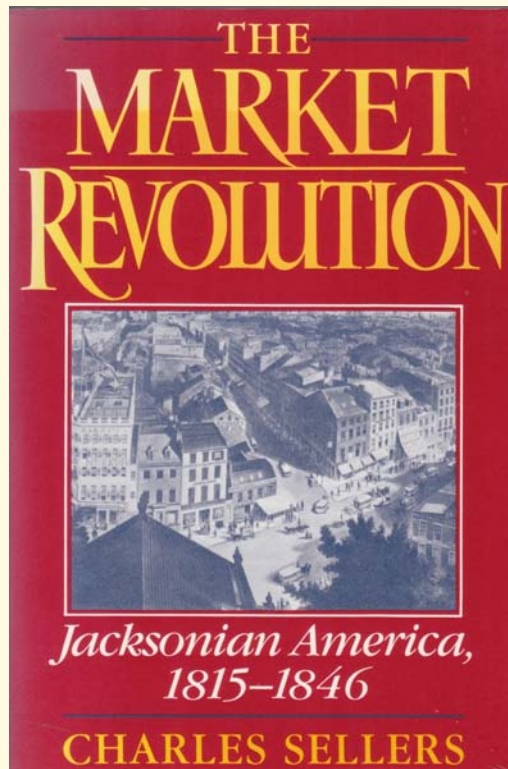


Charles G. Sellers 90th Birthday Symposium



Berkeley, CA
September 7, 2013

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Charles G. Sellers

- Professor *Emeritus*.
- University of California, Berkeley, History Department.
- "The Market Revolution and Jacksonian America: A Symposium in Honor of Charlie Sellers's 90th Birthday."
- Sponsored by the History Department, UC Berkeley.



Introduction



- Carolyn Merchant.
- University of California, Berkeley.
- Symposium in honor of the the academic and political work of Charlie Sellers.
- Held at the Shattuck Hotel, downtown Berkeley, CA.
- Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013.
- Colleagues, former graduate students, and family.



Carolyn Merchant Welcoming
Guests to the Symposium on
Charlie Sellers's Academic Work

Welcome

Sean Wilentz preparing to speak



Sean Wilentz

Sean Wilentz is the Sidney and Ruth Lapidus Professor of the American Revolutionary Era at Princeton University. His field of study is U.S. social and political history. He holds a Ph.D. and 2 master's degrees from Yale University and 2 bachelor's degrees from, one from Columbia University and a second from Balliol College, Oxford University. A major work, *The Rise of American Democracy: Jefferson to Lincoln* (2005), received the Bancroft Prize and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.



Sean Wilentz Speaking on
Charlie Sellers's
"The Market Revolution"

Robin Einhorn



Robin Einhorn Speaking on
"Jacksonian America and
The Market"

- Robin Einhorn is the Preston Hotchkis Professor in the History of the United States at the University of California, Berkeley. She received her A.B. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She specializes in U.S. Political Economy, Taxation, and Cities in the nineteenth century. She received a Berkeley campus distinguished Teaching Award in 2011.
- Her books include *American Taxation, American Slavery* from the University of Chicago Press in 2006 and *Property Rules: Political Economy in Chicago, 1833-1872* (1991; 2001) and numerous articles on the age of slavery and political culture in nineteenth century America.

Audience Comments



Amy Greenberg



Amy Greenberg Speaking on
"James K. Polk
and the Mexican War"

- Amy Greenberg is a historian of antebellum America (1800-1860) with a particular interest in the politics, culture, and social history of the decades before the Civil War. She has a B.A. from UC Berkeley (1989) and a PhD from Harvard (1995).
- She is the author of books on urban society and culture (*Cause for Alarm: The Volunteer Fire Department in the Nineteenth-Century City*), and on the role that the ideology of manifest destiny played in both foreign affairs and American society and culture at home (*Manifest Manhood and the Antebellum American Empire*).
- Her latest book, *A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln, and the 1846 Invasion of Mexico* (2012) is a narrative history of the U.S.-Mexican War focusing on the opposition to the war and the creation of America's first national antiwar movement.

