



**Sites of Reckoning Symposium:
Memorials, Museums & Fractured Truth(s) in the Aftermaths of
Mass Violence**

**March 5-6, 2020
Georgia State University, Atlanta GA**

Thursday, March 5, 2020 (all events in 223, 2nd floor, 25 Park Place)

1:30 PM

Welcome Remarks

1:45 PM - 3:15 PM

Remembering Erasures, Memorializing Absence: Contested Narratives of Ethnic and Racial Violence

Moderator: Jelena Subotic, Georgia State University

- “Memories in Exile: Mahmoud Darwish and the village of Al Birweh” (Nitin Sawhney, Aalto University, Helsinki)
- “Fake News and Fading Views: The Vanishing of the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot” (Derrick Jones, Georgia State University)
- “Empty Landscapes: Erasure of Racial Violence and its Legacy in Lower Alabama” (Kathryn Tucker, Troy University)
- “Haunting of Place/People at ‘Un-Marked’ Sites of Violence” (Claire Anderson, George Mason University, Sociology)

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

Break

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Spaces for Dialogue: Cultural Memory and Justice

Moderator: Jennie Burnet (Georgia State University)

- “Memorial Museums as Potential Sites of Dialogue: Approaches to Justice and Reconciliation at the 9/11 Museum and the Legacy Museum” (Alexander Karn, Colgate University)
- “Experiential Assemblages in Cambodia: The Justice Mandate, Therapeutic Improvisation and Moderated Exposure at the Toul Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes” (Elena Lesley, Emory University)
- “Creating a ‘Living Museum’ from the Wreckage of Yugoslavia: Art and the Resurrection of the Historical Museum of Bosnia and Hercegovina” (Rachel Kerr, King's College London)
- “Precarious Sites: On the Horizons of Justice and the Liminality of Memory in Post-Dictatorship Argentina” (Natasha Zaretsky, New York University and Rutgers University)

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Break

5:30 PM – 7 PM

Keynote Address: James E. Young (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

Friday, March 6, 2020

(all events in 2608, 26th floor, 25 Park Place)

9:00 AM

Coffee

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Negotiating National Memory and Contested Histories

Moderator: Natasha Zaretsky, New York University and Rutgers University

- “Designing the Memory of Terror, Negotiating National Memory: The 9/11 Memorial/Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice/Legacy Museum” (Marita Sturken, New York University)
- “Sites of Memory, Sites of Resistance: Confronting the Aesthetics of Empire in Memorial Sites” (Michael Westberg and Blake Morley, Georgia State University)
- “An Elephant Never Forgets: Evolving Meanings of the Bremen (Anti-) Colonial Memorial” (Maria Gindhart, Georgia State University)
- “‘Let me be dust’: Memory Beyond Testimony in South Korea (Melissa Karp, Duke University)

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Break

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

Artistic Practice and Intervention: Sites of Remembering & Forgetting Contested Pasts

Moderator: Ruth Stanford (Georgia State University)

- “Histories and Landscapes Embodied: Counter-Memorial Strategies in Southern Africa and Beyond” (Nicola Brandt, artist, Namibia)
- “The Participatory Monument: Remembrance and Forgetting as Art Practice in the Public Sphere” (Merete Røstad, Oslo National Academy of the Arts)
- “Lubyanka: Dissonant Memories of Violence in the Heart of Moscow” (Margaret Comer, University of Cambridge)

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Reckoning with the Past: Local Memory, National and Transnational Influences

Moderator: Jelena Subotic, Georgia State University

- “Countering White (Inter)nationalism: ‘Lost Cause’ Commemoration in a Global Context” (Brent J. Steele, University of Utah)
- “Objects and Conflict: The Jasenovac Collection, 1991-2006” (Alexandra Zaremba, American University)
- “Transforming Memorials of Reckoning and Memories of Violence: Cenotaphs and the Headless Warrior as Hero/Victim in Rajasthan, India” (Teresa P. Raczek, Kennesaw State University and Namita S. Sugandhi, Hartwick College)
- “‘The Best Class of Southern Slave-Holders:’ Athens, Georgia’s Black Mammy Memorial Institute” (Akela Reason, University of Georgia)

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Closing remarks and future plans

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Optional fieldtrip to Montgomery, Alabama

The National Memorial for Peace and Justice and The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration in Montgomery, Alabama

8:00 AM

Depart

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Memorial Site Visit

12:30 PM - 2 PM

Museum Visit

5 PM

Arrive Atlanta