ARCHIVES TO HOST VIRTUAL SCREENING OF THE VOTE ON JUNE 25 AT 7:00 PM
PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALABAMA PUBLIC TELEVISION AND THE ALABAMA WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Montgomery, AL (6/3/20) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will host an online screening of clips from the new documentary American Experience: The Vote on Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 pm. The screening is a special opportunity to see portions of the program before its premiere later this summer. It will be followed by an interactive panel discussion with expert scholars on women’s suffrage in Alabama. This program is presented in partnership with Alabama Public Television (APT) and the Alabama Women’s Suffrage Centennial Committee (AWSxCC). The program will be hosted online through the Online Viewing and Engagement Experience (OVEE) platform. It is free to anyone with an Internet connection.

The public can access the OVEE platform and participate in this event through the following link https://bit.ly/3de912Q.

Set to premiere on APT in July, The Vote is a new four-hour, two-part documentary series that tells the dramatic story of the crusade waged by American women for the right to vote. Focusing primarily on the movement’s militant and momentous final decade in the early twentieth century, the film charts American women’s determined march to the ballot box, and illuminates the many social, political and cultural obstacles that stood in their path.

The 45-minute screening will be followed by a panel discussion of expert scholars. The public can submit questions about the film and the women’s suffrage movement in Alabama via the OVEE platform. Panelists will include Dr. Valerie Pope Burnes, Associate Professor at the University of West Alabama, Livingston; Dr. Tara White, Instructor of History at Wallace Community College in Selma; and Dr. Susan Ashmore, Professor of History at Oxford College, Emory University, in Atlanta.

“We are pleased by this new opportunity to work with our good friends at the State Archives and to have such a distinguished panel assembled for the discussion,” said Phil Hutcheson, interim executive director of APT. “The Vote is an important look at a vital time in our nation’s history and the OVEE event will be a valuable supplement to the film.”

“Although in-person events are not possible currently, the OVEE platform gives us an opportunity to bring together a statewide audience for previewing this important documentary. The live panel discussion will make this an engaging, informative experience befitting the importance of the suffrage centennial,” said Steve Murray, ADAH director.

For additional information about this event, contact ADAH Public Programs Curator, Alex Colvin, at alex.colvin@archives.alabama.gov or (334) 353-4689.

To learn more about the AWSCC and Alabama’s suffrage centennial commemoration, visit www.alabamawomen100.org.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state’s government-records repository, a special-collections library and research facility, and home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The ADAH is currently closed to the public. Visit www.archives.alabama.gov for the latest information about the agency’s status during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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