

Saturday, September 12

8:30 AM | Breakfast

9:00 AM | Morning Welcome

- Dr. Melynda J. Price
- Professor Zachary Bray

9:15 AM | Featured Speaker: Hannah Drake

- Poet, activist, Co-Executive Director of the IDEAS xLab & Co-Founder of the (Un)Known Project

10:15 AM | Session Transition

10:30 AM | Breakout Session 3

MAAP Breakout Session

- By registration only

Site Stewardship and Community Care

- Dr. Philip Mink, Director, William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology
- Dr. Nicole Roth, Site Identification Program Administrator, Kentucky Heritage Council
- Dr. Daniel Vivian, Associate Professor, Historic Preservation, University of Kentucky

Building Archives and Preserving Legacies

- Dr. Vanessa M. Holden, Associate Professor of History, Director, African American and Africana Studies, University of Kentucky
- Tiffany Sturdivant, Executive Director, Appalshop
- Dr. Karen Rignall, Associate Professor, Community and Leadership Development, University of Kentucky
- Kopana Terry, Oral History Archivist and Curator of Newspapers, University of Kentucky Libraries

Taking Care: Cultural Work, Burnout, and Trauma

- Dr. Laneshia Conner, Associate Professor, University of Kentucky College of Social Work

11:45 AM | Session Transition

11:55 AM | Closing Remarks

12:05 PM | Lunch and Table Discussion

A Note from our Directors

Beyond Statues grows from years of conversations, collaborations, and gatherings with people working in different ways to understand and shape the places where memory lives. What began with a focus on monuments and memorials has continued to expand and have invited us to think more broadly about land, space, preservation, public memory, and the relationships that connect them.

Over these two days, we hope you will bring your own experiences and questions to the conversation. Learn from people whose work may look different from your own. Make new connections and share what you know. We hope you leave with ideas, relationships, and practical insights that can continue beyond our time together in Lexington.

Thank you for being part of this gathering and for helping us imagine where this work may go next.

Zachary Bray & Melynda Price
Co-Directors, Monuments Workshop



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Space, and Memory*

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Friday, September 11

8:00 AM | Registration Opens - GSC AB Ballroom

8:30 AM | Coffee and Light Breakfast

9:00 AM | Directors' Welcome

- Our Journey from Statues to Site Visits
 - Dr. Melynda J. Price, Monuments Workshop Co-Director, Director of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, and Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Michigan
 - Professor Zachary Bray, Monuments Workshop Co-Director and Ashland-Spears Distinguished Research Professor of Law at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law
- Welcome from the Dean
 - Dean Gregory Van Tatenhove, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law

9:30 AM | Panel Discussion: Re/defining Monuments: centering community memories and changing landscapes

- Dr. Antoinette Jackson, Professor and Chair of the Department of Anthropology at the University of South Florida and Director of the USF Living Heritage Institute
- Mackenzie (Kenzie) New Walker, Executive Director of the West Virginia Mine Wars Museum
- Dr. Gayle Rubin, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Michigan
- Moderator: Dr. Melynda J. Price

10:30 AM | Morning Break

10:45 AM | Keynote: Dr. Martha S. Jones

The Trouble of Color: Searching for Monuments, Crafting our Own

- Society of Black Alumni Presidential Professor, Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University

11:50 AM | Lunch and Book Signing

12:50 PM | Vocal Performance by Sistah LaLa (La'Shelle Allen)

1:20 PM | Session Transition

1:30 PM | Breakout Session 1

National Orders and Local Stories: Telling the History of Mammoth Cave National Park - GSC 330D

- Gerry Seavo James (facilitator), Founder, Explore Kentucky
- Dr. Anastasia Curwood, Hallam Professor and Department Chair of History and Director of the Commonwealth Institute for Black Studies at the University of Kentucky
- Seth Garcia, PhD student, University of Kentucky History Department

Expanding LGBTQ Monument and Memorial Efforts in Kentucky and Beyond - GSC 330E

- Dr. Mel Stein (facilitator), Professor of Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Kentucky
- Dr. Jonathan Coleman, Executive Director of the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation and Co-Founder and President of the Faulkner Morgan Archive
- Dr. Gayle Rubin, Professor of Anthropology and Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan
- Belle Townsend, Communications Director for the Kentucky State AFL-CIO, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Backwoods Literary Press

Friday, September 11 (Cont.)

Stories of Black Cemetery Restoration & Preservation - GSC 330 AB

- Dr. Antoinette Jackson (facilitator), Professor and Chair of the Department of Anthropology at the University of South Florida and Director of the USF Living Heritage Institute
- Kayla Bush, Unexpected Stories Project, Elm Bend, Woodford County, KY
- Colonel Judy A. Greene-Baker, President, Friends of Maple Grove Cemetery, Richmond, KY
- Emily Jones Hudson, Founder and Executive Director, SEKYAAMCC, Hazard, KY
- Lynn Pruett, Unexpected Stories Project, Elm Bend, Woodford County, KY

Growing Public History: The Community as the Classroom - GSC 331

- Dr. Caitlyn Jones (facilitator), Monuments Workshop Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Michigan Institute for Research on Women and Gender
- Macie Alford, Student, Virginia Tech and Intern, Monuments Across Appalachian Places
- Dr. Jim Seaver, Community Engagement Coordinator, Kentucky Historical Society
- Dr. Steve Davis, Associate Professor of History, University of Kentucky

2:45 PM | Session Transition

2:55 PM | Breakout Session 2

Community Stories are Civics: Partnering with Local Government - GSC 330E

- Professor Zachary Bray (facilitator)
- Kit Anderson, Deputy Director of CivicLex
- Shea Brown, Deputy Clerk, Fayette County Clerk's Office
- James Kay II, Woodford County Judge/Executive

Engaging Artists in Monument and Memorial Work - GSC 330 AB

- Crystal Gregory (facilitator), Sculptor and Textile Artist
- Becky Alley, Multi-media Artist
- Andrew Cenci, Photographer
- Lacy Hale, Painter, Muralist and Printmaker

The Power of Local Journalism for Social Movements - GSC 330D

- Sherman Neal II (facilitator), Deputy Director of the Sierra Club Military Outdoors Campaign
- Gerry Seavo James, Founder, Explore Kentucky
- Liam Niemeyer, Reporter, Kentucky Lantern
- Jessica Paine, Editor, The Murray Sentinel
- J. Shelly Baskin, Finance and Operations Manager, United Campus Workers Southeast - CWA Local 3821

EduceLab Mobile Unit Demonstration - GSC Parking Lot

4:15 PM | Session Transition

4:25 PM | Practices to Honor, Heal & Close - GSC AB Ballroom

- Rev. Rhondalyn Randolph, Senior Pastor, Pleasant Point Baptist Church, Utica, KY

5:00 PM | Adjourn

