Constitution Day

History, Protest and the Right to Vote

Constitution Day will illuminate the historic struggle for equality faced by women and African Americans. The relevance of protest movements in demanding social change will be discussed and the importance of exercising the right to vote will be emphasized.

Tuesday, September 17
from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom,
click to join.
Meeting ID: 390 198 1623
Passcode: 3k2LV9

Introductory remarks
• Dr. Rinardo Reddick

The right to vote and the struggle for social justice
• Prof. Sara Braun

Historical Overview of the Constitution and the Right to Vote
• The 14th Amendment (1795). Granted former slaves citizenship and equal protection.
  Presenters: Prof. Carla Dubose and Dr. E. L. Fortune
• The 15th Amendment (1870). African American men granted vote.
  Presenter: Prof. Carla Dubose
• The 19th Amendment (1920). Women granted the vote.
  Presenters: Prof. Heather Ostman and Prof. Glenetta Phillips
• The 24th Amendment (1964). The Poll Tax is made illegal.
  Presenter: Prof. Patti Sehulster
• The 26th Amendment (1971). 18 year olds granted the vote.
  Presenters: Prof. Diana Berman, Prof. Gary Klein, Dr. Sandra Ramsay

Musical selections performed by students will augment the presentations and the role of protest in American history
• Director: Prof. Rosemary Serrano

Resources to get out the vote
• Prof. Gelaine Williams

History, Protest and the Right to Vote in 2020
• Commentary by Prof. Donnie Simmons
• Q & A