

# Secession, Emancipation and Lincoln

## *How Slaves Became Free*

*A Lecture by Professor Paul Finkelman*



150 years after the Civil War, Americans continue to struggle with the origins and meaning of this central American conflict. Professor Finkelman explores how and why slavery was the cause of secession and how President Lincoln, slaves, soldiers, free northern blacks and Congress worked to create a nation where, as Lincoln put it, where "all people could be free."

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