Monumental Antiracism: Taking Stock of Reparative Memory Work

What are we to make of increasing critical engagement with monuments and memorials as sites of racialized epistemic violence, and corresponding effort to advance equal justice and opportunity through reparative commemorative interventions? This talk explores these contentious racial politics of memorial landscapes and considers theoretical and practical aspects of monumental antiracism.

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