

BLACK HISTORY IN UPSTATE NEW YORK

The National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum (NAHOF) will host the *Black History in Upstate New York* program, created by Colgate University graduate and Upstate Institute Fellow Victoria Basulto, beginning Monday, August 16, 2021. The program is funded by the Kathryn W. Davis Projects for Peace fellowship, awarded to one Colgate University student each summer to facilitate a student-led project aiming to promote peace. The daily programs will provide a combination of bite-sized informational videos and longer presentations by scholars on historical figures and places that emphasize the crucial role Black Americans have played in the history of Upstate New York. Specifically, the program will highlight lesser-known individuals, events, and places in Upstate New York central to movements like abolitionism, civil rights, and women's suffrage. Basulto desires that the program help Upstate New Yorkers become more familiar with their local history and bring more public awareness to Black American history in the region. The program's ease of access online (hosted on the NAHOF website and YouTube channel) will also make Black History in Upstate New York accessible to a national audience. Programs will be uploaded daily online starting August 16, 2021:

nationalabolitionhalloffameandmuseum.org
[National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum Youtube Channel](#)

Monday, August 16, 2021

Welcome to Black History in Upstate New York! (est. 5 minutes)

Victoria Basulto, Colgate University graduate and Summer 2021 Projects for Peace Fellow, will introduce the series and speak briefly on the history of Black Americans in Upstate New York. She will introduce movements like abolitionism, women's suffrage, and civil rights, all of which will be central themes in the program. Basulto will also speak to how Black New Yorkers in Upstate shaped and championed these causes.

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Introducing Harriet Tubman and Auburn, New York (est. 5 minutes)

In this introductory video, Basulto will overview Harriet Tubman's life and the spaces she traversed before arriving in the Finger Lakes region of Upstate New York, where she would make her home for about 50 years of life.

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Harriet Tubman's Promised Land in Auburn, New York (est. 20 - 30 minutes)

Kate Clifford Larson, Ph.D., is a bestselling author and an award-winning historian who has written various biographies on historical figures like Rosemary Kennedy, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Harriet Tubman. In this presentation, Dr. Larson will speak about Harriet Tubman and her time in Auburn, NY. Additionally, Dr. Larson will describe Tubman's connection to the abolitionist Gerrit Smith and his family in Peterboro, NY.

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Introducing John W. Jones and Elmira, New York (est. 5 minutes)

Basulto will provide an introduction to the life of John W. Jones, a self-emancipated man who helped hundreds of runaways fleeing slavery escape to freedom. Additionally, Jones' story is remarkable given his role in the respectful burial of nearly 3,000 confederate soldiers. Basulto will also contextualize his story by emphasizing the role of Elmira, NY, in his life story.

Friday, August 20, 2021

Discovering John W. Jones (est. 20 - 30 minutes)

President of the John W. Jones Museum Board of Trustees, Talima Aaron, will discuss her journey to discover John W. Jones' voice in the historical records. By walking us through some historical documents in which Jones' voice and personality are present, she will provide further insight into Jones' life. Additionally, Aaron will discuss the work of the John W. Jones Museum in preserving his legacy and give a brief tour of the museum.

Saturday, August 21, 2021

Introducing David Ruggles (est. 5 minutes)

In this video presentation, Basulto will introduce the abolitionist, African American rights activist, business owner, writer, publisher, and Underground Railroad conductor David Ruggles. She will provide information about his upbringing, his time in New York City, and how he connected with a network of abolitionists in Upstate New York.

Sunday, August 22, 2021

David Ruggles and the Underground Railroad (est. 20 - 30 minutes)

Graham Hodges, Ph.D., is the George Dorland Langdon Jr. Professor of History and Africana & Latin American Studies at Colgate University. His research specialties include Colonial and American revolutionary history, social history, labor and urban America, New York City history, and Asian American history. He has published several books such as *Black New Jersey: 1664 to the Present Day*, *Friends of Liberty: Thomas Jefferson, Thaddeus Kosciusko, and Agrippa Hull. A tale of three patriots, two revolutions, and the tragic betrayal that divided a nation*, and *David Ruggles: A Radical Black Abolitionist and the Underground Railroad in New York City*, among many others. As a biographer of David Ruggles himself, Dr. Hodges will speak about Ruggles' abolitionist work and connection to Upstate New York.

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August 16- 26, 2021

Join us for 11 days of presentations highlighting Black American history in Upstate New York

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