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“Placemaking, public art and the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A photo essay”

Abstract: The failure of the Central Indiana Cultural Foundation (CICF) to realize Fred Wilson’s *E Pluribus Unum* along the Indianapolis Cultural Trail cast into stark relief the contentious condition of public art, civic life and urban redevelopment in the city. A careful examination of how race is depicted on and nearby the Trail offers a perspective on downtown’s changing demographics and specific efforts underway to redevelop the material culture of place. This photo essay draws attention to the awkward silences and staccato visual beat associated with a new round of capitalized placemaking; one that harnesses racialized imagery in the service of marketing downtown as a live-work destination for some, a minimum-wage workplace for others.

Friday, February 8, 2019

3:35 p.m. in Student Building 005

(Refreshments provided at **3:15 p.m. in Student Bldg. 018**)

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