

“Retrospective Significance”: Diaspora and Reparations

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1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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In this talk, Walcott draws on ideas from Michel-Rolph Trouillot to raise a series of questions about the project of reparations, nation and diaspora. Drawing on recent reparations movements, he asks questions concerning what kinds and forms of knowledge might constitute the terms of a conversation that exceeds the one we are currently having. He suggests that a complicated lack of comprehension appears to be hindered by important moments in post-'60s Black politics, where the articulation of Black difference through logics of nationalism, ethnicity and geographies have produced ways of making sense of Black global pasts and the historical, deeply fraught problematics of our contemporary thought and action, vernacular and institutional.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and light refreshments will be provided.