

2019-2020 Humanities Center Brown Bag Series

Weaponized Whiteness: Racist Currents in American Gun Violence

Why does the United States have so much gun violence and why is it so difficult to overcome? Although there are numerous contributing factors to the persistence of the high amount of American gun violence, from the frontier past to the continuing proliferation of guns, one significant, but often overlooked, aspect is the role of systemic racism and the accompanying white racist frame. This fifty-minute power point presentation will explore the long history of racist currents in American gun violence.

Drawing from material in my forthcoming, *Weaponized Whiteness: The Constructions and Deconstructions of White Identity Politics* (Brill 2020), the racist dimensions of colonial and imperial war and repressive policing will be examined for their impact on American gun violence. In addition, recent challenges to these racist currents in American gun violence, from Black Lives Matter to the March for Our Lives, will be highlighted.

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