

TRINITY COLLEGE SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

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UPDATES



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Trinity Social Justice Initiative curates conversations in the public humanities. Through public lectures and conversations, a monthly webinar series, research clusters, conferences, and the creation of digital archives, it seeks to contribute to public and scholarly debates about struggles for social justice in the United States and the world. We work in partnership with Davarian Baldwin's Smart Cities Lab and alongside other groups on campus.

CURATED CONVERSATIONS

WATCH FALL & SPRING LECTURES HERE:



This lecture series is sponsored by the Trinity Social Justice Initiative. Events will be held at Austin Arts Center and broadcast live on Zoom when indicated.

Free admission
Masks and proof of vaccination required

AUSTIN ARTS CENTER

Thursday, October 21, 12:15–1:30 p.m.
<https://trincoll.zoom.us/j/96712928372>




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FALL 2021

SPRING 2022

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THIRTEEN JEALOUS REPUBLICS

MIKE DAVIS

Sunday, May 1, 4:00 p.m. ET
Zoom

Thirteen Jealous Republics: The Myth of American Genesis

Mike Davis reads from his book in progress, *Star-Spangled Leviathan: An Economic History of American Nationalism*.



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AUSTIN ARTS CENTER
AT TRINITY COLLEGE



Friday, May 6, 2022, 3:00–4:30 p.m.
Austin Arts Center and Zoom

On Making (Art) Work: Latinx Art Production and Curatorial Practice A Conversation with Claudia Zapata



Claudia E. Zapata (they/them)
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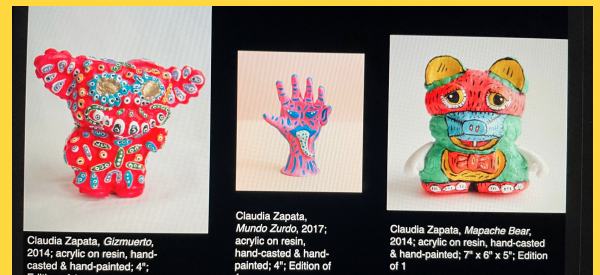
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Reception follows the talk and art exhibition from the Trinity West Artists with support from La Voz Latina

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RESEARCH CLUSTERS

The Trinity Social Justice Initiative (TSJI) engages research communities around a range of topics. Since its inception in Fall 2021, TSJI has established itself as an interdisciplinary research hub that supports projects investigating the relationships between racism, colonialism, capitalism, and social justice movements in the U.S. and the world.

The Entangled Histories Cluster is led by Professors Baldwin, Camp, and Heatherton

With Davarian Baldwin's Smart Cities Lab, TSJI hosts the Entangled Histories research cluster. Along with Diana Aldrete, Amanda Guzmán, Juliet Nebolon, Mary McNeil, and Leniqueca Welcome, we investigate the historical relationships between racism, colonialism, and Indigeneity in the US and the world. The workshop program represents a key facet of our mentoring program in TSJI. In hosting the workshop, we were able to offer participants a clear set of suggestions for revision at a critical stage in the writing process.

Spring 2022 Manuscript Workshops:

- **Diana Aldrete**, *Between Land and Death: Imagining Justice for Women in Mexico*, Friday, May 20, 2022.
- **Juliet Nebolon**, *Settler Militarism: World War II in Hawai'i and the Making of U.S. Empire* (under contract, Duke University Press), Friday, April 29, 2022.
- **Mary McNeil**, "The Factory of Genocide': Black and Native Confinement on Boston's Deer Harbor Island," Friday, April 1, 2022.

