

Confronting Racial Injustice



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Slavery, Wealth Creation, and Intergenerational Wealth

From the 17th century to the 21st, enslavement – even when it took place outside of Massachusetts – shaped the province and the state in significant ways. It was and has been central to creating wealth: family fortunes, institutional endowments, and public budgets in the Commonwealth have all benefited from its spoils. This panel discussion featuring academic and public historians explores Massachusetts' connections to slavery and the trade of enslaved people, the wealth – and the poverty – enslavement created and bequeathed, and how the legacies of enslavement are reflected in injustices that haunt Massachusetts to this day.



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