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Political Critique on the Margins of African Literary Canons



Cullen Goldblatt's research work focuses on contemporary African Diasporic literatures in French, Wolof, and English, at the intersections of the scholarly discourses of literature, history, and geography. Goldblatt's research examines how narratives of historical violence shape the ways place and politics are imagined in the present. His most recent project, "Places of Complicity in Narratives of Historical Violence: Thiaroye (Dakar) and District Six (Cape Town)," explores how evocations of collective memory can disavow historical complicity. A new, related project looks for alternatives to contemporary human rights explanations of violence against sexual and gender minorities in Africa, examining how colonial and nationalist discourses in Senegal and South Africa constructed political subjects as gendered and sexed, not just as raced and tribalized. Cullen Goldblatt is a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Brown University.

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