

# DIS/UNITY AND DIFFERENCE

## Dramatic (Dis)Unity on Roanoke Island

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018**  
**BURLING LOUNGE**  
**7:30 P.M.**

Gina Caison will examine how popular narratives of Roanoke Island, North Carolina, depend on Native American history in order to establish settler-colonial land claims for the region we now call the U.S. South. These dramatic interpretations of Roanoke reappear across time, often buttressing myths of southern exceptionalism at the expense of living Native peoples. She argues that understanding the history of Roanoke Island and the way it recurs and evolves through popular narratives offers a way to interrogate the troubling obsession with loss that appears in some approaches to Native American and southern studies.



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