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Van Gosse is Professor of History at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Visiting Fellow at the Long Room Hub. He is the author of numerous articles and books on post-1945 politics and social movements, including Where the Boys Are: Cuba, Cold War America, and the Making of a New Left. More recently, he has written on African American politics in the antebellum era, including his 2021 book, The First Reconstruction: Black Politics in America, From the Revolution to the Civil War. He is also co-chair of Historians for Peace and Democracy (www.historiansforpeace.org). While at Trinity he is researching “The Black and Green in U.S. Politics, 1877-1965,” to further a second book on African American politics, beginning in 1877 at the end of Reconstruction and culminating with the Voting Rights Act in 1965. There is little dispute that social tensions and mutual hostility between Black and Irish Americans continued into this period, his research pursues the larger diasporic frame for this political dynamic—whether Irish immigrant communities outside of the U.S. also pursued an ethnic politics leading to competition with, and exclusion of, other marginalized groups.