



Racial Justice Higher Education Award ²⁰₁₈



STATUES AND RESISTANCE IN THE SOUTHERN ACADEMY

Civil disobedience and the racialized limits of freedom of expression

I am a graduate student worker at UNC, Chapel Hill. I study 20th century Chinese history focusing on Chinese Muslim nationalism, ethnic identity, and historical production. I have been an organizer with the Silent Sam Sit In since September 2017. In the Sit In we do history through learning about and elevating suppressed legacies of North Carolinian, anti-racist activists at UNC and beyond. The actions of the Sit In embody UNC's "lux, libertas," light and liberty, by focusing on the ways racist remembrance and administrative inaction reflect and strengthen institutional racism in the Chapel Hill area.

On April 30th, I put my blood and red ink on Silent Sam, revealing the anti black violence that our campus' white supremacist statue was built on. I am now facing criminal and university honor court charges for my action. I hope to discuss and continue to learn about guerrilla histories and antiracist activism at universities fighting against the mobilization of white supremacy in institutions and on our streets.



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Sept 20

5 - 7 pm

365 5th Ave (@34th):::Suite 6304.01



Loren Cahill:
Panel Moderator



Todd Brown:
"Race and the Built Environment"



Brian Jones PhD:
"The Tuskegee Revolt: Black Students and Black Power in the U.S. South"

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