Black, Brown, & Green Voices

Since 2005, a central research initiative of New York University’s Center for Irish Studies, Glucksman Ireland House, has been an Oral History of Irish America Project. Housed at NYU’s Archives of Irish America, the repository now comprises over 350 audio interviews. The goal is to record the experiences of a wide range of Irish Americans towards an understanding of the durability and elasticity of ethnic identity.

Black, Brown, and Green Voices represent a targeted documentation strategy of the Archives of Irish America by giving voice to the diversity of the Irish diaspora by recording life histories with Black and Brown Irish Americans. The interviews unpack how intersections of race and ethnicity have framed a sense of Irishness. The project director is historian Dr. Miriam Nyhan Grey, who has been based at New York University since 2008, and is a founding board member of the African American Irish Diaspora Network. If you know someone who can give voice to these themes and would be willing to be interviewed email miriam.nyhan@nyu.edu. We are committed to expanding this collection on an ongoing basis.

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