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"I Despair of the Waste": African-American Voices and Ending Cultures of Homicide



(Photo by Susan Latham)

If you strike up a conversation with an African-American woman in the United States, chances are she can point you in the direction of someone who has lost a child to homicide, fears her child will be killed, or has lost a child of her own. Chances are she can tell you something like this, and you'd find it strikingly inconsistent with what is going on in America according to the newspaper, public officials or public debates. This presentation draws upon research,

documentary photography and interviews with African-American women who have lost children to homicide in the United States and understands their voices, activism and thinking as intellectual sites for resisting public silence and forming strategies and policies for ending the homicide epidemic in the United States. More often than not, these women knew, practiced and theorized about these strategies long before their children were killed, but public leaders and institutions failed to listen to their voices and recommendations.

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