Reconstruction in America* (1935).

Eric Foner, *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877* (1988)

Eric Foner, *The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Remade the Constitution* (2019)

Thavolia Glymph, *The Women's Fight: The Civil War's Battles for Home, Freedom, and Nation* (2019)

Kate Masur, *Until Justice Be Done: America's First Civil Rights Movement, from the Revolution to Reconstruction* (2021)

Amy Murrell Taylor, *Embattled Freedom: Journeys Through the Civil War's Refugee Camps* (2018)

Film/video:

Henry Louis Gates, Jr., *Reconstruction: America After the Civil War* - (4-part PBS series)

Wilmington on Fire (documentary feature): <http://wilmingtononfire.com/stream>

Website:

<https://eji.org/projects/community-remembrance-project/> (Documentation and remembrance of the history of lynching in the U.S.)

Article:

Recent work by Dr. Masur:

"Lessons from the Civil Rights Struggle that Began Before the Civil War,"
<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-04-06/civil-rights-1866-act-black-laws-northern-states>

"Yes, Wednesday's Attempted Insurrection is Who We Are," <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/01/08/yes-wednesdays-attempted-insurrection-is-who-we-are/>.

"Decades before the Civil War, Black Activists Organized for Racial Equality,"
<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/decades-civil-war-black-activists-organized-racial-equality-180977321/>

“The Lack of Federal Voting Rights Protections Returns us to the pre-Civil War Era,”
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/03/29/lack-federal-voting-rights-protections-returns-us-pre-civil-war-era/>

Podcast:

Seizing Freedom (on African Americans during the Civil War and Reconstruction), with Dr. Kidada Williams of Wayne State: <https://www.seizingfreedom.com>.

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