Disunion in Civil War America: Parallels for Today?

The Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition

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Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

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PANELS
Political Parties, Electoral Politics, and the Problem of Slavery
The Shock of Events
Citizenship, Immigration, and Race
Nationalisms: Proslavery and Antislavery
Constitutionalism and the Courts
Concluding Roundtable: The Fate of American Democracy, Then and Now?

American political culture today is in need of historical grounding. The anxiety occurring in the wake of the November 2016 U.S. presidential election has prompted a search for historical parallels to help us understand our contemporary moment of political upheaval, white supremacy, crises over immigrants and refugees, and possible realignments of political parties. This conference examines the American party system, political coalitions, realignment, and violent conflict during the 1840s and 1850s as an earlier example of deep currents of fear and disorder within U.S. political culture and history. Panelists will include historians, political scientists, journalists, and legal scholars, as we seek to link past and present in order to address big questions about history for a broad public.

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The conference is free and open to the public. Registration is required

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