

UNLEARNING

DEC. 9 | 1:00-3:00 PM EST
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A workshop organized by Urban Humanities Working Group: Peter Christensen, Lawrence Chua, Samia Henni and Lisa Trivedi. With Swati Chattopadhyay, Charles Davis II, Ana María León, Lesley Lokko, Victoria Young, and Mabel O. Wilson. Supported by Central New York Humanities Corridor.

The events that occurred prior to, during, and following Ariella Aisha Azoulay's lecture, "Palestine is There Where it has Always Been," convened by Samia Henni on October 5, 2020, as part of the Preston H. Thomas Memorial Lectures, "Into the Desert: Questions of Coloniality and Toxicity," at the Department of Architecture, Cornell University, call for a reconsideration of the roles of institutions, pedagogies, and sources in academic practice.

Borrowing the term *unlearning* from the titles of several publications, including Swati Chattopadhyay's *Unlearning the City* (2012), Azoulay's *Potential History, Unlearning Imperialism* (2019), and the Black Faculty of Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation's statement, *Unlearning Whiteness* (2020), this workshop seeks to engage in a collective and scholarly exchange about normative roles and our agency as historians of architecture and the built environment in the processes and mechanisms of acting conscientiously and correctively as researchers, teachers, and members of academic communities.

The Central New York Humanities Corridor's Working Group: *Urban Humanities*, which includes Peter Christensen (University of Rochester), Lawrence Chua (Syracuse University), Samia Henni (Cornell University), and Lisa Trivedi (Hamilton College), is pleased to host this workshop. We have invited Swati Chattopadhyay (University of California, Santa Barbara), Charles Davis II (University of Buffalo), Ana María León (University of Michigan), Lesley Lokko (City College of New York), Victoria Young (University of St. Thomas), and Mabel O. Wilson (Columbia University) to share their experiences, concerns, and hopes in an era of institutional change that promises the prioritization of diversity, equity, inclusion, in pursuit of justice.

1:00-1:05 pm	Welcome and Introduction by Samia Henni, Cornell University
1:05-1:35 pm	Unlearning Sources, chaired by Peter Christensen, University of Rochester Swati Chattopadhyay, University of California, Santa Barbara Mabel O. Wilson, Columbia University Discussion
1:35-2:05 pm	Unlearning Pedagogy, chaired by Lawrence Chua, Syracuse University Ana María León, University of Michigan Charles Davis II, University of Buffalo Discussion
2:05-2:35 pm	Unlearning Institutions, chaired by Samia Henni, Cornell University Lesley Lokko, City College of New York Victoria Young, SAH President, University of St. Thomas Discussion
2:35-3:00 pm	Q&A moderated by Lisa Trivedi, Hamilton College