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HISTORIES



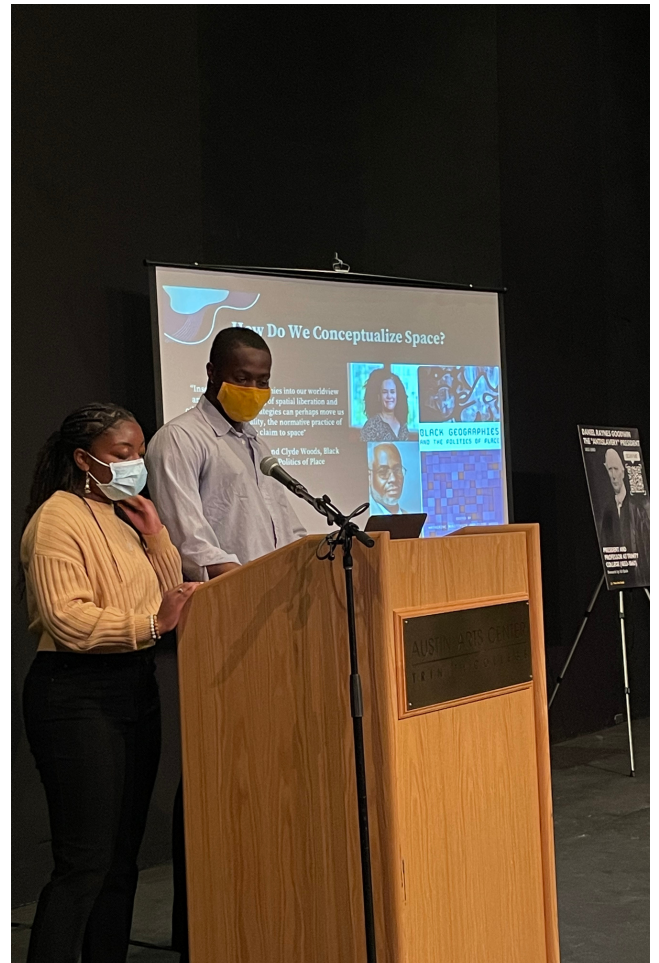
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This cluster is organized and run by students at Trinity College and features student research dedicated to confronting structural racism.

TSJI was proud to host the inaugural cluster, Jasmine Burns (24) and Ayouba Swaray (24) who developed the project “The Racialization of Space at Trinity” under the direction of Professor Jordan T. Camp. They presented their findings in the American Studies and TSJI showcase that took place in Austin Arts on Wed. May 4, 2022.



RESEARCH CLUSTERS

EDUCATION FOR LIBERATION

Education for Liberation, led by Prof. Seth Markle (INTS and History), considers the role of popular education in struggles for social change in the U.S. and Global South. Students will participate in directed readings and individualized study with faculty members in collaboration with community organizations.

EDUCATION
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TSJI RESEARCH CLUSTERS AND THE TRINITY+ CURRICULUM



TSJI has received an official prefix for the course catalogue. This ensures that students who participate in TSJI research clusters have the opportunity to gain co-curricular credit through the new Trinity+ curriculum for their work. Campus partners include:

- Stories from the Summit
- Voices of Migration
- Public Archives and Oral History

TSJI+

STUDENT SHOWCASE

On May 4, 2022, the Trinity Social Justice Initiative hosted a showcase of student work with American Studies. This included presentations from Prof. Juliet Nebolon's "US Colonialism" class, Prof. Mary McNeil's class who spoke about their "Black Power/ Red Power" guide, Prof. Scott Gac's "Slavery and Trinity" students, and Prof. Jordan Camp's MA students in "Curating Conversations."



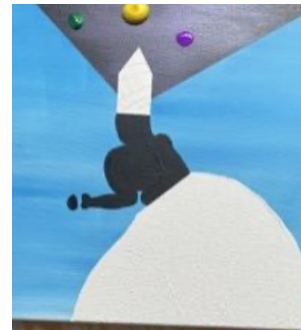
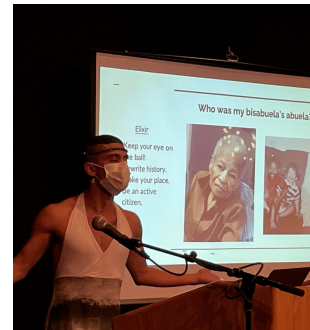
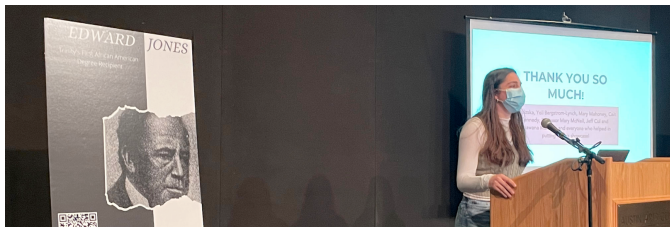
Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 4:30-6:30 p.m. ET
Garmany Hall, Austin Arts Center and Zoom