Stephen Aron



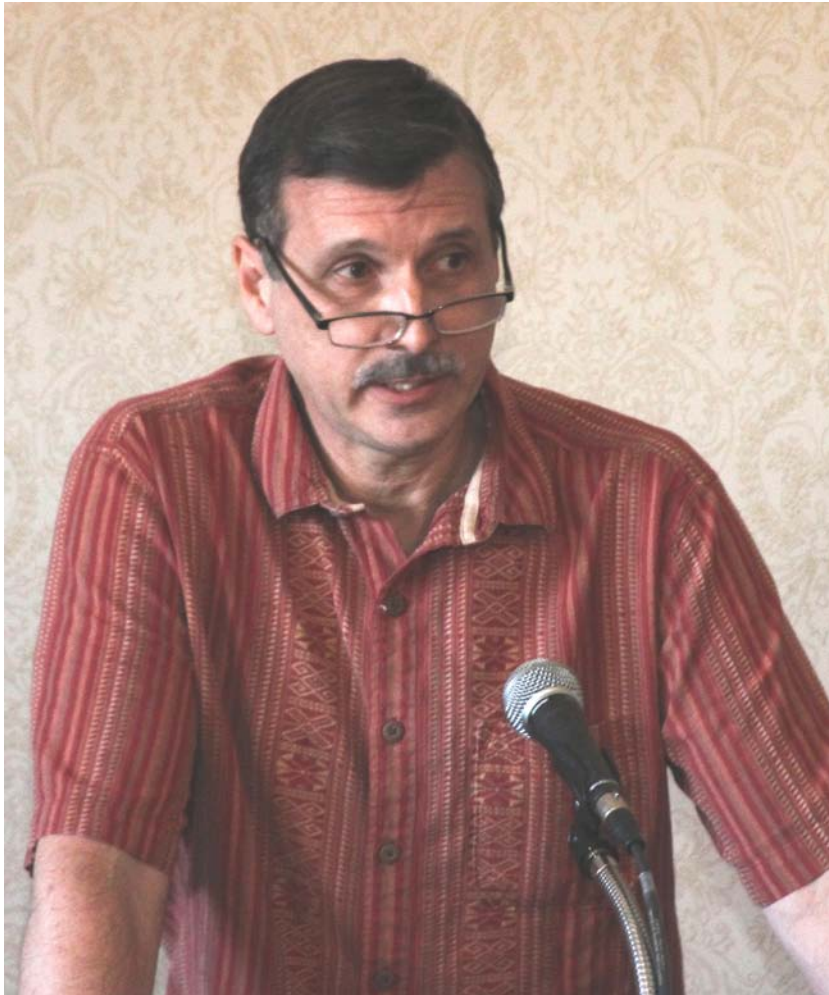
Stephen Aron Speaking on
"The Market Revolution and
the American West"

- Stephen Aron is professor of History and Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of the American West at UCLA. He received his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley's History Department in 1990. His focus is on North American frontiers and the western U.S. and on early education in America.
- His books include *How the West Was Lost: The Transformation of Kentucky from Daniel Boone to Henry Clay* (1996) and *American Confluence: The Missouri Frontier from Borderland to Border State* (2006).

Christopher Sellers's Comment



Christopher Sellers



Christopher Sellers Speaking on
"The Three Uncle Charlie's I Have Known"

- Christopher Sellers, Charlie Sellers's nephew, is a historian of environment, culture and health with a long-standing interest in the modern United States. He did his undergraduate work at Dartmouth College in Literature and Philosophy. He has an M.D. from the University of North Carolina Medical School and a Ph.D. from Yale in American Studies.
- His books include *Crabgrass Crucible: Suburban Nature and Environmentalism in Post-WWII America* (2012) and *Hazards of the Job: From Industrial Disease to Environmental Health Science* (1997).

