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Presents

**CAN SLAVES PRACTICE POLITICS?: Writing the Political
History of Slaves and Freedpeople in the American South**

Lecture by Steve Hahn

Thursday, December 9, 4:00 p.m.
Hall of Graduate Studies, Room 211
320 York St.
Reception to Follow.
Free.



Steven Hahn, Roy F. and Jeannette P. Nichols Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania, discusses his Pulitzer and Bancroft Prize-winning book, *A Nation Under Our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South from Slavery to the Great Migration* (Harvard University Press, 2003). Hahn's book is the epic story of how African Americans, in the six decades following slavery, transformed themselves into a political people. As Hahn demonstrates, rural African Americans were central political actors in the great events of disunion, emancipation, and nation-building. Hahn's talk will explore how to approach slaves and freedpeople as political actors and what difference that might make for looking at the larger political history of the South and nation.

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