

Black Bodies, Burial Grounds, & Reparations

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Black and African bodies and burial grounds have been under attack for centuries, in what has become the United States. What factors and forces have assailed Black beings and cemeteries? What can be done to stop these forms of anti-Black violence? What social, political, and cultural measures have been devised to achieve reparation? These questions can be answered by bringing archaeologies of redress into conversation with Black and Indigenous Studies, Anthropologies of African diasporan burial practices, discourses on compensatory justice, and policies on African American human remains. Special attention to cases from the Carolinas provide insights into the scope of the problem and the remedies that people hope will solve it.