Charlie Sellers Responds

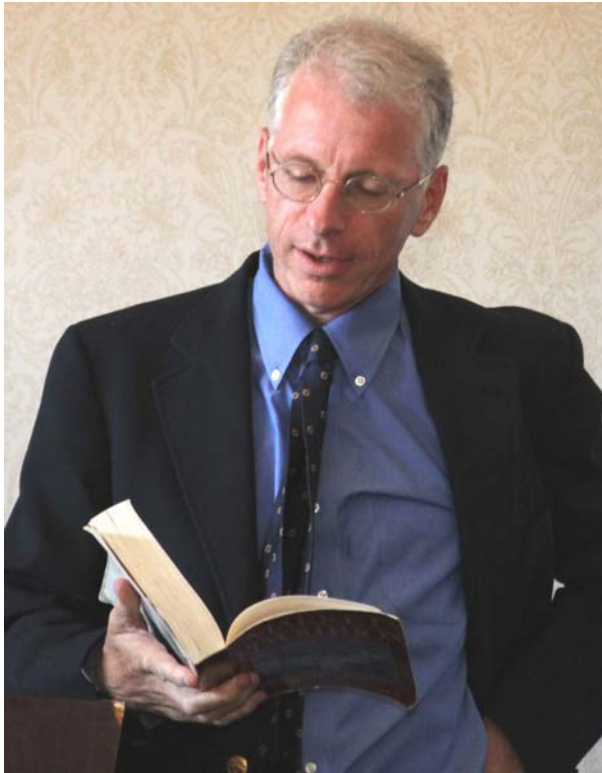
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Audience Discussion



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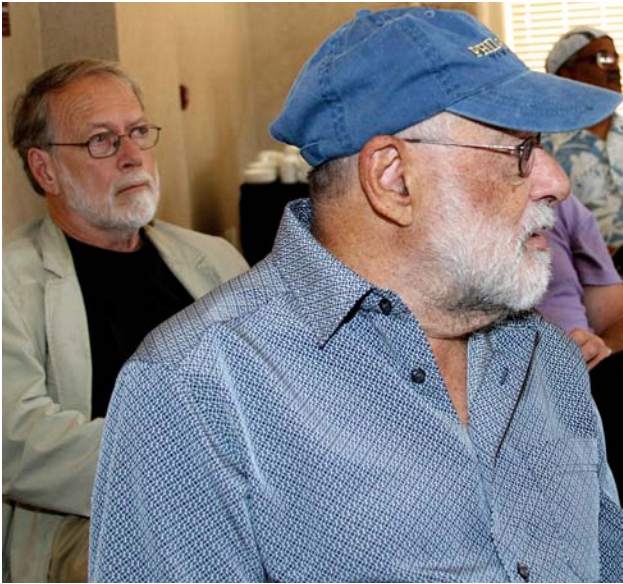
Tom Reifer
Reads from
Charlie
Sellers's
*The Market
Revolution*
(1991)



