

Black Freedom Monument

Black granite obelisk—4 sided. One foot taller than Silent Sam. Located on the current site of the Confederate Soldiers Monument.

Silent Sam removed to “museum” site, with plaque indicating reason for its removal from McCorkle Place. (put out comprehensive program, then start projecting lynching’s on Sam, etc.)

“We will never forget. We will not be silent.” –engraved on surface first seen by those entering the portal of the university.

Three bronze plaques on the remaining sides. “We will always remember and honor those who struggled for our freedom.” “We will eradicate the legacy of Slavery, White Supremacy, Jim Crow, and Institutional Racism.” “We will never remain silent in the face of any injustice.”

Obelisk framed (like petals) by five granite slabs.

- “Slavery and UNC” Brief explanation of UNC’s reliance on slave labor, slave profits, promotion of slavery.
- “White Supremacy and UNC” Brief explanation of UNC’s role in Black Codes, KKK and White Supremacy during Radical Reconstruction (Cornelia Phillips Spencer and William L. Saunders), UNC’s role in White Supremacy movement of late 19th century, black disfranchisement, Jim Crow.
- “Jim Crow and UNC” Brief explanation of UNC’s role in Jim Crow—black workers and suppression of union, exclusion of black students, faculty, and administrators and resistance to desegregation, Jim Crow in Chapel Hill public services, education, etc.
- “UNC and Institutional Racism” Brief explanation of persistence of racial hierarchies and “color blind, equal opportunity racism.” Resistance to substantive desegregation of staff, students, faculty, and administration; BSM uprising and demands; Lenoir workers strikes; perpetuation of white commemorative landscape and Jim Crow institutional mythology and history; resistance to BCC; suppression of Housekeepers Movement; resistance to OWE and denial of institutional racism; resistance to abolition of Bell Award
- “Black Freedom Struggle and UNC” Freedom struggle icons—George Moses Horton, Jordan Weaver, Samuel D. Phillips, Robert Fitzgerald, Pauli Murray, Kennon Cheek (?) or Elliot “George” Washington, Paul Green, Rebecca Clark, Sidney Rittenberg (?) or Junius Scales, Charles Jones, Frank Porter Graham (?), Floyd McKissick, Preston Dobbins, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Brooks, Sonja Stone, Barbara Prear and Marsha Tinnen, Al McSurely, Keith Edwards

Reframe Unsung Founders

- raise monument well off ground
- eliminate stools or set them up in front of educational wall
- curved black granite wall behind Unsong explaining *involuntary contributions*—forced slave labor, Jim Crow labor, equal opportunity racism labor—*voluntary contributions* were black freedom struggle, civil rights, desegregation, bi-racial, democratic, inclusive traditions, relentless inspiration for Carolina community to fight for justice for all