

*The New England Quarterly*  
**AMERICAN POLITICAL CULTURES  
FORUM**  
September 16, 17, 2022

**Friday, September 16: Somerset Club, 42 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02108**

**Reception and dinner: 6 p.m.**

**Keynote address: *Sean Wilentz*, 8 p.m. “The Radicalism of Northern Emancipation.”**  
George Henry Davis 1886 Professor of History, Princeton University

**Saturday, September 17: Massachusetts Historical Society,  
1154 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02215**

**Arrival: 8:30-9:00 a.m.** Coffee, tea, snacks

**First Session: 9:00-10:15 a.m.**

**“Property in the Age of Revolutions” Panel Discussion**

*Gordon Wood*, Alva O. Way Professor of History, Emeritus, Brown University

*Wim Klooster*, Robert H. and Virginia Scotland Professor in History and Foreign Relations,  
Clark University

*Mark A. Peterson*, Edmund S. Morgan Professor of History, Yale University

**Short Break/Coffee, 10:15-10:30**

**Second Session: 10:30-12:00**

**Politics and Personality in New England**

"Hereafter there will be no intimacy: Charles Francis Adams, Charles Sumner, and the  
Emerging Divisions Within the Republican Party."

*Douglas Egerton*, Professor of History, Le Moyne College

“Charles Sumner’s Political Culture and the Foundation of Civil Rights”

*John Stauffer*, Sumner R. and Marshall S. Kates Professor of English and of African and African  
American Studies, Harvard University

Comment: *Manisha Sinha*, James L. and Shirley A. Draper Chair in American History,  
University of Connecticut

**Buffet Lunch, 12:00-1:30**

### **Third Session, 1:30-2:45**

#### **The Politics and Culture of Investing**

“American Expectations: the Culture of Interest, and Return on Investment in the New Republic”

*Hannah Farber*, Assistant Professor of History, Columbia University

“Silicon Politics, from Big Science to Big Tech”

*Margaret O’Mara*, Howard and Frances Keller Professor of History, University of Washington

### **Short Break/Coffee, 2:45-3:00**

### **Fourth Session, 3:00-4:15**

#### **Creating a New New England**

“Making a Post-Industrial New England”

*Lizabeth Cohen*, Howard Mumford Jones Professor of American Studies, Harvard University

“Overlapping Diasporas and the New England Metropolis: Black Communities and Histories since the 1970s”

*Brian Purnell*, Geoffrey Canada Associate Professor of Africana Studies and History, Bowdoin College

### **Conclusion, 4:20-5:30**

#### **Themes in American Political Cultures: A Concluding Discussion**

#### **Closing Reception: Beverages and Light Refreshments**