Tom Reifer
and Janet
Biblin



Audience



David
Hollinger
and
Malcolm
Burnstein



Evelyn
Sellers
and
Grier
Sellers



Anna
and
Joel
Williamson



Gail
Weininger
and
Leon
Wofsy

Audience



Waldo Martin and Roger Sharp



Kate
and
Eric
Etheridge



Douglas
Daniels



Mark
Peterson
and
Mary
Woolsey



Leon
Litwack



John McFaul and Roger Sharp

David Hollinger, Steve Aron,
and Amy Greenberg



Sean Wilentz and Ann Boesgaard

Family



Dave
Iltis,
Photographer



Mark Jones, Videographer



John
Iltis,
Exhibit

Glee
Harris



Charlie Enjoying the Symposium



Charlie
Sellers
and
Tom
Laqueur



Ann Boesgaard and Charlie Sellers



Phil, Charlie, and Ed Sellers, Brothers

Family



Steen, Janet, Charlie, Grier, and Evelyn



Steen,
Steve,
and
Ed
Sellers



Sellers's Family

Steen
Sellers



Janet
Sellers
and
Mark
Jones



Grier, Janet, and Steen Sellers



Evelyn Sellers

Sellers's Family



Janet Sellers and Nancy Tomes



Jeff Sellers and Julia Sellers



Steve,
Ed,
Phil,
and
Jeff



Ed
and
Steve
Sellers

Saturday Evening Tributes to Charlie Sellers

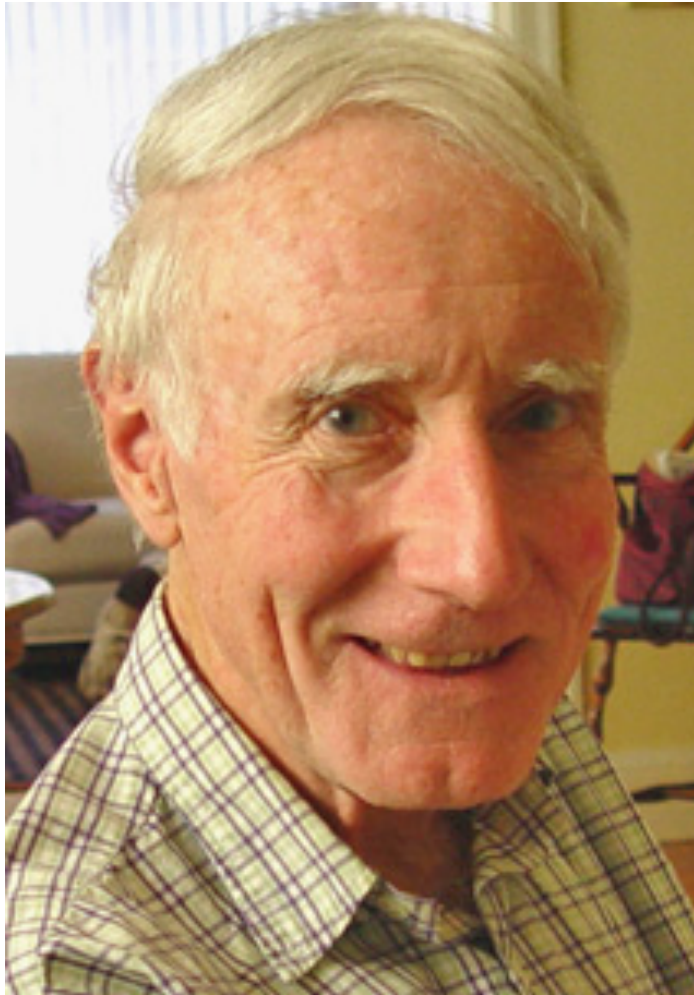
Charlie's Political Work, Teaching,
Birding, and Family History

