

THE SPEAKERS

Gregory P. Downs studies the political and cultural history of the United States in the 19th and early 20th centuries. His first monograph, *Declarations of Dependence: The Long Reconstruction of Popular Politics in the South, 1861-1908* was published by University of North Carolina Press in 2011. His next book will examine the period after Confederate surrender as an extension of wartime and is under contract with Harvard University Press.

Carole Emberton focuses on the Civil War era, broadly considered. Thematically, she explores how violence shapes our social, political, and cultural worlds both past and present. Her first book, *Beyond Redemption: Race, Violence, and the American South after the Civil War* (University of Chicago Press, 2013), explores how the violence of a protracted civil war shaped the meaning of freedom and citizenship in the new South. She is currently working on a study of ex-slaves' historical memory of the war and emancipation.

Paul Finkelman has published more than twenty-five books, more than one hundred and fifty articles, and numerous op-eds on the law of American slavery, the First Amendment, American race relations, American legal history, the U.S. Constitution, freedom of religion, and baseball and the law. He most recently published a biography of Millard Fillmore.

Matthew Pinsker holds the Brian Pohanka Chair of Civil War History at Dickinson College. He has published two books and numerous articles on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era, including *Lincoln's Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers' Home* (2003). He has served as a visiting fellow at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and leads annual K-12 teacher workshops on the Underground Railroad for the NEH.

Anne Sarah Rubin is the president of the Society of Civil War Historians, the author of *A Shattered Nation: The Rise and Fall of the Confederacy, 1861-1868* (2005), which received the OAH Avery O. Craven Award, and a coauthor of the award-winning *Valley of the Shadow*, an interactive history of the Civil War in two communities. She is currently working on a multimedia study of the memory of Gen. William T. Sherman's March, entitled *Through the Heart of Dixie: Sherman's March and America*

Michael Vorenberg, began teaching at Brown University in 1999, became the Vartan Gregorian Assistant Professor in 2002, and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2004. His first book, *Final Freedom: The Civil War, the Abolition of Slavery, and the Thirteenth Amendment*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2001 and was a finalist for the Lincoln Prize. He is also the author of *The Emancipation Proclamation: A Brief History with Documents*, forthcoming from Bedford Books/St. Martin's.

Peter Wallenstein's research emphasizes the U.S. South, public policy, and the history of racial identity in America. His many published books include *From Slave South to New South: Public Policy in Nineteenth-Century Georgia* (University of North Carolina Press, 1987); an edited collection of essays, *Virginia's Civil War* (University of Virginia Press, 2004); *Cradle of America: A History of Virginia* (University Press of Kansas, 2nd edition forthcoming 2014); and *Race, Sex, and the Freedom To Marry: Loving v. Virginia* (University Press of Kansas, forthcoming 2014).

The United States Capitol Historical Society Presents

“A Just and Lasting Peace”: Ending the Civil War

Friday, May 2, 2014

9:00 am to 4:45 pm

Directed by Paul Finkelman

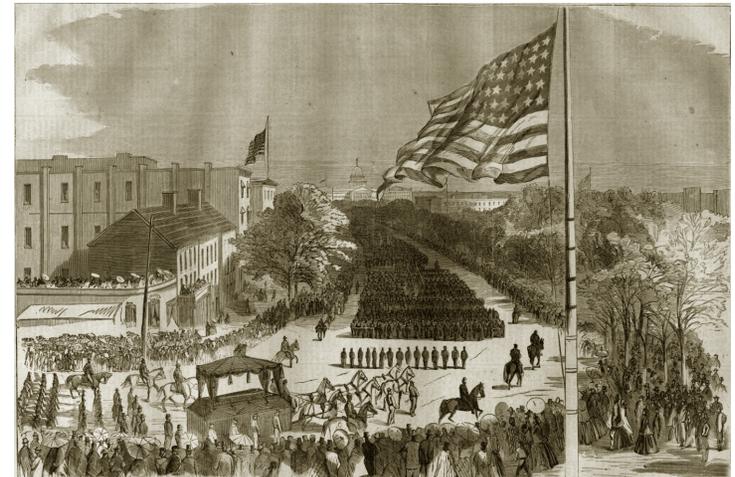
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“A JUST AND LASTING PEACE”: ENDING THE CIVIL WAR

Eleventh in the Series
*The National Capital in a Nation Divided:
Congress and the District of Columbia Confront
Sectionalism and Slavery*

Program

8:30 REGISTRATION

MORNING SESSION

9:00 Introductions: **Donald R. Kennon**, V.P., U.S. Capitol Historical Society, and **Paul Finkelman**, President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law, Albany Law School

9:15 “*An Infamous Disregard? Sherman's March and the Laws of War,*” **Anne Sarah Rubin**, Associate Professor of History and Director of the Center for Digital History and Education, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

10:00 “*Mr. Spielberg Goes to Washington: What Hollywood Got Right (and Wrong) About Passage of the 13th Amendment,*” **Matthew Pinsker**, Associate Professor of History, Pohanka Chair in American Civil War History, Dickinson College

10:45 BREAK

11:00 “*‘A Hungry Belly and Freedom’: Rations, Refugees, and Reconstruction at the End of the Civil War,*” **Carole Emberton**, Associate Professor of History, University of Buffalo

11:45 Presentation of 2013 USCHS Student Essay Contest Winners: **Andrew Tan** and **Richard Alec Merski**

12:00 LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 “*Restoration's Unfinished Business, December 1865: Congress Reconvenes and Addresses the Implications of an End to Slavery,*” **Peter Wallenstein**, Professor of History, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

2:15 “*The Problem of Peace: Congress Debates the Ends and Endpoints of the Civil War,*” **Gregory P. Downs**, Associate Professor of History, City College & Graduate Center, CUNY

3:00 BREAK

3:15 “*Henry Wirz and the Concept of War Crimes: Vengeance or Justice,*” **Paul Finkelman**, Albany Law School

4:00 “*Judgment at Washington: Lew Wallace, Henry Wirz, and the Elusive Quest to End the Civil War,*” **Michael Vorenberg**, Associate Professor of History, Brown University