FIVE SCORE LATER: Civil Rights and Historical Memory in Gettysburg

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The role Gettysburg played in the American Civil War has been studied exhaustively. But what about the role the town played in the American Civil Rights movement, 100 years later? And how did the town's historical memory impact the present?

Join Starr Center Director Adam Goodheart for a Zoom conversation with Author and Historian Jill Ogline Titus, as they discuss her new book Gettysburg 1963 (UNC Press, 2021). Goodheart and Titus will explore the Civil War, Civil Rights, and how the Cold War shaped Gettysburg as a political tool. Titus' work is described as, “Examining the experiences of political leaders, civil rights activists, preservation-minded Civil War enthusiasts, and local residents, Titus shows how the era’s deep divisions thrust Gettysburg into the national spotlight and ensured that white and Black Americans would define the meaning of the battle, the address, and the war in dramatically different ways.”

Jill Ogline Titus is the associate director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College and co-coordinator for the college’s public history minor. In addition to Gettysburg 1963, Titus is also the author of Brown’s Battleground: Students, Segregationists, and the Struggle for Justice in Prince Edward County (UNC Press, 2011), which was a finalist for the Library of Virginia Literary Award. From 2007 to 2012, she was Associate Director of the Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience here at Washington College. Titus received her Ph.D. in History from the University of Massachusetts in 2007.