

# WORLD HISTORY IN TURBULENT TIMES

We live in turbulent times. Climate collapse is already displacing populations, even as governments and corporations continue to support the burning of biomass and fossil fuels. Democracy and self-determination are under attack around the world.

Fortunately, in every place where authoritarianism is on the rise, and in every instance where hope seems to recede, people are fighting back. When they do so, they often appeal to the past to condemn the injustices of the present. Indigenous people reference ancestral land claims, climate refugees brandish images of historical landscapes, democracy activists cite founding documents, advocates for reparations for the descendants of enslaved people calculate the economic cost of ancestral toil and dispossession.

Our fall luncheon series is a series of conversations inspired by these observations and prompted by the following question:

**HOW CAN INSIGHTS FROM WORLD HISTORY SUPPORT ACTIVISM  
IN THE WORLD THAT WE INHABIT TODAY?**

**September 18**

***What Can Activists Do With  
World History?***

Discussant: Ruth Mostern (Pitt)  
12:00 noon—3703 Posvar Hall

**October 28**

***Forced Labor and Migration in  
World-Historical Perspective***

Discussant: Molly Warsh (Pitt)  
12:00 noon—3703 Posvar hall

**October 14**

***New Perspectives on  
Global Indigeneity***

Discussant: Alexa Woloshyn (CMU)  
12:00 noon—3703 Posvar hall

**November 13\***

***Reflections on an  
Epoch of Loss***

Discussant: Michael Goodhart (Pitt)  
12:00 noon—Schenley Park Visitor Center

**RSVP required for all lunches. Email [whc@pitt.edu](mailto:whc@pitt.edu) if you plan on attending.**

\*Nov. 13 lunch co-sponsored by Global Studies Center

