

KATE MASUR, PH.D.

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**EMPLOYMENT**

2015-2011- Wayne V. Jones II Research Professorship in History  
Associate professor of History (with courtesy appointment in African American Studies), Northwestern University

2005-2011 Assistant professor of History, Northwestern University

2002-2004 Assistant editor, Freedmen and Southern Society Project, Univ. of Maryland, College Park

2001-2002 J.N.G. Finley Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, History Department, George Mason University

**EDUCATION**

1998-2001 University of Michigan, Ph.D., American Culture, 2001

1997-1998 University of Michigan, Graduate Certificate, Women's Studies

1994-1997 University of Michigan, M.A., American Culture

1989-1994 Brown University, A.B. with honors in Modern Culture & Media; History

**POST-DOCTORAL AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, 2018-2019
- Faculty Fellowship, Alice Kaplan Institute for Humanities, Northwestern University, 2017-2018
- Andrews Fellow, W.E.B. Du Bois Research Institute, Harvard University, 2014-2015
- OAH Distinguished Lecturer, 2013-2016, 2016-
- Lincoln Prize Honorable Mention for *An Example for All the Land*, 2011
- Avery O. Craven Prize Honorable Mention for *An Example for All the Land*, 2011
- Choice Outstanding Academic Title for *An Example for All the Land*, 2011
- John T. Hubbell Prize for best article in *Civil War History*, 2010
- ACLS/Ryskamp Fellowship, 2010-2011
- Travel Grant, University Research Grants Committee, Northwestern University, 2009
- Binkley-Stephenson Award for Best Scholarly Article in the *Journal of American History*, Organization of American Historians, 2007
- National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, 2007-2008
- Kluge Postdoctoral Fellowship, Library of Congress, 2004-2005

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Refereed Books and Articles**

Introduction and republication, *They Knew Lincoln* by John E. Washington (1942). Oxford University Press, 2018.

"*The People's Welfare, Police Power, and the Rights of Free People of African Descent*," *American Journal of Legal History*, 27 (2017): 238-42.

"'Color Was a Bar to the Entrance': Race and Respectability in Lincoln's White House," *American Quarterly*, 69, no. 1 (March 2017), 1-22.

"Patronage and Protest in Kate Brown's Washington," *Journal of American History*, 99 (March 2013), 1047-1071.

*An Example for All the Land: Emancipation and the Struggle over Equality in Washington, D.C.*, University of North Carolina Press, hardcover 2010, paperback 2012.

- Chapter 1 excerpted in *Major Problems in African American History*, edited by Barbara Krauthamer and Chad Williams, 2017.
- Chapter 3 excerpted for *Slate* podcast on Reconstruction, December 2017.

"The African American Delegation to Abraham Lincoln: A Reappraisal." *Civil War History*, 56, no. 2 (June 2010), 117-144.

"A Rare Phenomenon of Philological Vegetation": The Word "Contraband" and the Meanings of Emancipation in the United States, *Journal of American History*, 93, no. 4 (March 2007), 1050-1084.

- Reprinted in James Sabathne and Jason Stacy, *Past Forward: Articles from the Journal of American History*, vol. 2. Oxford University Press, 2016.

"Race and Nation: The United States in 'Our America,'" in "Teaching Radical History" section, *Radical History Review*, 89 (Spring 2004), 230-242.

#### Refereed Edited Books

with Gregory P. Downs, *The World the Civil War Made*, University of North Carolina Press, 2015.

with René Hayden, Anthony E. Kaye, Steven F. Miller, Susan E. O'Donovan, Leslie S. Rowland, and Stephen A. West, *Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-1867*, Series 3, Volume 2, *Land and Labor, 1866-1867*. University of North Carolina Press, 2013.

#### Journal Special Issue

Edited with Gregory P. Downs, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, vol. 7, no. 1 (March 2017).

- Special issue on Reconstruction featuring essays on teaching, historiography, public history, and new directions in the field.

