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## (Online) Student Workshop: Confederate Monuments

*MCSII's mission is to provide leadership on issues pertaining to civil liberty and related institutions and innovations through scholarly inquiry, educational activities and community outreach. To promote this mission, MCSII will host faculty facilitated workshops in which students engage with timely and important topics.*

Date and time: Feb. 23, 2021 6:00-8:00 pm, via ZOOM

Facilitator: Dr. Cynthia Bland, Art and Art History

Should confederate monuments be taken down or are they historical documents that serve as a visible reminder of our past? Would adding contextual labels or additional works of art mitigate the controversial symbolism of these monuments? Or would a better approach include keeping these monuments on view so that the public can remain conscious about the Civil War, segregation in the community, and debates about systemic racism? The Confederate Monument workshop will address these heated conversations and invite ideas about solutions to controversial public art. A robust reading list will be provided in preparation for the workshop, and students will be invited to prepare a 100-word statement to share during the conversations. All students from all majors are invited to apply for the workshop.

To apply for the workshop, email Tim Shiell, MCSII Director, at [shiellt@uwstout.edu](mailto:shiellt@uwstout.edu). Your application should include a brief (no more than 250 words) statement of interest in the workshop topic. Students who complete the workshop receive a \$100 stipend. Deadline to apply is Feb. 16, but only sixteen students will be accepted, so don't wait to apply!

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