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Christopher J. Bonner specializes in African American history and the nineteenth-century United States. He published his first book, the highly acclaimed *Remaking the Republic: Black Politics and the Creation of American Citizenship*, in March 2020. The book explores Black activists' efforts to secure legal rights through the vague, powerful concept of citizenship. His work has also been featured in the collection *New Perspectives on the Black Intellectual Tradition* and at Black Perspectives, the blog for the African American Intellectual History Society. Professor Bonner teaches courses on African American politics and culture, slavery and emancipation in the Atlantic world, the transformation of the United States during the nineteenth century, and race and ethnicity in early America. He was a featured historian on CNN's six-part documentary *Lincoln: Divided We Stand*. He received his PhD from Yale University.