



[Local News](#)

The Column: Bring back nuance, and good-faith discourse

By [Staff Report](#)

PUBLISHED: June 22, 2025 at 5:07 AM EDT

A People's Map of Lowell

UMASS LOWELL professor Robert Farrant and others have produced “A People’s Map of Lowell,” which displays Lowell’s history with original art work.

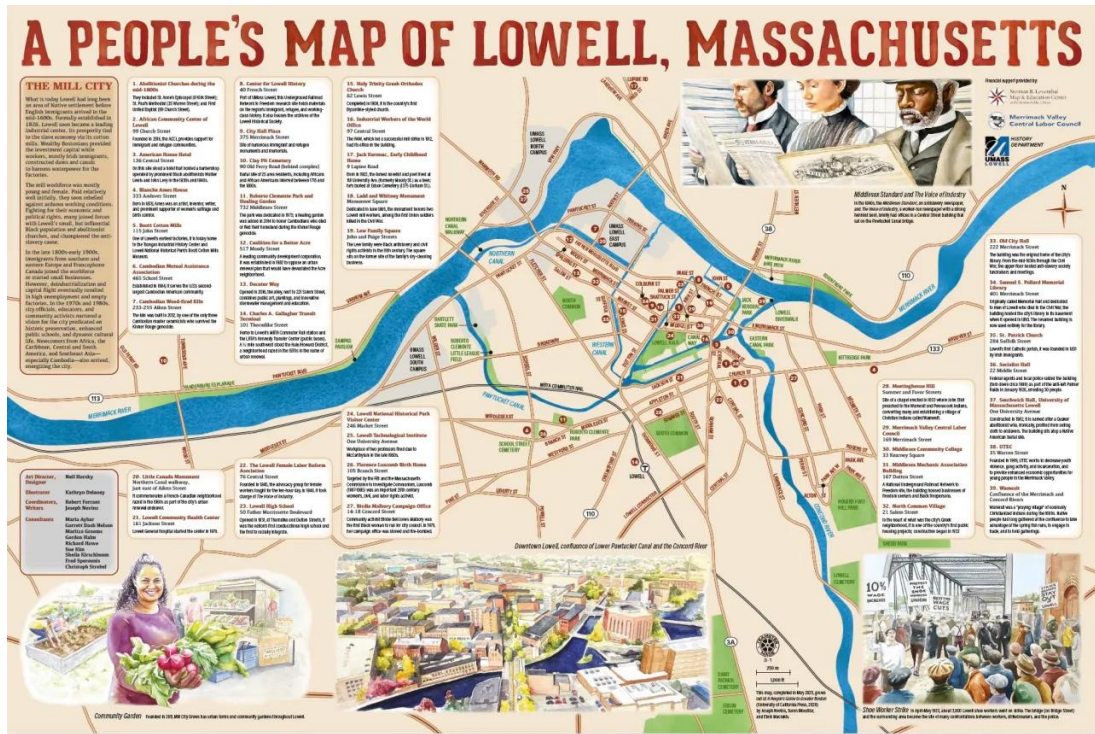
“A People’s Map of Lowell grew out of my work with the authors of ‘A People’s Guide to Greater Boston,’ Joseph Nevins, Suren Moodliar, and Eleni Macrakis,” Farrant said in an email on Thursday.

The 2020 book reveals stories and places central to people’s lives over the centuries. It takes readers to sites of oppression, resistance, organizing and transformation in Greater Boston, including Lawrence and Lowell. It also highlights tales of the places and people involved in movements to abolish slavery; to end war and militarism; to achieve Native sovereignty, racial equity, gender justice and sexual liberation; and to secure workers’ rights.

“I helped with the history of Lawrence and Lowell that made it into the book and then worked with Joe Nevins as he developed ‘A People’s Map of Lawrence’ with the Lawrence History Center, illustrator Kathryn Delaney, and map designer Neil Horsky,” Farrant said. “Those three and I produced the Lowell map as the next in what will be several others.”

The Lowell map includes a brief history of the city and the identification of 39 sites with historical significance as Lowell approaches its 200th birthday next year. Native American, immigration, civil rights, women’s and labor history are featured.

The map is 36 by 24 inches, and it is available for free at Lala Books, 189 Market St.; Brew’d Awakening, 61 Market St.; and The General Store, 53 Market St. Maps are also available at UMass Lowell in the History Department, 106 Dugan Hall. To support the work of the Lawrence History Center, you can purchase the Lawrence and Lowell maps at lawrencehistory.org.



<https://www.lowellsun.com/2025/06/22/the-column-bring-back-nuance-and-good-faith-discourse/>