



**Working Group on Slavery and Its Contemporary Legacies**  
**June 3, 2024**  
**Agenda**

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Welcome and introductions

History of the Working Group

- Heritage Committee formed after Founders' Day protests in 2016
  - o The focus was to reform Founders' Day --> Renamed to Hollins Day
  - o Renamed in 2018
  - o Hollins hosted a conference of Universities Studying Slavery in 2018
  - o Discussed the visibility of the scholarship available to members of the Hollins Community and installing a memorial. Eventually focused on renaming the gym
- 2020: Unveiling the Past Museum Exhibit Made
  - o Link to view here: <https://wilsonmuseum.wixsite.com/unveiling-the-past>
- 2021-2022 2019: *Reconciliation: Campus Spaces* task force began their successful effort of renaming the gym

Goals for the year ahead

- Brainstorming Potential Action Items
  - o Architectural Work: Adding names onto the buildings
  - o Continuing the On-Campus Cemetery Project
    - Only comes after the unanimous agreement/approval/involvement of the Hollins Community
    - Look into the work the Clemson is doing with the Woodland Cemetery
    - Link to read more here:  
<https://www.clemson.edu/about/history/woodland-cemetery/index.html>
  - o Continuing work on a Memorial
    - Link to view UVA Memorial here: <https://slavery.virginia.edu/memorial-for-enslaved-laborers/>
  - o Look into grants to fund this work
  - o Make the work more intersectional: Investigate the histories of the removal of indigenous people
  - o Help people talk about the fraught feelings and articulating emotions – paired with programmatic work
  - o Create social media that reaches out to members of the Hollins Community that have left the Hollins Community
  - o Pursue oral histories
  - o Active re-engagement with the Universities Studying Slavery

- Principles
  - o Staying connected to the classroom
  - o Recognizing the emotional toll of the work
  
- Who else should we invite to the work?
  - o Brittney Flowers
  - o Chris Florio
  - o Stephanie Gibson (monuments and sites/memory and trauma)
  - o Genevieve Hendricks (architecture)
  - o Jenine Culligan (art works)
  - o Additional students
  - o Alums

How to communicate progress to the broader community?

- State of the university

Group leaders

- Please Email President Hinton to self-nominate for leadership positions

Meeting frequency

- Every 4-6 weeks

Next steps

- Clarifying the goals of the work – working charge
  - Review websites:
    - <https://wgscl.press.hollins.edu/>
    - <https://wilsonmuseum.wixsite.com/unveiling-the-past>
- Explore Grant work and funding – MDH
- Look into Oral History work:  
[https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01LVA\\_INST:VU](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01LVA_INST:VU)
- USS conference follow-up