American Studies and Trinity Social Justice Initiative Showcase & Reception



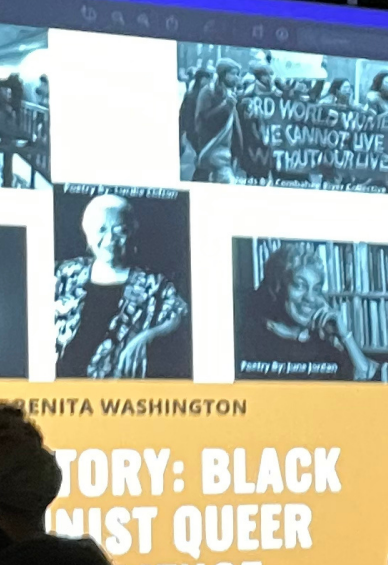
Featuring Work From

Dansowaa Adu
Mohammed Djebli
Jasmine Burns and Ayouba Swaray
Keane Fajardo
Anthony Rosado
Christopher Simmons
Renita Washington
Students from Prof. Mary McNeil's
Black Power/Red Power Class
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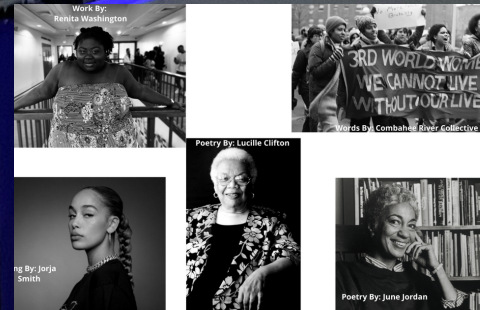


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The showcase also featured the work of Jasmine Burns and Ayouba Swaray, the first TSJI Student Research Cluster, facilitated by Prof. Jordan Camp, and Renita Washington's immersive CCAN installation "Her Story: Black Feminist Queer Experience," a project from her independent study with Prof. Christina Heatherton.



"WE MIGHT USE OUR POSITION AT THE BOTTOM, HOWEVER, TO MAKE A CLEAR LEAP INTO REVOLUTIONARY ACTION. IF BLACK WOMEN WERE FREE, IT WOULD MEAN THAT EVERYONE ELSE WOULD HAVE TO BE FREE SINCE OUR FREEDOM WOULD NECESSITATE THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL THE SYSTEMS OF OPPRESSION."
- THE COMBAHEE RIVER COLLECTIVE STATEMENT (1977)



RENITA WASHINGTON

HER STORY: BLACK FEMINIST QUEER EXPERIENCE

Trinity College Social Justice Initiative
WED. MAY 4TH
4:30PM - 7PM
AUSTIN ARTS/ CCAN MEDIA & PERFORMANCE LAB

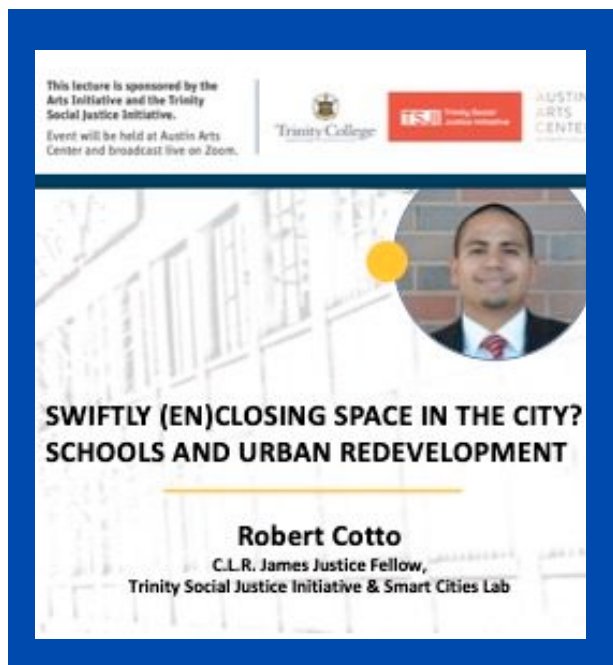
THIS IS A MULTIMEDIA, INTERACTIVE, STORYTELLING, EXPERIENCE

BIG THANKS TO: NICK CAITO, JOHN DLUGOSZ, PROFESSOR CHRISTINA HEATHERTON, MARY MAHONEY, JOELLE THOMAS, AND ROB WALSH



IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT RACISM INSTEAD OF EXPERIENCING IT

C.L.R. JAMES JUSTICE FELLOW



In recognition of his research on higher education, racism, inequality, and public health, **Robert Cotto, Jr.** served as our inaugural C. L. R. James Justice Fellow for Spring 2022.

The C. L. R. James Justice Fellowship is a crucial part of the public humanities mission shared by the Trinity Social Justice Initiative (TSJI) and the Smart Cities Lab (SCL). TSJI is a site of sustained collaborative research and study. It facilitates collaborative research and curates public pedagogy and conversations. SCL researches and consults on best practices for building just urban communities with specific focus on higher education-driven development. This award serves as a critical collaboration that cements our partnership and solidifies our shared vision.

