Racial Sensations:
On Kara Walker’s Pornopticon

Robyn Wiegman, Professor of Literature and Women’s Studies at Duke University was recently awarded the 2016 College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award.

Thursday, April 21, 2016, 3:00 P.M.
Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
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Robyn Wiegman is Professor of Literature and Women’s Studies at Duke University, and an internationally recognized scholar in feminist studies, American Studies, and critical race studies. Her academic training began at Indiana University in the late 1970s when she completed an undergraduate degree in English and a MFA in Creative Writing. More than a decade later, with PhD in hand and experience as Assistant Professor of English at Syracuse University, she returned to IU in a joint faculty position in English and Women’s Studies. In 1996, she departed to lead the Women’s Studies program at the University of California, Irvine and several years later joined the faculty at Duke University as the Margaret Taylor Smith Director of Women’s Studies. Professor Wiegman has published two books—Object Lessons (2012) and American Anatomies: Theorizing Race and Gender (1995)—and edited numerous anthologies, including The Futures of American Studies (2002); Women’s Studies on Its Own (2002); AIDS and the National Body; and Feminism Beside Itself (1995). In addition to her regular faculty appointments, she has co-directed the Dartmouth Institute for the Futures of American Studies and taught Master’s level short courses in Australia, England, Norway, Ireland, and Canada. In 2015, she spent a semester as a Fulbright teaching fellow at The Università degli Studi di Napoli L’Orientale in Naples, Italy. A popular and rigorous teacher, she received the Dean’s Award for Excellence in Mentoring from the Graduate School at Duke University in 2013. As a native of Indiana, Professor Wiegman relishes basketball and still considers IU her home team. Along with several cousins who graduated from IU, she established the Wiegman Family Fund to offer financial assistance to first generation college students enrolled at IU.