

Slavery, Freedom, and the Remaking of American History

A Conference in Honor of Ira Berlin

April 9-10, 2015

University of Maryland, College Park
McKeldin Library Special Events Room (6137)

§ former student of Ira Berlin

‡ past or present member of the Freedmen & Southern Society Project

Thursday, April 9

9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:30-11:30 Maneuvering Within, Against, and Out of Slavery

Chair: § Edna Greene Medford, Howard University

Beyond Manumission: Slave Emancipations and the (Re-)Invention of Freedom

‡ Julie Saville, University of Chicago

Taking Canaan: Nat Turner's War against Slavery

‡ Anthony E. Kaye, Pennsylvania State University

Another Type of Passage: African-American Community in the Slave-Exporting Center of Georgetown

§ Mary Beth Corrigan, Independent Scholar

By Land and by Water: The Problem of Mobility in American Slavery

‡ Susan Eva O'Donovan, University of Memphis

1:00-3:00 Free Blacks in a World of Slavery

Chair: ‡ Michael K. Honey, University of Washington, Tacoma

Slavery and Freedom in New Orleans' Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World

§ Jessica Marie Johnson, Michigan State University

Human Trafficking, Internal Black Migration, and the Rise of the Deep South in Jacksonian America

§ M. Scott Heerman, Johns Hopkins University

Presumption of Guilt: Race, Liberty, and Policing in the Early Republic

‡ Kate Masur, Northwestern University

Salvador v. Turner: Black Litigants, Citizenship, and Local Courts in the Antebellum American South

§ Kimberly M. Welch, West Virginia University

3:15 An Assessment and Appreciation of the Scholarship of Ira Berlin

Chair: ‡ Barbara J. Fields, Columbia University

Ira Berlin and the Making of the American Working Class

‡ Steven Hahn, University of Pennsylvania

4:30-6:00 Reception

The David C. Driskell Center for the Study of Visual Arts and Culture of African Americans and the African Diaspora (1207 Cole Student Activities Building)

Friday, April 10

9:00-10:45 Emancipation and the U.S. Civil War

Chair: ‡ Steven F. Miller, University of Maryland

Relief, Surveillance, and Discipline in the Civil War Refugee Camp

‡ Thavolia Glymph, Duke University

The Abolition of Slavery in the Lower Mississippi Valley

‡ John C. Rodrigue, Stonehill College

Transforming Medicine: Race and the U.S. Civil War

‡ Leslie A. Schwalm, University of Iowa

11:00-12:00 The Law and the Constitution in the Aftermath of Emancipation

Chair: ‡ Thavolia Glymph, Duke University

Not by Reason of Color Alone: Class and Character in Ex-Slaves' Encounters with the Law,

1865-1867

‡ Leslie S. Rowland, University of Maryland

Making History, Making the Constitution: The Fifteenth Amendment in American Political Culture, 1870-1920

‡ Stephen A. West, The Catholic University of America

1:15-2:45 War and the Transformation of African-American Life: Reflections on Ira Berlin's Scholarship

Chair: § Herbert Brewer, Morgan State University

Time, Space, and the Dissolution of Afro-American Slavery in the American Civil War

‡ Joseph P. Reidy, Howard University

The Black Military Experience and the Social History of Soldiers

§ Donald R. Shaffer, American Public University

Military Service as a Migratory Experience: World War II and the Third Great Migration

§ Douglas Bristol, Jr., University of Southern Mississippi

3:00-4:00 Personal Reflections on Ira Berlin's Influence

Chair: § Cynthia M. Kennedy, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Atlantic Creoles and Global Competencies, Past and Present

§ Sarah Russell, Duke University

Seen and Unseen: First Ladies and Slaves

§ Marie Jenkins Schwartz, University of Rhode Island

Of Road Scholars and Historians against Slavery: Ira Berlin's Influence as a Public Intellectual

§ Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University

The conference is free and open to the public; no registration is required.

Information for visitors, including maps and directions, visitor parking, and off-campus accommodations: <http://cvs.umd.edu/visitors/>