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ECU GEOGRAPHER CO-AUTHORS BOOK ON CIVIL RIGHTS MEMORIALS

GREENVILLE, N.C. (Dec. 10, 2008) — Derek H. Alderman, associate professor of geography at East Carolina University, has co-authored *Civil Rights Memorials and the Geography of Memory* with Owen Dwyer of Indian University at Indianapolis. The book is published by the Center for American Places at Columbia College Chicago and distributed by the University of Georgia Press.

Dwyer and Alderman carry out the first critical examination of the monuments, museums, parks and streets dedicated to the African American struggle for civil rights, paying close attention to which stories, people and places are remembered and which are forgotten. They reveal that social and geographic marginalization often accompanies the creation of civil rights memorials, prompting the public to consider the still unfinished nature of the struggle for racial equality and social justice.

Alderman is a nationally recognized expert on the politics of naming streets and other public places after Martin Luther King, Jr. He has been quoted widely on the subject by *BBC Radio News*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *CNN*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Ebony* and NPR's *Morning Edition*. Alderman frequently advises activists and municipal leaders involved in naming struggles, and he has delivered community talks across the nation.

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