Journal Takes Closer Look at Quebec Protests, Trayvon Martin

In its continued efforts to respond to current events, the journal *Theory & Event* has released its regular issue with a symposium on the killing of Trayvon Martin along with a supplemental issue focusing on student unrest in Quebec earlier in 2012.

“All of our issues are group efforts, but this one is even more of a collective product because of the work of so many who want to keep our theorizing of events in pace with current developments,” says co-editors Jodi Dean and Davide Panagia.

The journal is published online four times a year by the Johns Hopkins University Press. The issue and the supplement will be available free to the public for a three-month period via Project MUSE at http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/theory_and_event/toc/tae.15.3.html (journal) and http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/theory_and_event/toc/tae.15.3S.html (supplement).

The symposium was guest edited by Neil Roberts and features eight essays on what Roberts calls “the Trayvon Martin event.” He said the collection should remind readers how discussions of race stimulate complex arrays of feeling, judgment, and affect.

“I classify the shooting of seventeen-year-old Martin and the subsequent activities and discourses related to the shooting as an event rather than a tragedy because it marks a moment in American political life where past and future are mutually determining,” he writes in his introduction.

The included supplement contains 13 articles and one timeline, some in both French and English, which examine Quebec’s *printemps érable* (Maple Spring) of 2012. This movement started with student strikes over university fees, but evolved into larger, province-wide protests of social and economic issues.

“These brief essays seek not to provide the final word on what is happening in our midst but rather to honour in thought the movement that is taking place in the streets of Quebec, even as we write,” guest editors Brian Massumi, Darin Barney, and Cayley Sorochan write in their introduction to the supplement.

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