A Misplaced Massacre: Struggling Over the Memory of Sand Creek

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On November 29, 1864, a volunteer regiment of Union troops in Colorado Territory slaughtered approximately 150 Cheyenne and Arapaho Native Americans, the vast majority of whom were women, children, or the elderly. This lecture will examine the causes and context of what quickly became known as the Sand Creek Massacre, among the most notorious episodes of violence in the history of the settlement of the American West. The lecture will then focus on the recently completed effort to construct a Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, emphasizing the contingent nature of knowledge, the ways in which public landscapes are critical for understanding collective memory, and the difficulty of memorializing an event so fraught with politics as the violence at Sand Creek.

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