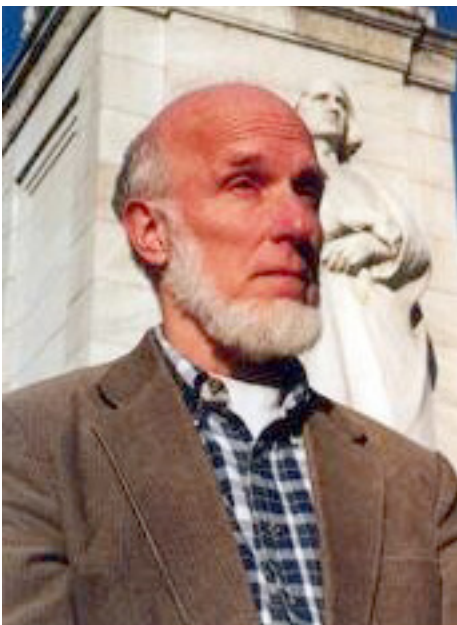


Sundown Towns and Why They Are Important in Southern Illinois



Sundown towns are communities that excluded African Americans (or sometimes Chinese Americans, Jewish Americans or other minorities) by force, law, or custom. These communities are called “sundown towns” because some of them posted signs at their city limits reading, typically, “N-----, Don’t Let The Sun Go Down On You In...” Some towns are still all white on purpose.



Professor James Loewen, author of the book [Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism](#) and creator of the online newsletter [The Sundown Town News: A Newsletter Dedicated to the Abolition of its Subject](#), has identified thousands of such towns across the country, including at least 440 in Illinois. Many of these towns are in southern Illinois, including several in the John A. Logan College district.

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