Appendix: Recontextualization & Removal at Institutions of Higher Education

Date	Institution	Name of Memorial/ Building	Brief Description of Process	Links to More Information
2015	Georgetown University	Renamed Mulledy Hall and McSherry Halls	In response to student demonstrations and sit-in outside the President's Office, Georgetown announced a working group on slavery, memory, and reconciliation. William McSherry and Thomas D. Mulledy were Jesuit priests who served as President of the University during sales of enslaved people, including Mulledy during the 1838 sale of 272 people. The working group recommended changing the names.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/georgetown-university-to-rename-two-buildings-that-reflect-schools-ties-to-slavery/2015/11/15/e36edd32-8bb7-11e5-acff-673ae92ddd2b_story.html
2015	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Renamed Saunders Hall	The board of trustees voted to remove Saunders' name to Carolina Hall. The Board also voted unanimously to impose a 16-year freeze on renaming other campus buildings. William L. Saunders was a former Ku Klux Klan leader.	https://carolinahallstory.unc.edu/changing-the-name-carolina-hall-story/; https://alumni.unc.edu/news/trustees-vote-to-rename-saunders-hall-put-16-year-freeze-on-renamings/; https://carolinahallstory.unc.edu/changing-the-name-carolina-hall-story/

2015	University of	Moved Jefferson Davis	In response to the church	https://diversity.utexas.edu/statues/2015/08/10/task-
	Texas at	and Woodrow Wilson	shooting in Charleston, S.C. in	force-report-available-for-download/
	Austin	statues	June of 2015, UT established a	
			task force to evaluate six	
			statues that included depictions	
			of four military and political	
			leaders of the Confederacy.	
			The task force presented five	
			options, ranging from the	
			installation of contextual	
			materials to the removal of	
			some or all of the statues. The	
			President decided to move the	
			Davis and Wilson statues to	
			other locations.	
2016	William &	Renamed the Jamestown	In March 2015, W&M created	https://www.wm.edu/news/stories/2016/history-
2010	Mary	Residence Halls	the Task Force on Race and	made-wm-dedicates-first-buildings-named-for-people-
	iviary	Residence Trans	Race Relations. One of their	of-color.php;
			recommendations was that	https://www.wm.edu/sites/racerelations/_documents/
			"prominent campus buildings	executive_summary.pdf
			be named to more fully reflect	exceditve_summary.pur
			the achievements of a diverse	
			William	
			& Mary community." The	
			President and the Board of	
			Visitors responded by naming	
			two residence halls after	
			Lemon, an enslaved man	
			owned by W&M and Carroll	
			Hardy, the former Associate	
			Vice President for Student	
			Affairs.	

2016	Princeton	Rename West College;	Princeton adopted the report	https://namingcommittee.princeton.edu/;
2010	University	Kept Woodrow Wilson's	of its Woodrow Wilson Legacy	https://www.princeton.edu/news/2017/04/18/univers
	Offiversity	name on school	Review Committee and	ity-names-west-college-toni-morrison-wilson-school-
				auditorium-arthur-lewis;
		buildings; Removed	Committee on Naming that	,
		Harold Dodds's name to	recommended naming West	https://www.princeton.edu/news/2016/04/04/trustees
		another location on	College, a prominent campus	-call-expanded-commitment-diversity-and-inclusion;
		campus	building, for the Nobel laureate	https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-
			Toni Morrison, an emeritus	way/2016/04/04/472985937/princeton-will-keep-
			faculty member at Princeton,	woodrow-wilsons-name-on-school-buildings
			and to name the major	
			auditorium in the Woodrow	
			Wilson School of Public and	
			International Affairs for Sir	
			Arthur Lewis, a Nobel laureate	
			in Economics, who served on	
			the school's faculty. The name	
			of former University President	
			Harold Dodds was transferred	
			from the auditorium to another	
			location.	
2017	UVA	Renamed Harvey Jordan	The School of Medicine's	https://uvamagazine.org/articles/jordan_hall_renamed
		Hall	Jordan Hall, originally named	_for_alumna_pinn
			after a eugenicist and medical	•
			dean, was renamed to honor	
			alumna Vivian Pinn, the only	
			African American and the only	
			woman in her class.	
2017	Yale	Renamed John C.	Activism of students, alumni,	https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2017/02/14
	University	Calhoun residential	and faculty to remove the	/renaming-university-buildings-with-racist-namesakes-
		college	name led to debate and	is-an-uphill-battle/37427429/;
			ultimately the decision to not	https://www.thenation.com/article/when-does-
			change the name in May 2016.	renaming-a-building-make-sense/;
			Just four months later, Yale	
			changed course and announced	
			a committee to create standard	
			for renaming buildings,	
			including Calhoun College.	
			After the committee finished	