#### Refereed Book Chapters

"Urban Battlegrounds: Reconstruction in Southern Cities," Memphis Massacre volume, under contract with University of Georgia Press (submitted).

“Lincoln Biography and National Reconciliation in the films *Birth of a Nation* and *Lincoln*,” in Thomas S. Freeman and David Smith, eds. *Reel Lives: Biography on Film*, in press with Palgrave.

"The Problem of Equality in the Age of Emancipation," in eds. David Blight and Jim Downs, *Beyond Emancipation*, University of Georgia Press, 2017.

with Gregory P. Downs, "Echoes of War: Rethinking Post-Civil War Governance and Politics," introduction to *The World the Civil War Made*, University of North Carolina Press, 2015.

"Emancipation and Reconstruction in Wartime Washington," in ed. Steven Engle, *Abraham Lincoln's Presidency and Civil War America*, University of Florida Press, 2015.

### Solicited Essays

with Gregory P. Downs, "Reconstruction: Retrospect and Prospects," *Civil War Book Review* (summer 2015).

Co-author, organizer, and editor, "Eric Foner's *Reconstruction* at Twenty-Five," *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, 14 (Jan. 2015), 13-27.

Co-participant, "Historians' Forum: The Emancipation Proclamation," *Civil War History*, 59, no. 1 (March 2013), 7-31.

"Emancipation, Reconstruction, Redemption," chapter in Daniel Letwin, ed., *The American South: A Reader and Guide*, Edinburgh University Press, 2011.

"Civil, Political, and Social Equality: A Paradigm and a Problematic." *Marquette Law Review*, 93, no. 4 (2010), 1399-1406.

"The World the Abolitionists Made: Reconsidering the Domestic Slave Trade," review essay on Steven Deyle, *Carry Me Back: The Domestic Slave Trade in American Life* (2005), *Reviews in American History*, 33 (Dec. 2005), 518-526.

### National Park Service

with Gregory P. Downs, *National Historic Landmark Theme Study on the Era of Reconstruction*, Eastern National Press, 2017.

with Gregory P. Downs, principal consultant and co-editor, *Reconstruction: The Official National Park Service Handbook*, Eastern National Press, 2016.

### **POPULAR PRESS PUBLICATIONS**

“At Work in the Lincoln White House,” White House Historical Association blog, March 7, 2018.

“What African Americans Who Knew Lincoln Thought of Him,” *HNN*, Feb. 18, 2018 (Republished by *Time.com*, Feb. 20, 2018).

“How One Amateur Historian Brought us the Stories of African-Americans Who Knew Abraham Lincoln,” *Smithsonian.com*, Feb. 20, 2018.

with Eric Foner and Gregory P. Downs, “Why We Need a National Monument to Reconstruction, Op-ed, *New York Times*, Dec. 14, 2016.

with Gregory P. Downs, "Reckoning with Reconstruction," Op-Ed, *Washington Post*, October 9, 2016.

with Gregory P. Downs, "National Parks Should Open a Discussion about Reconstruction," Room for Debate forum, *New York Times*, May 26, 2015.

with Gregory P. Downs, "There's No National Site Devoted to Reconstruction—Yet," *Atlantic Online*, April 29, 2015.

"New Year's in the Lincoln White House," Op-Ed, *Washington Post*, Jan. 2, 2015

"Is *Lincoln* Liberal? Depends on What You Mean by ‘Liberal,’" and "For All Its Strengths, *Lincoln* Is Still a Comforting Fantasy," contributions to online roundtable with Ta-Nehisi Coates, A.O. Scott, and Tony Horwitz, *Atlantic Online*, Dec. 4 and 7, 2012.

"A Filmmaker’s Imagination, and a Historian’s," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Nov. 30, 2012

"In Spielberg’s *Lincoln*, Passive Black Characters," Op-Ed, *New York Times*, Nov. 12, 2012

Essays in *New York Times’s Disunion* Blog

- "A Separate Peace," Aug. 17, 2012; "Freedom Comes to Washington," April 16, 2012; "Washington’s Black Codes," Dec. 7, 2011; "Slavery and Freedom at Bull Run," July 27, 2011.

