BOOK TALK

The Slave’s Cause: A History of Abolition

February 13,
Black Forum-Haines 153
12:30-1:30pm

“A marvelous book long needed! Manisha Sinha’s The Slave’s Cause: A History of Abolition presents a revolutionary narrative that gives black activism long overdue acknowledgment. At the same time, Sinha erases needless color lines, revealing the comprehensive nature of abolitionism.”
—Nell Irvin Painter, author of The History of White

Manisha Sinha will discuss her prize-winning book, The Slave’s Cause: A History of Abolition (Yale University Press, 2016). It’s the winner of the Avery O. Craven award in Civil War history from the Organization of American Historians and the Best Book prize for 2016 by the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, The Slave’s Cause tells the story of a movement rooted in slave resistance rather than bourgeois liberalism, committed to interracial and international solidarity and a vision of social justice that extended beyond the task of ending formal chattel slavery.

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