



COE Centennial Diversity Seminar Series

Who Were African Americans' First Teachers After Emancipation? So What?

Presenter: Dr. Ron Butchart, of the Department of Elementary and Social Studies Education, is the author of the forthcoming book, *Schooling in the Struggle for Black Freedom: Learning, Teaching, and the Fruits of Emancipation, 1861-1876.*

At the moment of freedom from slavery, African Americans responded as no other enslaved, largely illiterate people have ever responded: they overwhelmingly demanded access to literacy. The story of the freed people's schooling is largely untold, though it has important implications for education today. This seminar will deal briefly with that story, but will focus specifically on those who chose to teach the freed people. *Who were they?* What characteristics seem to explain those who were most dedicated to the work, and those with the least attachment? And ultimately, so what?

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