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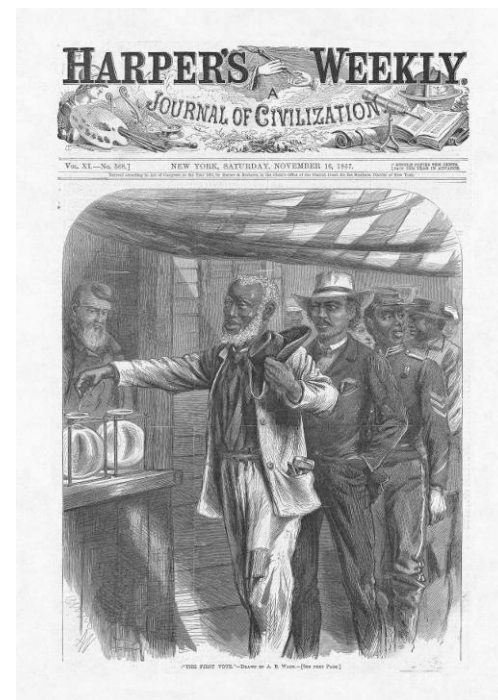
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CUNY Graduate Center

**Grassroots and National Leadership
During Reconstruction 1865-1877**

Professor Eric Foner

DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University



Professor Foner will discuss the era of Reconstruction. Reconstruction was this country's first attempt to create an interracial democracy. One of the most remarkable features of the period was the emergence of new black political leaders, who held offices ranging from members of Congress and high-ranking state officials, to sheriffs, school board officials, and justices of the peace. This talk will examine the origins of this leadership and their political outlook, as well as their relationship to the national leadership that rewrote the laws and Constitutions to redefine citizenship, nationhood, and race in the United States. Registered participants will receive a document packet, two books by Professor Foner, "Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution" and "Forever Free," and refreshments.

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