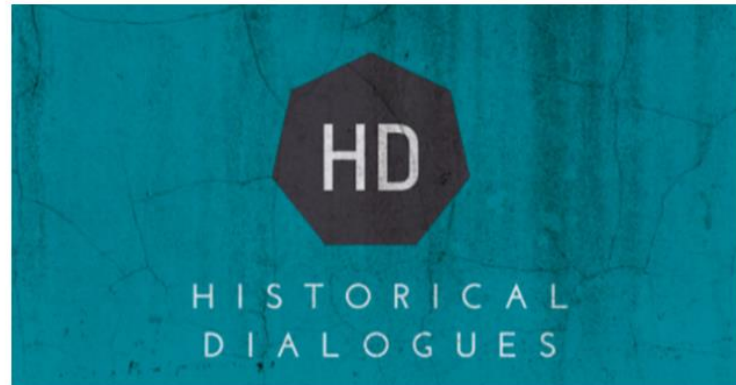


June 15, 2020



Our newsletter focuses on issues relating to historical dialogue, historical and transitional justice, and public and social memory. More details about items in our newsletter (and more!) can be found on our [website](#)

Both our website and newsletter provide information and resources to encourage innovative interdisciplinary, transnational and comparative research. They are housed at the [Institute for the Study of Human Rights](#) at Columbia University, New York City.

As stated by so many organizations during the recent murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, there is nothing unprecedented about their demise. Countless African Americans or Black Americans have suffered similar senseless deaths since the formation of the U.S. To demonstrate the breadth and depth of such injustices, Columbia University's Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR) is developing a project that explores U.S. historical racial injustices and additionally examines explicit contemporary redress efforts to attend to such wrongs; *The U.S. African American Redress Network*. The goal of the project is to better understand how, who and in what ways communities are attending to historical racial transgressions. Media has given attention to some high-profile examples such as Georgetown University and their efforts to remedy for their enslavement past. But most local restitution efforts are not so prominent and often lack greater support and cross-sector awareness. Our desire is to also heighten awareness of redress efforts that are less evident.

Preliminary findings demonstrated that explicit local reparations were evident throughout the U.S. except for the far Northeast such as Montana or Washington. We recently completed an initial pilot, which focused on the South Atlantic region along the Atlantic Coast from Delaware to Florida. After 6 months of a rigorous vetting and assessment practices, we documented over 100 local efforts to address historical wrongdoings located within this U.S. region. Examples of redress practices included apologizing for slavery, truth and reconciliation commissions and forms of compensation. The categories of redress are framed within the U.N. *international covenant on civil and political*

rights (2004), which offered guidance on reparations. This covenant expounded that States are obligated to assure basic human rights and further maintained that when States fail to do so, there is a legal obligation to make reparations. As demonstrated by our data, reparations provided restitution, rehabilitation, measures of satisfaction such as public apologies, public memorials, guarantees of non-repetition and occasionally changes made to relevant laws and practices as well as bringing to justice the perpetrators of human rights violations (UN Doc CCPR/C/21/Rev.1/Add.13, 2004, para 16).

Our findings demonstrated the sustained discrimination, oppression and violence often experience by African and Black Americans since the founding of the U.S. However, despite history there are numerous local efforts to confront this. These local initiatives offer hope as communities find distinct ways to respond to the legacy of racism.

Linda J. Mann, PhD
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SCHOLARSHIP

Select book reviews, books for review and the latest contribution to our working paper series.

MORE ON SCHOLARSHIP



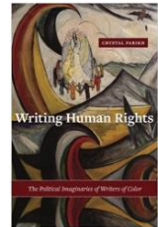
We are delighted to share the latest contribution to our working paper series, Angela Bermudez's essay, "[The Normalization of Political Violence in History Textbooks: Ten Narrative Keys](#)". Angela Bermudez is a researcher at the Center for Applied Ethics in the University of Deusto (Bilbao, Spain).

[Historical Dialogues, Justice, and Memory Network Working Paper Series](#)

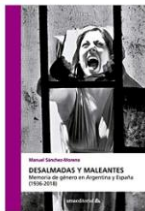
Interested in submitting a paper for possible publication on our Network?

E-mail us at dialogues@columbia.edu!