			their report, Yale decided to	
			remove the name.	
2017	University of	Recontextualized Barnard	Six contextualization plaques	http://context.olemiss.edu/;
	Mississippi	Observatory, Lamar Hall,	were installed on campus, and	https://context.wp2.olemiss.edu/wp-
		Longstreet Hall, and	an unveiling ceremony took	content/uploads/sites/89/2017/07/ChancellorAdvisor
		George Hall; the Old	place on March 2, 2018. This	yCommitteeFinalReport.pdf
		Chapel (now Croft), the	included a plaque recognizing	
		Lyceum, and Hilgard Cut,	the university's enslaved	
		Ventress Hall	laborers in the construction of	
			Barnard Observatory, and a	
			plaque contextualizing the	
			stained-glass Tiffany windows	
			in Ventress Hall that	
			recognizes the University	
			Greys, a Civil War company of	
			primarily UM students that	
			suffered 100 percent casualties	
			— killed, wounded or	
			captured. The committee also	
			recommended that the	
			University rename one	
			building—though the	
			recommendations were	
			accepted, the building has yet	
			to be renamed as of January	
			2019.	
2017	University of	Removed statues	In response to the events of	https://diversity.utexas.edu/statues/2017/08/20/confe
	Texas,	depicting Robert E. Lee,	August 11th and 12th, the	derate-statues-on-campus/
	Austin	Albert Sidney Johnson,	President of UT reconsidered	
		John Reagan, and James	the recommendations made by	
		Stephen Hogg	a 2015 task force on statues on	
			campus. The President decided	
			to remove all the listed statues.	
2017	Bryn Mawr	M. Carey Thomas Library	Working group of faculty,	https://www.brynmawr.edu/news/message-president-
	College	and Thomas Great Hall	students, staff, trustees and	cassidy-grappling-bryn-mawr-s-histories;
		should no longer be	alumni recommended that M.	https://www.inquirer.com/philly/education/bryn-
		called by the name M.	Carey Thomas's name should	mawr-college-panel-keep-ex-president-library-m-carey-
		Carey Thomas but the	remain etched over the	thomas-racist-anti-semitic-20180503.html
		name will remain etched	entrance to the buildings but	

		on the building. Removed Thomas's name from the M. Carey Thomas Award and two annual writing prizes previously awarded in her honor.	the college should no loner call the building by it (this includes printed materials, website, and conversationally). Thomas was a promoter of eugenics who barred black students and Jewish faculty.	
2017	UVA	Renamed Ivey Foreman Lewis dormitory	UVA renamed a residence hall after W.W. Yen, the first Chinese student to earn a degree from the University. Previously, the building was named for Ivey Foreman Lewis, a noted eugenicist who promoted race science and white supremacy during his years at the University.	https://news.virginia.edu/content/uvas-lewis-house-renamed-yen-house-honor-noted-chinese-graduate
2017	University of Oregon	Renamed Matthew Deady Hall, Frederic Dunn Hall, Benjamin Hawthorne Hall	The Black Student Task Force released a list of 12 demands to improve Black students' experiences on campus in 2016, including that the University investigate the buildings named after individuals associated with slavery (Deady & Hawthorne) and the KKK (Dunn).	https://www.dailyemerald.com/archives/hawthorne-hall-a-confederate-legacy/article_a7df34b4-4bc1-5e5c-ab17-ddfcdb83f1d9.html; https://www.registerguard.com/news/20190729/unpacking-problematic-past
2018	Duke University	Renamed Julian Carr Building	The Department of History at Duke submitted a proposal to change the name of the Julian S. Carr building. Carr was an active promoter of white supremacy. The President appointed a committee to review the proposal. The committee and the President both recommended accepting the proposal and the Board of	https://today.duke.edu/2018/12/carr-building-be-renamed

			Trustees approved the	
			removal.	
2018	Oregon	Renamed Benjamin Lee	Arnold was the second	https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-
	State	Arnold dining center	president of OSU, grew up in a	scoop/jclc2018-renaming-reconciling-oregon-state/;
	University		slaveholding family and fought	https://leadership.oregonstate.edu/building-and-place-
			for the Confederate Army. The	names/evaluation-;
			building was renamed after a	https://leadership.oregonstate.edu/sites/leadership.oreg
			report was issued by five	onstate.edu/files/OID/BuildingPlaceNames/Historical
			historians. In addition, the	=
			University adopted new	Reports/arnold_dining_center_historical_report.pdfpro
			renaming criteria to reconsider	cess/renaming-criteria
			other buildings.	
2018	Washington	Renamed Robinson Hall,	In response to	https://www.roanoke.com/news/education/w-l-
	& Lee	Lee-Jackson House, and	recommendations made by the	trustees-rename-campus-buildings-following-
		replaced portraits of	Commission on Institutional	commission-s-recommendations/article_004637ab-
		Robert E. Lee and	History and Community, the	b60c-5feb-b502-0f248397f386.html
		George Washington in	Board of Trustees agreed to	
		civilian clothing to	make these changes. John	
		portraits of the men in	Robinson, the founder of the	
		uniform in Lee Chapel	University owned enslaved	
			people and the college later	
			sold these men, women, and	
			children to fund the	
			construction of Robinson Hall	
			in 1836. W&L also created an	
			Office of Institutional History	
			to continue research into the	
			University's difficult pasts.	
2018	UVA	Public truth-telling &	Curry School created a	https://www.dailyprogress.com/news/local/uva-
		recontextualization of	committee to research the	mulling-curry-school-name-change/article_aff23a9e-
		Curry School of	history and legacies of William	ec6c-11e8-907d-032a4d7cb3ae.html;
		Education and Human	Henry Ruffner and Jabez	http://community.village.virginia.edu/howwememoriali
		Development & Ruffner	Lamar Monroe Curry. The	ze/
		Hall	committee created a website	
			that shared their research and	
			invited community input. Their	
			committee has produced	
			recommendations that have	
			been submitted to the	