Shattuck Hotel, September 7, 2013

Saturday Evening Dinner



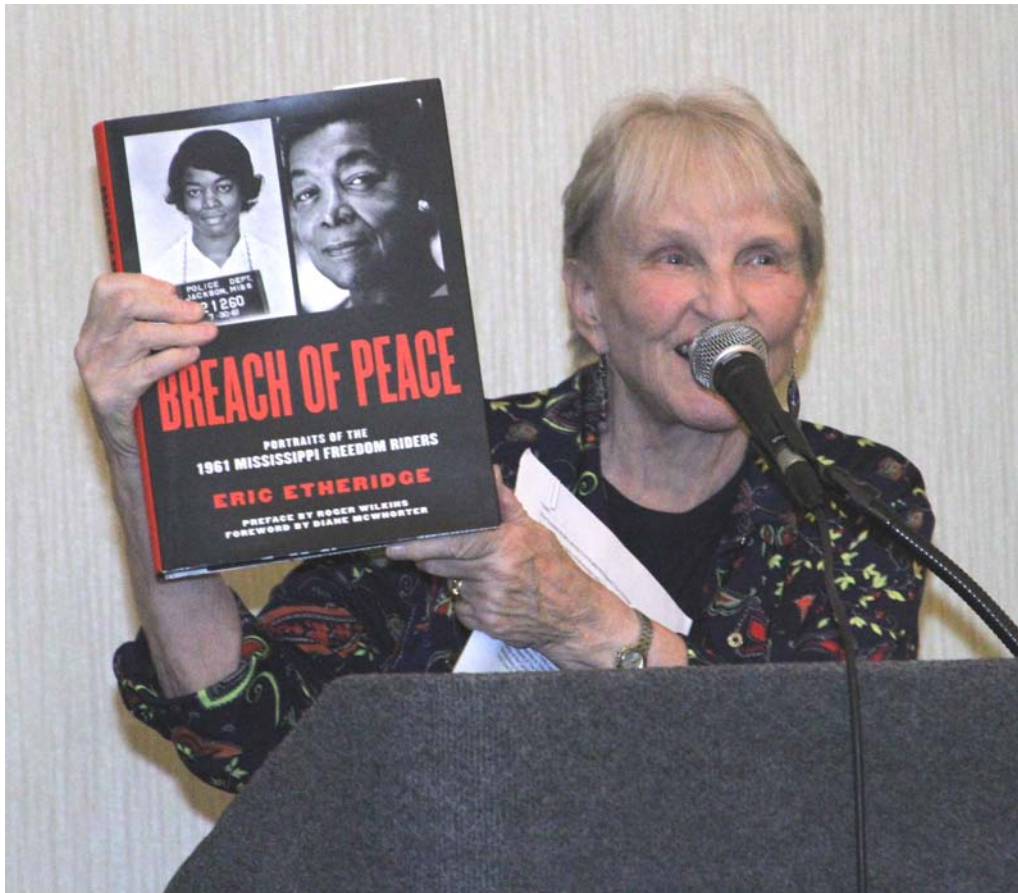
Peter Dale Scott



Peter Dale Scott Speaks via Video on Charlie's Contributions to "The Free Speech Movement and Strawberry Creek College"

- Peter Dale Scott is Professor of English, *Emeritus*, U.C. Berkeley. His prose books include *Deep Politics and the Death of JFK* (1993, 1996), *Deep Politics Two* (1994, 1995, 2006), *Drugs Oil and War* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, March 2003), *The Road to 9/11* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2007).
- His chief poetry books are the three volumes of his trilogy *Seculum: Coming to Jakarta: A Poem About Terror* (1989), *Listening to the Candle: A Poem on Impulse* (1992), *Mosaic Orpheus* (2009), and *Tilting Point* (2012). In November 2002 he was awarded the Lannan Poetry Award.
- An anti-war speaker during the Vietnam and Gulf Wars, he was a co-founder of the experimental "Strawberry Creek College" in 1972 with Charlie Sellers and Charles Muscatine.

Introducing Eric Etheridge



Carolyn Merchant
with Eric Etheridge's book,
Breach of Peace (2008)

- Eric Etheridge is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Vanderbilt University (1979). He found mug shots of the arrested 1961 Freedom Riders in the files of the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission, and photographed a number of the former Riders whom he was able to track down.
- In 2008, that material served as the basis for his book *Breach of Peace: Portraits of the 1961 Mississippi Freedom Riders* (2008).

Eric Etheridge

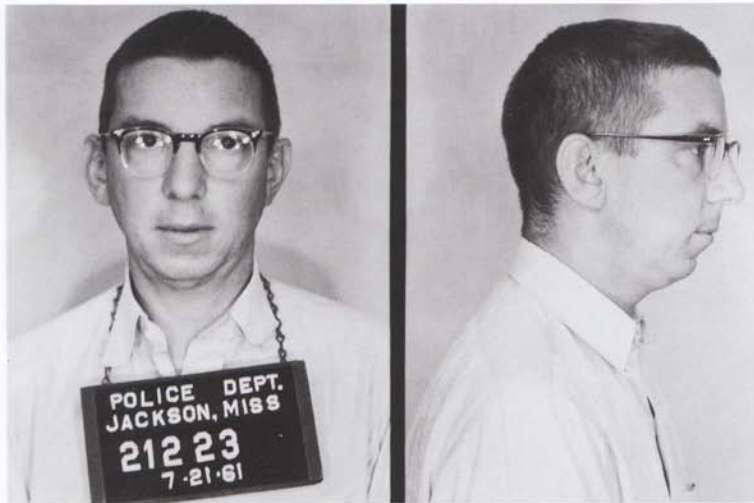


Eric Etheridge Speaking on Charlie's
Role as a 1961 Freedom Rider

- Author, *Breach of Peace: Portraits of the 1961 Freedom Riders* (2008).
- "The Freedom Riders and the Civil Rights Movement."

