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presents
The Robert L. Hess Memorial Lecture*

A Historical Perspective of the 2012 Elections



Sean Wilentz is the Robert L. Hess Scholar in Residence for 2012-2013. He is George Henry Davis 1886 Professor of American History at Princeton University, where he teaches U.S. social and political history. He received his Ph.D. in history from Yale University (1980) after earning bachelor's degrees from Columbia University (1972) and Balliol College, Oxford University (1974). Professor Wilentz lectures frequently and has written some three hundred articles, reviews, and op-ed pieces for publications such as the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Review of Books*, the *London Review of Books*, the *American Scholar*, *The Nation*, *Le Monde*, and *Salon*. He is a contributing editor to *The New Republic*, and a member of the editorial boards of *Dissent* and *Democracy*.

His major work to date, *The Rise of American Democracy: Jefferson to Lincoln* (2005), was awarded the Bancroft Prize and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. His most recent books are *The Age of Reagan: A History, 1974-2008*, a reconsideration of U.S. politics since the Watergate affair, and *Bob Dylan in America*, a consideration of Dylan's place in American cultural history. His writings on music have earned him a Grammy nomination and a Deems Taylor-ASCAP award. In his spare writing time, he is historian-in-residence at Bob Dylan's official website, www.bobdylan.com. In November 2012, Chronicle Books published Professor Wilentz's new book, *360 Sound: The Columbia Records Story*, an illustrated history of the world's oldest recording company. He has begun work on a new project, a reconsideration of the abolition of slavery in the northern United States.

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