

Race and Place at UNC

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

James Baldwin

"WHEREAS in all well-regulated governments it is the indispensable duty of every Legislature to consult the happiness of a rising generation, and endeavor to fit them for an honorable discharge of the social duties of life, by paying the strictest attention to their education..."

The Charter of the University of North Carolina

Objectives/Strategy

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 - Be responsive to the concerns of our students, faculty and alumni
 - Teach students and all interested parties about UNC's past, both good and bad
 - Prepare our students to be effective in an increasingly diverse world
- Strategy Create a comprehensive solution consistent with our mission and befitting UNC's legacy as a public institution

Guiding Principles

Process

- Explore multiple points of view
- Keep the discourse civil and respectful
- Be careful not to impose today's social norms on the past and cover up our history in the process
- Seek consensus where possible

Solutions

- Should be grounded in evidence and research
- Should be evergreen for future students and faculty
- Must be practical and implementable
- Must include clear responsibility for execution
- Include on-going support

BOT Activities Since Spring 2014

- Researched the issues
- Reviewed policies
- Framed the problem and defined our objectives
- Listened to various arguments and proposals
- Conducted 200+ one-on-one meetings

Hundreds of Conversations

- Current UNC leaders
- Former UNC leaders
- UNC student groups
- UNC alumni
- UNC faculty
- UNC and national experts

Conversations with Experts

History

- Dr. Jim Leloudis
- Dr. Harry Watson
- Dr. W. Fitzhugh Brundage
- Dr. Reg Hildebrand
- Dr. Cecelia Moore
- Dr. Anne Whisnant
- Dr. Michael Hill
- Taylor Branch
- Dr. Tim Tyson

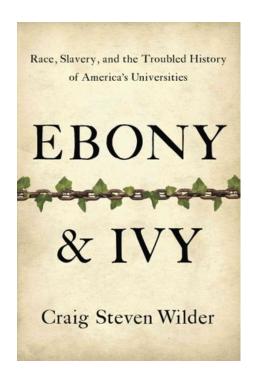
Communications

- Dr. Carol Blair
- Dr. Bill Balthrop
- Dr. Elizabeth Olson

Public Policy

- Dr. Al Brophy UNC Law School
- Dr. Bernard Herman Chair of UNC American Studies Dept.
- Dr. Dan Matthews, Rector Emeritus,
 Trinity Episcopal Church, NY
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu (through Dan Matthews)
- Dr. Tom Russell University of Denver Law School
- Dr. Sanford Levinson University of Texas Law School
- Dr. Jay Ford, Wake Forest University

A National Issue



1987 – University of Colorado

http://www.dailycamera.com/ci_21395158/nichols-hall-dormitory-became-controversy

2001 – University of Hawaii

• http://libweb.hawaii.edu/names/porteus.html

2003 - Brown University

• http://www.brown.edu/Research/Slavery Justice/

2004 – University of Alabama

• http://www.nbcnews.com/id/4759657/ns/us_news-life/t/university-alabama-apologizes-slave-past/#.VOUU0Ha-LP4

2007 – Harvard University

• http://www.harvardandslavery.com/about/

2012 - Princeton University

- https://www.princeton.edu/~slavery/
- https://www.princeton.edu/mudd/news/faq/topics/slavery.shtml

2014 – University of Virginia

http://news.virginia.edu/content/uva-president-appoints-commission-slavery-and-university

2014 – Duke University

 http://www.diversityinc.com/news/duke-universitys-aycock-hall-renamed-followingmonths-student-protest/

2014 – Washington & Lee

 http://www.wlu.edu/presidents-office/messages-to-the-community/president-ruscios-july-8-2014-message

2015 – Clemson University

https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2015/02/12/clemson-wont-rename-building-honors-racist

2015 - East Carolina University

http://www.twcnews.com/nc/coastal/news/2015/02/20/ecu-board-approves-name-change-for-aycock-residence-hall.html
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Some Observations









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of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL

Relevant Sections of UNC Policy on Namings

Section 3. Naming Facilities and Units.

E. Duration and Modification of Namings.

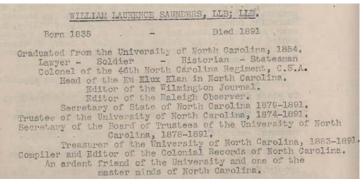
- 1. The duration of a benefactor's or honoree's name on any facility or unit ordinarily continues for as long as the facility or unit is used in the same manner or for the same purpose for which the naming occurred. Upon demolition, replacement, substantial renovation, re-designation of purpose, or similar modification of a named facility or unit, the University may deem that the naming period has concluded.
- 6. Revocation of naming approval or conferral. In certain circumstances, the University reserves the right, on reasonable grounds, to revoke and terminate its obligations regarding a naming, with no financial responsibility for returning any received contributions to the benefactor. These actions, and the circumstances that prompt them, may apply to an approved naming that has not yet been acted upon or to a conferred naming.
 - (a) If the benefactor's or honoree's reputation changes substantially so that the continued use of that name may compromise the public trust, dishonor the University's standards, or otherwise be contrary to the best interests of the University, the naming may be revoked. However, caution must be taken when, with the passage of time, the standards and achievements deemed to justify a naming action may change and observers of a later age may deem those who conferred a naming honor at an earlier age to have erred. Namings should not be altered simply because later observers would have made different judgments

http://policy.sites.unc.edu/files/2013/05/Naming-Policy.pdf.



