

A WHITE HISTORIAN CONFRONTS AMERICAN SLAVERY



"Auction and Negro Sales," Atlanta, 1864. Photographer: George Barnard. Library of Congress.

Slavery is arguably the most important topic in our history: American ideas about freedom developed in relation to slavery, it was the primary cause of the Civil War, and it was at the heart of American economic growth.

This talk—illustrated with nearly sixty images—uses new work from historians to describe slavery as inherent to the development of American capitalism, to put the treatment of human property into that context, and to describe resistance to the slave system. It concludes with thoughts about the contemporary importance of this history.

Historian Susan Strasser seeks to serve people grappling with contemporary issues of race and racism. This is the first of a series of illustrated talks, *A White Historian Reads Black History*.

“Susan Strasser’s lectures on racism in America are enlightening and engaging, correcting the myths and assumptions many of us hold about historical slavery and racism, and bringing clarity to our present discussions of race, class, and justice in America today.”— Jamie Marx, Cantor, Temple Sholom in Broomall, PA

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Susan Strasser is an award-winning historian and a Distinguished Lecturer for the Organization of American Historians. She has been praised by the *New Yorker* for “retrieving what history discards: the taken-for-granted minutiae of everyday life.” Her books include *Never Done: A History of American Housework*, *Satisfaction Guaranteed: The Making of the American Mass Market*, and *Waste and Want: A Social History of Trash*. Strasser is Richards Professor Emerita of American History at the University of Delaware.

She is available to lecture about two current projects: ***A White Historian Reads Black History***, a series of talks for community and religious groups; and ***Snake Oil Revisited***, an investigation of the history of medicinal plants in American culture.



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