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Museums, Race and Reparative Justice

Reckoning with Africana Ancestral Entities

April 12, 2024, 10-3 p.m. EST | 40 Dockser Hall

Join the **Center for Law, Equity and Race (CLEAR)** for a symposium with Kris Manjapra, CLEAR Faculty Fellow, and an international group of experts in discussion about the cultural mobilizations, institutional shifts, legal battles and reparative futures resulting from the “call” of ancestral entities held by museums.



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Hundreds of thousands of bio-artifacts, obtained through the exercise of racial and colonial rule, and then stored according to racial, eugenic, colonial and patriarchal ontologies of life, are amassed in museums and scientific institutions across the West.

In this symposium, guests and commentators will be asked to ponder: How can cultural practices by descendant communities, and interventions by scholars and activists, disrupt the pattern of racial sequestration and amnesia, long-used by museums with colonial-era inheritances, to govern over the domain of the dead?

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