

New Town

Across the Color Line

Exhibit open October 5 - November 20

Opening reception:
Thursday, October 8, 4 p.m.
2nd floor, Newman Library

Virginia Tech's Public History program strives to uncover and highlight the history of lost, forgotten, or marginalized groups and events. New Town, a predominantly African American community, grew along with Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI) through the better part of a century. The community eventually dissolved as Virginia Tech grew into the large university it is today. Virginia Tech led redevelopment of the area in the early 2000s, but most traces of New Town are now lost.

The New Town community is central to the history of Montgomery County, Blacksburg, and Virginia Tech. This exhibit will emphasize the geography and spatial dynamics of New Town, providing an engaging and experiential exhibit.

