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Diversity in the Adirondacks

Past, Present & Future

Context

Population - predominantly white



Efforts being made to diversify the area



Are the Adirondacks welcoming to BIPOC folks?

- (Research: Conducted interviews, read books, & created podcast)

Past - The Indigenous Experience

- ❑ Myth - “impassible and uninhabited” - Lewis Evans
- ❑ Evidence demonstrates indigenous presence
 - ❑ Mohawk of the Iroquois Confederacy
 - ❑ Abenaki of the Algonquin-speaking peoples
- ❑ Relationship with Europeans
 - ❑ Considered inferior
 - ❑ Commodification of natives
 - ❑ Redface
 - ❑ Frontierland
- ❑ Joseph Brant



<https://www.vizettes.com/kt/upstateny-history/ny-na/na.htm>

Past - The Black Experience

- ❑ Gerrit Smith & Land Grants
- ❑ Fulton Fryer & Segregation
- ❑ Blackface



Fulton Fryer's Closet

<https://www.adirondackalmanack.com/2017/09/fulton-fryers-closet-sea-gle-music-colony.html>

Present Issues

- ❑ Nicki Hylton-Patterson - graffiti
- ❑ Racial Profiling - Driving While Black
- ❑ Mohawks on Akwesasne Reservation
→ discrimination w/ border patrol
- ❑ Malone Police Report
- ❑ Saranac Lake Valedictorian Speech



<https://www.pxfuel.com/en/search?q=issue>

Future of Diversity in the Adirondacks

- ❑ ADI
- ❑ Outdoor Afro
- ❑ JohnBrownLives! Memorial
- ❑ North Country Underground Railroad Association
- ❑ Inclusive Woods & Us
- ❑ Akwesasne Cultural Center



John Brown State Historic Site

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:House_at_John_Brown%27s_Farm.jpg

How to Access Podcast:

- ❑ <https://union.manifoldapp.org/projects/diversity-in-the-adirondacks>
- ❑ OR GOOGLE: Union College Manifold