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My name is Will Hodge and I'm PhD student in the History department at Georgia State University. My major is U.S. History (Reconstruction to the present day) and my research focus is on memory and manipulation, especially as it relates to false narratives (Lost Cause mythology, Confederate memorials, etc.) and forgotten stories (community remembrance projects, unsung Civil Rights heroes, racial terror victims, etc.). My dissertation will focus on the race, gender, and class issues surrounding the 75 Confederate monuments currently standing in Georgia that were funded and erected by The United Daughters of the Confederacy.