

Call for Proposals

Memorialization: Theory, Methods, Goals, and Ethics

March 14-15, 2025 • University of Mississippi

Scholars from many fields develop and study memorials and the process of memorialization. Some scholars work on the contextualization of existing monuments. Others create art installations and educational displays in museums and memorials in public spaces, and still others examine historical trends and the interplay of psychological, cultural, legal, and institutional influences on the memorials themselves, the memorialization process, and how people use and interact with them. But scholarship on the theory and practice of memorialization largely proceeds within specific fields. Fields across the humanities and social sciences (1) have their own methods, goals, and conceptual/theoretical tools, (2) examine different types of cases, and (3) engage with different populations of subjects, partners, and communities. The ethical questions, challenges, and approaches vary along with the nature of the work. This two-day interdisciplinary conference features headline speakers from five disciplines, and includes receptions, meals, and outings. We welcome submissions from any field addressing the ethics, importance, and process of memorials and memorialization for either traditional paper presentations (20 to present, 10 for Q&A) or case presentations and collaborative analysis in workshop settings (50 min).

Headline Speakers:

- **Colleen Murphy**, Law, Univ. of Illinois, author of *The Conceptual Foundations of Transitional Justice*
- **Derek Alderman**, Geography, Univ. of Tennessee, author of *Civil Rights Memorials and the Geography of Memory*
- **Janet Donohoe**, Philosophy, Univ. of West Georgia, author of *Remembering Places*
- **Daniel Levy**, Sociology, SUNY at Stony Brook, author of *Human Rights and Human Memory*
- **Guy Beiner**, History, Boston College, author of *Forgetful Remembrance*

Directors:

- Deborah Mower, Philosophy, University of Mississippi
- Carolyn Freiwald, Anthropology, University of Mississippi
- Patrick Hopkins, Bioethics and Psychiatry, Millsaps College

Outings/Tours:

- Campus Civil Rights
- Campus Slavery and Memorialization
- Black History at Rowan Oak

Submissions of 300 word abstracts are due by **January 15, 2025** and should be formatted for blind review [via Google Form](#). Indicate submission category of either "Case Workshop" or "Paper Presentation." For papers, indicate preferred topic area (e.g., methods, goals, ethics, or theoretical).

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