Charlie Sellers, Freedom Rider, 1961

CHARLES SELLERS



BORN

September 9, 1923, in Charlotte, NC, and grew up there. Served three years in the army during World War II, then graduated Harvard in 1947. Got his Ph.D. in American history at University of North Carolina, in Chapel Hill, in 1950; active locally on racial issues.

THEN

History professor, University of California, Berkeley. Active in the local CORE chapter, challenging discrimination in stores and housing, among other targets. Also very involved in the Free Speech Movement, which began in 1964.

SINCE THEN

Taught at Berkeley until he retired in 1990. Is the author of *The Market Revolution: Jacksonian America, 1815-46*, and a two-volume biography of James K. Polk, the second of which won the Bancroft Prize. Still lives in Berkeley, and travels frequently with his wife on birding and camping trips.

When I was in high school, I went to an NAACP meeting in a black church, which was

packed with three or four hundred people. An imposing gentleman, who was introduced as Bishop Gordon of the AME Zion Church, got up and preached the most powerful sermon I had ever heard.

I was one of only two or three white people in this enormous congregation and I guess this was a “scales falling from my eyes” kind of experience that I never got over. I was in dissent with my society from that time on.

From Eric Etheridge, *Breach of Peace: Portraits of the 1961 Mississippi Freedom Riders*, 2008.

Mugs with Charlie's Mug Shot, Created by Janet Sellers



John McFaul



John McFaul Speaking on Charlie Sellers's
Work on Transforming the Classroom
and Transforming History

- Professor of History, *Emeritus*.
- CA State University, Long Beach.
- John McFaul has a Ph.D. from U.C. Berkeley and was in Charlie Sellers's first Ph.D. seminar at UC Berkeley. He taught for many years at Cal State Long Beach. He is the author of *The Politics of Jacksonian Finance* (1963) and the co-author with Frank Gatell of *Jacksonian America, 1815-1840: New Society, Changing Politics* (1970).
- "Transforming the Classroom/ Transforming History."

- Donald Seriff is the Natural Resources coordinator of the Division of Natural Resources Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1984. He received a wildlife conservation award in 2008 from the N.C. chapter of The Wildlife Society. He is the editor of *The Chat*, the quarterly Bulletin of the Carolina Bird Club.
- Seriff's tribute to Charlie Sellers as the inspiration for the Mecklenburg Audubon Club, now the Mecklenburg Audubon Society, is entitled, Charles Grier Sellers, Jr., "A Very Inspahrin' Fella."

Donald Seriff



"Charlie Sellers: Founding the Mecklenburg Audubon Club."

Read *in absentia* by Carolyn Merchant.

Janet, Grier, and Steen Sellers



Grier, Steen, and Janet Sellers
Speaking on
"Our History with Charlie Sellers"

- Janet Sellers is the daughter of Charles Sellers and the inspiration behind the mugs with Charlie's mug shot on them. She is currently an executive in clothing design at the Walmart headquarters in Bentonville, AR. She and her brothers are speaking on "Our History with Charlie Sellers."
- Charles Grier Sellers, III (Grier), Philadelphia, PA.
- Steen Sellers, Mission Viejo, CA.

Ann Boesgaard



- Ann Boesgaard is the sister-in-law of Charlie Sellers. She is Professor *Emerita* of Astrophysics at the University of Hawaii.
- She is speaking on how Charlie's work made American History instantly clear to her as a scientist.
- All this was done while sailing on the S.F. Bay.

Evening Celebration



Ben Davis and Joel Williamson



Donald
Critchlow
and
Steve
Aron



Mary
Woolsey
and
Mark
Peterson



Evening Celebration



Steen Sellers,
Aleen Sellers,
and Carolyn
Merchant



Mark Jones
in
Charlie
Sellers's
Mug
Shot
T-Shirt



Rusty Keilch



John McFaul, Roger Sharp, and Martin Jay

Birthday Celebration



Charlie
and
Taree
Sellers



Charlie, Glee, Aleen, and Taree Sellers



Charlie and Glee Sellers



Charlie's
Cake

The End