Read Rebecca Johnson's [review](#) of *Writing Human Rights: The Political Imaginaries of Writers of Color* (Crystal Parikh). The challenge for writer/scholar activists is to place our work in service to the visibility of impossible subjects and unimagined communities in their struggles for autonomy, personhood and civic belonging.



Interested in reviewing a book? Below are a list of books currently available for review. Interested in proposing a book for review? E-mail us at dialogues@columbia.edu!



- Barkan, Elazar, Goschler, Constantin and Waller, James. [Historical Dialogue and the Prevention of Mass Atrocities](#) (Routledge, 2020).
- Brants, Chrisje & Karstedt, Susanne. [Transitional Justice and the Public Sphere](#) (Bloomsbury, 2020).
- Sánchez-Moreno, Manuel. [Desalmadas y maleantes. Memoria de genero en Argentina y España \(1936-2018\)](#) (Atenea, 2019) (UMA Editorial, 2020).

OPPORTUNITIES

Select postings for career and academic advancement.

ALL OPPORTUNITIES

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June 2020

[Protective Fellowship Scheme for Human Rights Defenders at Risk – Centre for Applied Human Rights](#)

Location: University of York, UK

Deadline: June 17, 2020

[CfA: Bergen-Belsen International Summer School 2020](#)

Location: Online

Dates: August 2-7, 2020

Application Deadline: June 30, 2020

[CfP: Alps and Resistance: Conflicts, Violences and Political Reflections \(1943-1945\)](#)

Deadline: June 30, 2020

CfP: [Civitates grants for public interest journalism](#)

Location: Europe

Application Deadline: June 30, 2020

CfP: [Jews in the Muslim World: Histories, Memories and Narratives](#)

Location: Penn State and Ben Gurion Universities

Conference dates: February and June 2021

Application Deadline: June 30, 2020

[CfA: Alfred Landecker Lecturer Program](#)

Location: Varies

Deadline: June 30, 2020

CfP: [Executive Director- Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership](#)

Location: Kalamazoo College, MI

Application Deadline: Rolling

July 2020

CfP: [History of Violence Against Women](#)

Location: Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Date: November 25, 2020

Application Deadline: July 1, 2020

August 2020

[CfA: Lecturer, Human Rights Studies](#)

Location: University of California, Davis

Deadline: August 3, 2020

[CfP: Heroines of the Holocaust: Frameworks of Resistance](#)

Location: Wagner College, Staten Island

Application Deadline: August 15, 2020

Conference Dates: June 2-3, 2021

Rolling or Unspecified

[Memory Studies Portal Now Online](#)

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new memory [database](#)! The [Memory Studies Portal \(MSP\)](#) is a bibliography and virtual repository for the growing community of memory scholars. It is a collaborative project of the [Memory in the Disciplines](#) initiative at Stony Brook University and the [Institute for the Study of Human Rights' Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability at Columbia University](#). The MSP responds to two trends, the ongoing consolidation of a field of memory studies and the ongoing debate as to whether memory studies is or should be “interdisciplinary” (involving contributions from scholars from various disciplines within a shared framework), “transdisciplinary” (involving a generative synthesis of disciplinary approaches), or merely “multidisciplinary” (characterized by several parallel, largely independent specialized conversations). This debate provides the opportunity to investigate the relations between disciplines. The MSP bridges disciplinary divides between (and among) the social sciences and the humanities. Accordingly, our initiative will allow scholars from disciplines as diverse as sociology, literature, history, psychology, philosophy, political sciences, performance studies and art history to engage in a sustained conversation – and, ideally, to enrich one another’s understanding of memory. Since the MSP is a work in progress its growth also partly depends on your input. We thus encourage scholars/users of the MSP to alert us to bibliographic entries or any other suggestion as to how we can improve and expand the MSP. Please send an email with your thoughts, concerns, and missing/additional items you would like us to upload into the MSP.

[Invitation to Participate in the Mapping Historical Dialogue Project](#)

The Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR) at Columbia University invites you, as an expert in your field, to participate in the development of the [Mapping Historical Dialogue Project \(MHDP\)](#). The goal of the MHDP is to establish an online interactive geographical map that addresses mechanisms of contested memory in post conflict countries. The mapping process will document projects addressing the memory of historical violence. Building on a crowdsourcing model, the project will rely on incremental contributions to connect a diverse network of individuals who often do not have access or knowledge of one another’s work. The project is open access, and its scholarship and resources will be available to a wide community of users. More information about the map can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at mapping.historical.dialogue@gmail.com.