"A Capital Injustice," *New York Times*, March 29, 2011

### **PUBLIC HISTORY, CONSULTING, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

#### National Park Service

- Project Historian (with Gregory P. Downs), National Historic Landmark Theme Study on the Era of Reconstruction, 2015-2017.

#### Other Recent Activities

- Advisory Board, National Constitution Center Reconstruction Exhibit and Programming
- Consultant, *Reconstruction 360*, NEH-Funded Documentary Film Project.
- CSPAN, Open Phones on Reconstruction History, January 2018 [<https://www.c-span.org/video/?439228-8/open-phones-reconstruction>]
- Featured guest, *Slate* podcast on Reconstruction, 2017.
- Featured guest, *Uncivil* podcast, 2017.
- Featured guest, *Backstory* podcast on Reconstruction, 2017.
- Advisory board, Ford’s Theatre, Washington, D.C., 2016-
  - Project advisor, NEH Planning Grant, awarded 2017

- Featured Speaker, Penn Center Heritage Days, Beaufort, South Carolina, November 2017.
- “Lincoln, Race, and Slavery,” Newberry Teachers’ Consortium, November 2017.
- “The Civil War, Reconstruction, and Public Memory,” Osher Lifelong Learning Inst., Evanston, Ill., Oct. 2017.
- Roundtable on *The Heavens Are Hung in Black*, Chicago History Museum, Oct. 2017.
- Post-show discussion, *The Heavens Are Hung in Black*, Shattered Globe Theater, Chicago, Sept. 2017
- Panelist, “Monuments and Memory,” Historians for a Just Society, Loyola University, Sept. 2017.
- Roundtable on 13<sup>th</sup> documentary, Moran Center, Evanston, Ill., March 2017.
- “Race and Police Powers in the 19<sup>th</sup>-century U.S.,” Newberry Teachers’ Consortium, March 2017.
- U.S. history advisor, Art Works Project “Transitions” project, Chicago, 2016.
- “Second Founding: Reconstruction and the Right to Vote,” Newberry Teachers’ Consortium, Mar. 2016.
- Dramaturgical consultant, Northlight Theater, Skokie, Ill., *Butler* by Richard Strand, spring 2016
- "Reconstruction and African American Politics in Washington," Ford's Theatre NEH Teachers' Workshop, July 2015.
- Consultant, Newberry Library, "Home Front: Daily Life in the Civil War North," July 2013.
- Public humanities consultant, Zocalo Public Square and the Smithsonian, "What Does it Mean to Be American?," June 2013.
- "The Emancipation Proclamation at 150," Newberry Library Teachers’ Consortium, April 2013.
- "Abraham Lincoln and the ‘Colonization’ of Black Americans," Gilder Lehrman Summer Institute for Teachers, New York, NY, July 2012
- "Abraham Lincoln, Slavery, and the Civil War," Newberry Library’s Chicago Teachers as Scholars Program, April 2012.
- "Black Politics in Civil War Washington," Smithsonian Institution’s Museum of African American History and Culture, April 2012.
- "Reconstruction: The Right to Vote and the Practice of Politics," Newberry Library Teachers’ Consortium, April 2012.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE**

#### *Service to Journals, Presses, and Professional Associations*

- Editorial Board, *Journal of American History*, 2015-2018
- Program Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2017 annual meeting
- Associate Editor, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, 2013-2017
- Editor Search Committee, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, 2013
- Editorial Board, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, 2009-2013
- Peer Reviewer: Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press, Louisiana State University Press, Southern Illinois University Press, Bedford St. Martin’s, Longman, Ohio University Press, Yale University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, Cambridge University Press, University of North Carolina Press, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Gender and History*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, *New England Quarterly*, *Civil War History*, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, *Law & Social Inquiry*