Robert's talk, "Swiftly (En)Closing Space in the City? Schools and Urban Redevelopment," is scheduled for the summer 2022



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SMART CITIES LAB PARTNERSHIP

The Trinity Social Justice Initiative would not be possible without the partnership with Prof. Davarian Baldwin and his Smart Cities Lab. With SCL, we have been able to dream big. Together we have coordinated our Entangled Histories Research Cluster, worked with junior faculty across campus, mentored students, envisioned new curricula, addressed campus climate issues, and imagined an upcoming "Education Must Be Defended" Conference for Spring 2023. We look forward to collaborations to come.

CONJUNCTURE

Conjuncture is a monthly web series and podcast curated and co-hosted by Jordan T. Camp and Christina Heatherton and produced for the Trinity Social Justice Initiative. It features interviews with activists, artists, scholars, and public intellectuals. Taking its title from Antonio Gramsci and Stuart Hall's conceptualization, it highlights intellectual work engaged in struggles over the meaning and memory of particular moments and geographical situations. Amidst a crisis of hegemony on a world scale, this webinar series curates conversations about the burning questions of the conjuncture.

WATCH HERE:



Episode 1. "The Black Radical Intellectual Tradition and the Critique of the Present: An Interview with Anthony Bogues," December 9, 2021.

Anthony Bogues is Asa Messer Professor of Humanities and Critical Theory, Professor of Africana Studies, and Director of the Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice at Brown University.

Episode 4. Racial Capitalism and Counterinsurgency: An Interview with Arun Kundnani, February 17, 2022

Arun Kundnani is an Associate of the Transnational Institute. He is the author of *The Muslims are Coming! Islamophobia, Extremism and is currently completing a new book, *Resistance is Not Enough: Radical Anti-Racism in a Neoliberal Age.**

Episode 2. "Resurgent Nationalisms and the Challenges of the Current Conjuncture: An Interview with Gillian Hart," January 6, 2022.

Gillian Hart is Professor Emerita and Professor of the Graduate School in Geography, Univ. of California, Berkeley, and Distinguished Professor in the Humanities Graduate Centre at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Episode 5. Politics as Organizing: An Interview with Michael Denning, March 31, 2022.

Michael Denning is Professor and Chair of American Studies, Professor of Ethnicity, Race, and Migration, and Coordinator of the Working Group on Globalization and Culture at Yale University.

Episode 3. Antonio Gramsci and Subaltern Social Groups: An Interview with Marcus E. Green, January 22, 2022

Marcus E. Green teaches Political Science at Pasadena City College and serves as secretary of the International Gramsci Society. He is editor of *Rethinking Gramsci* (2011), and co-editor (with Joseph A. Buttigieg) of Antonio Gramsci's *Subaltern Social Groups: A Critical Edition of Prison Notebooks 25* (Columbia UP, 2021).

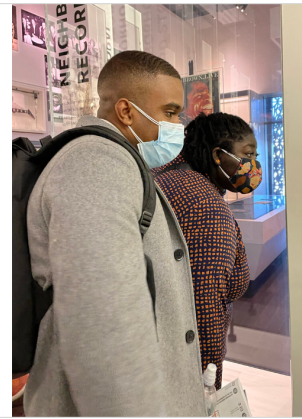
Episode 6: The Tyranny of the Present: An Interview with Leniqueca A. Welcome, forthcoming.

Leniqueca A. Welcome is an assistant professor of International and Urban Studies at Trinity College. She is currently working on her first book, *Come Out of This World: Beyond Terrains of Criminalization to Where Life is Precious.*

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



TSJI is driven by the belief that we are all student-teachers and teacher-students. In collaboration with our colleagues, staff, and students, we foster meaningful new learning and research experiences grounded in social justice.



CONFERENCE *EDUCATION MUST BE DEFENDED*

Social Justice Initiative and Smart Cities Lab, Trinity College Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, Brown University At Trinity College, Spring 2023.

This one-day conference, organized by the Social Justice Initiative and the Smart Cities Lab at Trinity College and the Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice at Brown University, considers the hidden history of the university as a site of struggle. Conversations between scholars, organizers, and public intellectuals uncover the history of struggles over education in the past in order to intervene in the present.



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Thanks to Renita Washington, TSJI Summer Research Assistant, for her incredible work in putting this primer together.