Saunders – The Historical Record





- There are no primary documents or written evidence that Saunders was ever a member or a leader of the KKK.
- Congressional leaders and investigators identified Saunders as the head of the Invisible Empire in NC.
- Reputable historians have identified Saunders as the head of the KKK.
- The 1920 UNC Board of Trustees identified Saunders as the head of the KKK.

McCorkle Place

- Historical monuments speak to three points in time
 - The time the monument is memorializing
 - The time the monument was erected
 - The time you view the monument
- The Confederate Memorial (Silent Sam)



Key Questions

- 1. What do we do about Saunders Hall?
- 2. What do we do about McCorkle Place?
- 3. What do we do about educating new members of our community about UNC's history?

Guest Speakers

- 1. Omolulu Babatunde student and spokesperson for the Real Silent Sam Coalition
- 2. Frank Pray student and President of the UNC College Republicans
- 3. Dr. Al Brophy, professor, UNC School of Law (via video)
- 4. Dr. Jim Leloudis professor of History at UNC.
- 5. Dr. Deborah Stroman professor, Kenan-Flagler Business School and President of the Carolina Black Caucus
- 6. Dr. Eric Muller professor, UNC School of Law
- 7. Arch Allen alumnus, retired lawyer, a former UNC trustee and current Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pope Center for Higher Education Policy
- 8. Sam Fulwood alumnus, recent winner of the Harvey Beech award, and Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, Washington, DC



We Want Your Thoughts & Ideas

- Submit in writing to http://bot.unc.edu/comments/
- It will be open March 25-April 25, 2015
- Please include your name and affiliation with the University
- Include the rationale for your idea, relevant facts, and how we would implement your idea
- All submissions will be subject to North Carolina
 Open Records laws and will be published

Appendix

History of Race and Place at UNC







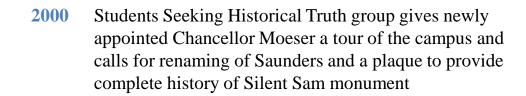


- 1968 Black Student Movement (BSM) presented Chancellor Sitterson with 23 Demands including one about a place for black students
- 1972 BSM opened Upendo Lounge in Chase Hall
- 1988 Black Cultural Center opened in the Student Union, but black students, faculty and administrators are critical of the space
- 1990 The Student Body sculptures were unveiled in front of Davis
 Library and was subsequently criticized for its racial stereotypes. It
 sparked multiple protests and was vandalized. Ultimately, the most
 offensive statue was removed and the statues were relocated.
- 1992 The BSM leads 1000 students on a march to the Chancellor's office to request construction of a standalone Black Cultural Center on campus. Spike Lee comes to Chapel Hill to support the protest.
- The University changes the name of the Monogram Club to Jackson Hall in honor of two of UNC's first black tenured professors Dr. Blyden Jackson and Dr. Roberta Jackson
- 1997 BSM calls for a monument to the slaves who built the University
- 1999 BSM protests over Saunders Hall citing Saunders role as the leader of the Ku Klux Klan









2004 Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History building opens

The Bell Award Controversy

Remembering Reconstruction conference

The Carolina Story: A Virtual Museum of University History museum.unc.edu

2005 Unsung Founders Memorial is unveiled. Paid for by a gift from the Class of 2002

Slavery and the Making of the University exhibit. https://web.archive.org/web/20140703055651/http://www.v2.lib.unc.edu/mss/exhibits/slavery/

Black & Blue tour of the UNC campus



2007 Horton Dormitory named for Slave poet George Moses Horton





2007 Global Education Center opened with the Nelson Mandela Auditorium





2009 Knapp Sanders (UNC School of Government) - added a 50' mural honoring the contributions of African American North Carolinians





RSSC proposes 1) a plaque on Silent Sam to provide context for the monument, 2) a memorial review process, 3) erection of a monument to racial inclusivity of similar size and scope as Silent Sam, and 4) creation of an education campaign to

teach a more complete history of our campus.

Chancellor Thorp convenes a committee of faculty, alumni, staff and students (chaired by T. Clayton) to make specific recommendations.

Jan 2013

The Clayton committee issues its report recommending

- 1. Construct a comprehensive website of the factual history of monuments and buildings
- 2. Set up process for regular review of current memorials
- 3. Hold an annual presentation on regarding campus buildings and monuments and racial relations and diversity
- 4. Revisit the Unsung Founders Memorial

Chancellor Thorp doesn't act on the recommendations.