

# HERITAGE TOURS

Saturday 3.25.17

3–4:30pm

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## UVA CEMETERY & AFRICAN AMERICAN BURIAL SITE

Join Dr. Lynn Rainville (Research Professor in the Humanities, Sweet Briar College) for an archaeo-historic tour of the University of Virginia Cemetery and the nearby African American Burial Site. On our  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile walk from Campbell Hall to the Cemetery we'll pass by interpretive panels at the Rotunda, the Crackerbox (an historic building which contains an antebellum kitchen), and a plaque to 19<sup>th</sup>-century laborers. At the graveyard we'll investigate sepulchral architecture, gravestone morphologies, and mortuary landscapes and discuss how these open-air museums can be used to promote local history.

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## DOWNTOWN MALL/VINEGAR HILL

Join Beth Meyer (Director, Center for Cultural Landscapes; Professor of Landscape Architecture), Frank Dukes (Distinguished Fellow, Institute for Environmental Negotiation; member, Charlottesville Commission on Race, Memorials and Public Spaces) and Mary Joy Scala (Charlottesville Preservation and Design Planner) for a tour of five commemorative sites—monumental and everyday, prominent and barely marked—in Charlottesville's historic Downtown. Two of the sites, Lee Park (1924) and Jackson Park (1921) are marked by large equestrian statues of the Civil War generals, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, and are prominent sites within the historic city grid. City Council voted recently to remove the Lee statue; this week a group of local citizens sued Council over this decision. On the south eastern corner of Jackson Park and Courthouse Square, we will pass by the plaque marking the site of the City's slave market. The other two sites, the "Colored Entrance" to the recently restored Paramount Movie Theater (Third Street, NE) and the proposed site of Vinegar Hill Park (to mark the demolition of an African American neighborhood fifty years ago) are located along the 8 block long pedestrian street designed by Lawrence Halprin in the mid 1970s. At each site, we will discuss how Charlottesville's 20th century social history from Jim Crow to urban renewal, is encoded in these 'sites of memory' in the public realm, and how this lived experience continues to shape citizens' conception of who has the "right to the city." Note: We will gather at 3:15pm in the middle of Lee Park (between E. Market street and E. High Street, First and Second Street NE). You can walk there by following Main Street to Water Street to First Street (1-1/2 miles), or you can meet the tour guides at 2:45pm in Campbell Hall lobby and take the trolley over together.

*Both tours will meet in the Campbell Hall lobby at 2:45pm.*