

History of African-Americans at UVA Tour Outline

Created by: Alice Burgess, Henry Hoffman, & Kiera Givens, Fall, 2015

This is a master outline for HAAs. The goal of this outline is to give you a starting point for designing your own tour, and to provide you with quick refreshers on the day of the tour. We've organized it into 7 sections (which you could then translate into stops). More information can be found on the HAA Prezi:

http://prezi.com/kdtwbhq5wocu/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy

Ideas for Overarching Themes:

- ~ Community Building
- ~ Creating Spaces and Places
- ~ Seen and Unseen or Seen but not Heard
- ~ Feel free to come up with your own theme(s). We actually think that the themes that you come up with will be more interesting than the ones we suggested. But above all, please ensure that you do have one or two central ideas/themes that tie your tour together.

Founding & slavery (1814 - 1865)

- ★ Mentality of Jefferson and the University
 - Analysis of early plans and the Maverick Engraving
- ★ Role of Enslaved Laborers during Construction of UVA
- ★ Daily Functioning of UVA from 1825-1861 (lives of Early Students and Enslaved Laborers)
- ★ Specific Narratives of Enslaved Laborers
 - Lewis Commodore, Thrimston Hern, "Anatomical" Lewis, and Isabella and William Gibbons

Venable Lane (1830s)

- ★ Role of free African-Americans in functioning of University
- ★ Founding and Building the Venable Lane Community
- ★ Closing off of the Lawn by the Board of Visitors
- ★ Pervasive racism (ex: Edict in 1828 removing free African-Americans from Grounds)
- ★ Bringing History to Today: The South Lawn Project

Civil War Years (1861-1865)

focus on the experience on African-Americans

- ★ Predominant UVA Climate Before and During the War

- ★ Jobs and Tasks of African-Americans
- ★ A Changing Charlottesville Climate- increased separation and autonomy
 - Story of the Charlottesville African Church

Seen But Not Heard (1870-1940)

- ★ Consistency of Jobs and Responsibilities
- ★ Example: Henry Martin
- ★ Community in Charlottesville

Trail Blazers- The First Students (Alice Stuart Jackson - 1969)

- ★ A Time under Plessy v Ferguson
 - Stories of Alice Jackson, Gregory Swanson, and Walter Ridley
- ★ After Brown v Board
 - Stories of Robert Bland, Leroy Willis, Linda Howard, James Trice, James Roebuck, Wesley Harris, and David Temple (among others)
- ★ University Resistance to Integration
- ★ A Shifting Student Body
 - Speech by Martin Luther King Jr. and the Farmington Controversy

The Institutionalizers (1969- 1980s)

- ★ Creation of a Student Community
 - Founding of the Black Student Alliance, Black Voices Gospel Choir, and National Pan-Hellenic Fraternities and Sororities
 - Interview with C. Ann Spivey-Colley, a charter member of the UVA Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- ★ University Changes
 - Creation of the Office of African Americans Affairs, the Luther P. Jackson Center, the Carter G Woodson Institute of African-American Studies, and the hiring of Elizabeth Johnson
- ★ Proof: Black Alumni Weekend

1995 to 2015- What's Changed and What's Remained the Same

- ★ Looking at the Numbers- decreased in Black student enrollment
- ★ Evidence of Recent Racism on Grounds
 - Assault on Daisy Lundy and Vandalization of the Student Health Sign
- ★ Evidence of a Changing Racial Climate
- ★ Videos of Recent Student Perspectives
- ★ Your Experience