			President's Office as of January 2019	
2019	University of	Removed Silent Sam	In November of 2019, UNC	https://exhibits.lib.unc.edu/exhibits/show/silent-
	North Carolina, Chapel Hill		Chapel Hill agreed to terms with the Sons of Confederate Veterans for them to take	sam/about; https://www.unc.edu/posts/2019/08/18/update-on- diversity-and-inclusion-from-interim-chancellor-kevin-
			ownership of the Silent Same statue and build a center to preserve it (they agreed to put	m-guskiewicz/;
			\$2.5 million into a trust to help defray the costs of the new	
			center and paid an extra \$75,000 to not display Confederate flags during any	
			meetings or demonstrations until 2024). This decision	
			followed more than a decade of student activism and	
			scholarly interest culminating in protestors taking it down themselves in August 2018.	

2019	University of	Removed Charles	In the summer of 2015, a UC	https://www.uc.edu/president/priorities/mcmicken-
	Cincinnati	McMicken's name from	police officer shot and killed	working-group.html
		campus including	Samuel Dubose during an off	
		McMicken Hall,	campus (way off campus)	
		McMicken College of	traffic stop. Dubose's killing	
		Arts & Sciences	sparked a student movement,	
		(diplomas)	and among the demands of the	
		,	students was the removal of	
			Charles McMicken's name	
			from campus. McMicken	
			bequeathed a gift to the city of	
			Cincinnati to create the	
			University of Cincinnati	
			through a will read upon his	
			death in 1858. McMicken was	
			a slaveholder and bequeathed a	
			substantial amount of real	
			estate for two colleges for	
			"white Boys and Girls."	
2019	University of	Renamed Paul Brandon	The Board of Visitors voted to	https://news.virginia.edu/content/uva-renames-
	Virginia	Barringer wing at the	rename the Barringer wing at	medical-center-wing-honor-francis-s-collins
		UVA Medical Center	the Medical Center. Barringer	
		West Complex	was a noted eugenicist.	
2019	University of	Recontextualization of	The University accepted	https://www.gla.ac.uk/news/headline_667960_en.html;
	Glasgow	the Gilmorehill House	several recommendations made	https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/humanities/slavery/rep
		(plaque)	by their working group,	ort2018/#
			including a new plaque to mark	
			the fact that the Gilmorehill	
			House was owned by a	
			notorious 18th century	
			slaveowner and that the	
			University benefitted by gifts	
			made by individuals who	
			profited from slavery. It also	
			commemorates "the lives of all	
			those who suffered from	
			enslavement."	

2019	University of Minnesota	Renamed Lotus D. Coffman Hall, Walter Castella Coffey Hall; Middlebrook Hall; Nicholson Hall	Faculty-led task force recommended the Board of Regents remove the names of four former university administrators. One of them, Lotus D. Coffman, the school's president from 1920 to 1938, excluded black students from university housing, athletics, and medical training programs.	https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/23/us/task-force-university-racism.html; https://conservancy.umn.edu/bitstream/handle/11299 /202590/report_of_the_task_force_on_building_names _and_institutional_history_2019-02- 25.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y
2019	George Washington University	The Board of Trustees created a Task Force on Naming	The task force has four objectives: 1.) Determining under what circumstances a request to change a name should be considered. 2.) Creating the principles that will guide the board and university administration in determining whether to change a name. 3.) Developing the procedures through which name changes will be considered. 4.) Creating the principles that will guide the board and university administration in determining the names of new building, facilities, and other public spaces.	https://trustees.gwu.edu/task-force-naming

2020	University of	University of New	In reaction to concerns raised	https://blogs.unb.ca/newsroom/2020/05/university-
	New	Brunswick removes	by faculty, staff, and	of-new-brunswick-removes-george-duncan-ludlows-
	Brunswick	George Duncan	community members, UNB	name-from-faculty-of-law-building.php
		Ludlow's name from	President Mazerolle created the	
		Faculty of Law Building	Working Group on the	
			Principles of Naming or	
			Renaming University Place. In	
			their recommendations, they	
			advised renaming the building	
			based on Ludlow's	
			involvement in residential	
			schools and views on slavery.	
			The UNB Board of Governors	
			agreed to rename the building.	