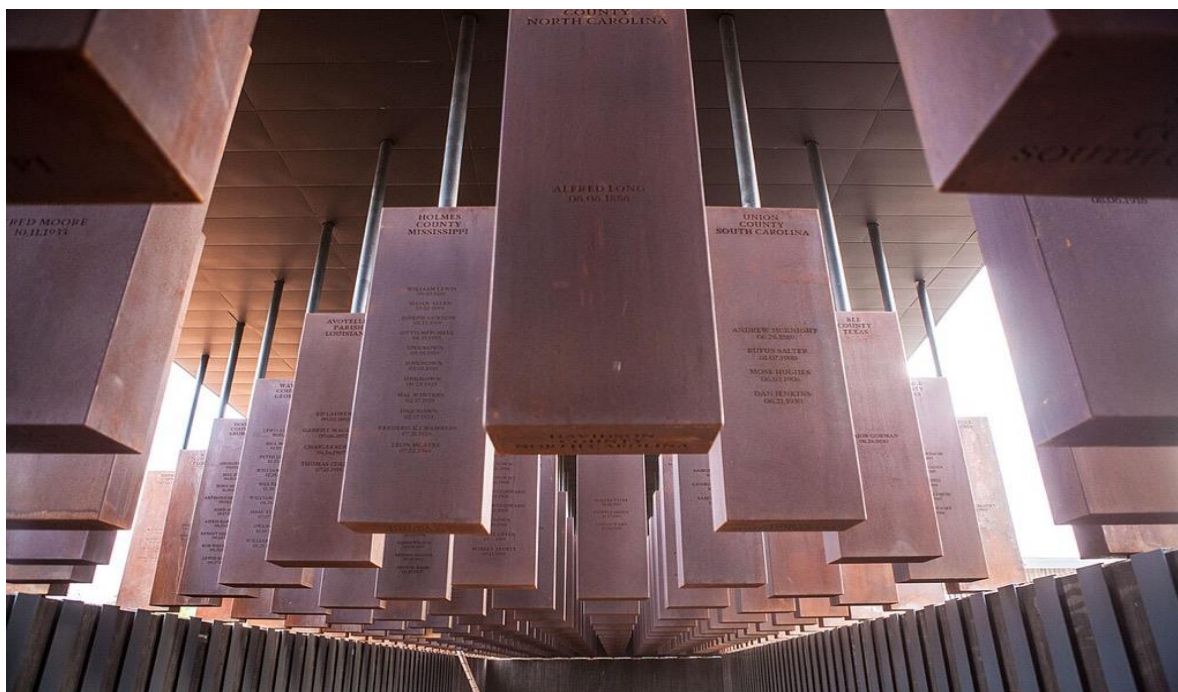


Martin Luther King Day Lecture

Reclaiming the “Site of Memory”:
On Commemoration and Relationality at the
National Memorial for Peace and Justice

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Memorial Corridor at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.

This talk explores the cultural practices of “civil repair” (cf. Jeffrey Alexander) across racialized lines that are built into the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. In dialogue with Toni Morrison’s “Site of Memory” and Edouard Glissant’s “Poetics of Relations,” the lecture reflects on the relationality that the commemorative architecture builds up and sustains while reclaiming the right to mourn victims of racial terror in public. It considers how the memorial establishes local and translocal practices of commemoration within the American memorial landscape as it works towards social transformation.

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