

"The Shadows of Boston's Past"

Join us for a talk with nationally acclaimed historian **Zebulon V. Miletsky, Ph.D.**, as he discusses Boston's long-held reputation as one of the most "liberal" cities in America, dating back to the Civil War era when Boston was the hub of abolitionism. The truth is more complicated. This primer on racism in America and the North will help shed light on Boston's longer story.



The African Meeting House, Boston, MA, was the site of many early antislavery meetings in Boston, where William Lloyd Garrison and other white antislavery activists founded the New England Anti-Slavery Society in 1832.

Thursday, October 26, 2023

73 Tremont Street, Fifth Floor, Room 5050

Boston, Massachusetts

Lunch will be provided

12:30 Program begins

This program is free and open to the public.

In-person registration is not required.

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Zebulon Vance Miletsky, Ph.D., is an associate professor in the Department of Africana Studies and History at Stony Brook University (SUNY) specializing in recent African American History, the Civil Rights and Black Power movements, Urban History, Mixed Race, and Biracial Identity. In addition to his earlier work on Mixed Race, Miletsky's major project has been the Boston School Desegregation Crisis and the parent-led civil rights movement in Boston. His acclaimed book *Before Busing: A History of Boston's Long Black Freedom Struggle* was published by the University of North Carolina Press in December of 2022. Originally from Boston, Miletsky received his Ph.D. in African-American Studies with a concentration in History from the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 2008.