

# THE WENDELL PHILLIPS BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION: SOCIAL JUSTICE, THEN & NOW

June 2 – 4, 2011  
Cambridge & Boston, MA

## THURSDAY, JUNE 2

### **1 PM: KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

*Introduction and Welcome:* John Stauffer, Chair, History of American Civilization and Professor of English and African and African-American Studies, Harvard University

*The Scholar in a Republic: Wendell Phillips, Historical Memory and the Present Moment:* James Brewer Stewart, James Wallace Professor of History Emeritus, Macalester College, and founder, Historians Against Slavery  
Location: Harvard Law School, Pound 102, 1563 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

### **3 PM: TOUR**

*"What Does Boston Mean?" The Wendell Phillips Walking Tour*  
Location: Tours will start from the Park Street T Station in downtown Boston

### **5 PM – 7 PM: EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION**

*"Peace if possible, or justice at any rate": Wendell Phillips at Two Hundred*  
Peter X. Accardo, Curator. This exhibition will remain on view until August 26, 2011  
Location: Amy Lowell Room, Houghton Library, Harvard Yard

## FRIDAY, JUNE 3

### **9 AM – 5 PM: SYMPOSIUM**

*Wendell Phillips and His Legacy*  
Location: Harvard Law School, Pound 102, 1563 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

### **INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

**9:15 – 9:45 AM** David J. Harris, Managing Director, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Harvard Law School, and A J Aiséirithe, Director, Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Project  
*The moderator for all presentations will be Dean Grodzins, Visiting Scholar, Massachusetts Historical Society.*

### **PANEL 1: PHILLIPS'S CONSTITUTIONALISM**

**9:45 – 10:05 AM** *Explaining Phillips's Constitutionalism and Disunionist Views*  
Paul Finkelman, President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy, Albany Law School  
**10:05 – 10:25 AM** *Phillips's Legacies: Exposing Slavery's Constitution, Theorizing Higher Law* Daniel Malachuk, Asst. Professor of English, W. Illinois University - Quad Cities

### **PANEL 2: INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCES ON PHILLIPS'S THOUGHT**

**10:45 – 11:05 AM** *"The Ever-Restless Ocean": Wendell Phillips and Deliberative Democracy* Caleb McDaniel, Assistant Professor of History, Rice University

**11:05 – 11:25 AM** *Wendell Phillips and Transatlantic Radicalism* Peter Wirzbicki, Ph.D. Candidate, History, New York University

### **WENDELL PHILLIPS & RELIGION**

**1:00 – 1:20 PM** *A Puritan Radical: Wendell Phillips's New England Religion* Dan McKanan, Ralph Waldo Emerson Unitarian Universalist Association Senior Lecturer in Divinity, Harvard Divinity School

### **PANEL 3: PHILLIPS AND THE CIVIL WAR**

**1:30 – 1:50 PM** *Transnational Enlightenment: Wendell Phillips and German-American Radicalism* Jörg Nagler, Professor of North American History, Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, Germany  
**1:50 – 2:10 PM** *Wendell Phillips's Civil War* A J Aiséirithe, Consulting Editor, The Frederick Douglass Papers

### **PANEL 4: PHILLIPS AND THE LIMITS OF REFORM**

**2:30 – 2:50 PM** *Wendell Phillips and the American Indian* Angela Murphy, Assistant Professor of History, Texas State University  
**2:50 – 3:10 PM** *Wendell Phillips as Woman's Rights Man* Hélène Quanquin, Associate Professor of American Civilization, Université Paris 3-Sorbonne Nouvelle

### **COMMENT AND CLOSING REMARKS**

**3:30 – 3:50 PM** Manisha Sinha, Associate Professor of Afro-American Studies and History, University of Massachusetts-Amherst; Donald Yacovone, W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research, Harvard University  
**3:50 – 4:05 PM** Harvey Winje, of *The Alley* newspaper, in the Phillips Community, Minneapolis, Minnesota

### **DISCUSSION**

**4:00 – 5:00 PM**

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4

### **10 AM: TEACHER/SCHOLAR WORKSHOP**

*Teaching Abolitionism in the 21st Century*  
Location: Suffolk University, One Beacon Street (enter on Somerset Street), Room 101, Boston

### **1 PM: TOUR**

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### **3 PM: PLENARY DISCUSSION**

*Bridging the Gap, Righting History: A Multigenerational Public Discussion on Social Justice, Then & Now*  
Moderated by Hon. Byron Rushing, Massachusetts State Representative, civil rights leader, and historian  
Location: Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street, Boston