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Kate Masur, the John D. MacArthur professor at Northwestern University, specializes in the history of race, politics, and law in the United States. Her most recent book is *Freedom Was in Sight! A Graphic History of Reconstruction in the Washington, D.C., Region* (2024). She's also the author of *Until Justice Be Done: America's First Civil Rights Movement, from the Revolution to Reconstruction*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History and a New York Times "critics' pick" for 2021.

Kate led a team of students and staff at Northwestern in the creation of *Black Organizing in Pre-Civil War Illinois: Creating Community, Demanding Justice*, a web exhibit associated with the Colored Conventions Project. She regularly collaborates with museums and other nonprofits, including the National Park Service, the National Constitution Center, the Newberry Library, and the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture. She was a key consultant for the 2019 documentary, *Reconstruction: America after the Civil War* and appeared in the 2021 CNN film, *Lincoln: Divided We Stand*.

Kate often works with K-12 teachers and speaks with the media on topics including the Civil War and Reconstruction, Abraham Lincoln, monuments, and public memory. She is co-editor of the *Journal of the Civil War Era*, published by University of North Carolina Press. She lives in Evanston, Illinois, with her family.