

Inside Higher Ed article (Feb, 2017): <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/02/13/yale-removes-calhoun-name-residential-college-name-remains-other-colleges>

“A few months later, [Yale announced it would reconsider its decision](#), and that it would first create a system for evaluating requests for such name changes. That panel was then convened, as was another to consider whether the Calhoun name should be removed. On Saturday, Yale's board made a final decision on the matter.

Salovey's letter noted that Calhoun was different from others in history who may be honored at Yale or elsewhere. "This [principal legacy of Calhoun -- and the indelible imprint he has left on American history -- conflicts fundamentally with the values Yale has long championed](#). Unlike other namesakes on our campus, he [distinguished himself not in spite of these views but because of them](#). Although it is not clear exactly how Calhoun's pro-slavery and racist views figured in the 1931 naming decision, depictions in the college celebrating plantation life and the 'Old South' suggest that Calhoun was honored not simply as a statesman and political theorist but in full contemplation of his unique place in the history of slavery," Salovey's letter said."

2016 Procedures for outlining considerations for renaming

<https://ogc.yale.edu/governance/historic-documents/renaming-procedure>

https://president.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/CEPR_FINAL_12-2-16.pdf

V. Principles

A. Presumptions: Renaming on account of values should be an exceptional event

B. Principles to be considered: Sometimes renaming on the basis of values is warranted

C. Decisions to retain a name or to rename come with obligations of nonerasure, contextualization, and process