[Dialogues on Historical Justice and Memory Network Working Paper \(WP\) Series](#)

Contact: Working Paper co-editors Tim Wyman-McCarthy and Sigrun Schaumburg-Müller at dialogues@columbia.edu.

RESOURCES

Online resources related to historical dialogue, historical and transitional justice, and public and social memory that may be of particular interest during this period of institutional closures and social distancing.

The academic podcast, ['Coffee & Cocktails' has a four-part COVID series](#) focusing on the Roma community in northern Italy. - NEW

The Holocaust Studies program of Western Galilee College is initiating a series of online conversations with leading Holocaust Researchers. Register [here](#) for the first conversation about 'Some Basic Problems of Holocaust Research'. - NEW

[Facing History and Ourselves: Resources during COVID-19](#)

Summary of the Conference, [International Centre for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust Educational Projects, 2019](#)
[Anne Frank Video Diary](#)

[Story Center - Storytelling in the Time of COVID-19 Webinar \(free\)](#)

[WITNESS Video Lab COVID-19 Response Hub](#)

[24-hour Global Vigil Online to Conclude Genocide Awareness Month](#)

[European Center of Solidarity virtual exhibits](#)

[Experience the Tenement Museum from Home](#)

[Objects of Comfort: New Digital Collection Gallery!](#)

[The Census Reading Between the Lines](#)

[Virtual Tour of the POLIN Museum in Poland](#)

[Your Story, Our Story](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Select activities relate to historical dialogue, historical and transitional justice, and public and social memory

ALL EVENTS

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June 2020

[Human Rights Watch Digital Film Festival](#)

Location: Streaming

Dates: June 11-20, 2020

[Business and Human Rights Workshop](#)

Location: Columbia University, NY

Dates: June 12, 19, 26, 2020

[CfP: Literature and International Law Conference](#)

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Dates: June 15-16, 2020

[War and Genocide, Reconstruction and Change: The Global Pontificate of Pius XII, 1939-1958](#)

Location: École Française and the German Historical Institute in Rome, Italy

Dates: June 17-19, 2020

[Memory Studies Association: Fourth Annual Conference](#)

Location: University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Dates: June 18-21, 2020

[Summer Human Rights Institute](#)

Location: Fordham Law School, New York City

Course Dates: 15-26 June 2020

[Europe's Past, Present, and Future: Utopias and Dystopias](#)

Location: University of Iceland, Reykjavik

Conference Dates: June 22-24, 2020

[Overcoming the Darkness? – Holocaust Survivors' Emotional and Social Journeys in the Early Postwar Period](#)

Location: Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel

Conference Dates: 29-30 June, 2020

July 2020

[New Directions in the Humanities: Transcultural Humanities in a Global World](#)

Location: Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy

Dates: July 1-3, 2020

[Asian Studies Association of Australia: Future Asias](#)

Location: University of Melbourne, Australia

Dates: 6-9 July 2020

[Cultural Heritage and Jewish/non-Jewish Relations](#)

Location: University of Southampton, UK

Dates: July 16-17, 2020

The Role of History in Peacebuilding and Development in East Asia

Registration: historyngo@gmail.com

Location: Vietnam National University of Social Sciences and Humanities

Dates: July 20-25, 2020

August 2020

[Narrating Transitional Justice: History, Memory, Poetics and Politics](#)

Location: McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

Dates: August 6-7, 2020

[CfP: Colonial/Racial Histories, National Narratives and Transnational Migration](#)

Location: University of Helsinki, Finland

Conference Dates: August 12-14, 2020

[6th World Conference of the International Federation for Public History](#)

Location: Berlin, Germany

Dates: 18-22 August 2020

[CfP: Memory and Migration](#)

Location: Sandbjerg Manor, Denmark/Aarhus University

Dates: August 26-29, 2020

[CfA: Everyday Life of Jews in the USSR during the Holocaust and its Early Aftermath](#)

Location: Jerusalem, Israel

Dates: August 30-September 3, 2020

Tell us about events, opportunities and initiatives you are working on! E-mail dialogues@columbia.edu.

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