



Public lecture

Trigger Warnings, Racist Symbols, and Free Speech: American Campuses Today

by Cheryl Greenberg

Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of History
at Trinity College

Friday, January 15, at 13:00
Kaisa Library auditorium (7th floor)

Professor Cheryl Greenberg is visiting Finland in January 2016. She was the Bicentennial Chair in American Studies at Helsinki University in 2002-2003, and a visiting professor at the Renvall Institute in 2008. She is also Docent at the University of Helsinki in the North American Studies program. The American Resource Center has the pleasure of welcoming her for a free public lecture "Trigger Warnings, Racist Symbols and Free Speech: American Campuses Today" in which she debates over whether professors should issue "trigger warnings" for emotionally difficult course content as well as the recent campus protests over racism and racist imagery, and debates over free speech.



Professor Greenberg has taught at Trinity for most of her career. She teaches courses in African American history and the history of race in the U.S., as well as courses on many social and cultural history topics including crime, protest movements, Star Trek, and American society during and after the Cold War.

Professor Greenberg's research interests are equally varied, ranging from African American communities during the Great Depression to grass-roots organizing in the Civil Rights movement, and from postwar liberalism to Black-Jewish relations. Her current long-term projects include a history of civil rights organizations' views about "hate speech" legislation, and another tracing shifting African American attitudes toward gay marriage. She is also editing the memoir of a civil rights worker in Marks, Mississippi.