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## Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment with the Curator for Our Women's Suffrage Exhibit

August 5, 2020 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — Enjoy a conversation with a curator! This month's [History at High Noon](#) event will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment with the Chief Curator of the NC Museum of History, and curator for our exhibit on women's suffrage, RaeLana Poteat!

Through the work of our museum staff and input from the community, we have introduced two new online series: [History and Highballs](#) and [History at High Noon](#). Free to the public unless otherwise noted, these events require registration, via Eventbrite, beforehand; registered attendees will receive an exclusive program link. Registration for the programs are accessible from the museum's web page alongside History at Home, which provides links to a variety of videos, programs, and activities that share history while the museum's doors continue to be closed due to COVID-19 precautions.

Missed the latest lecture? Check the [History and Highballs](#) or [History at High Noon](#) pages on the NC Museum of History website to view the series and learn how to create delicious libations. The lectures are also available on YouTube; [click here for the History and Highballs playlist](#), and [click here for the History at High Noon playlist](#).



*“You Have to Start a Thing:” The Struggle for Woman Suffrage in North Carolina*  
Wednesday, August 12, noon

**Presenter:** RaeLana Poteat, Chief Curator at the North Carolina Museum of History

Mark the 100th anniversary for ratification of the 19th Amendment this month by exploring *“You Have to Start a Thing”*—a museum exhibit on the women's suffrage movement in North Carolina. Find out how

the struggle for female suffrage in North Carolina differed somewhat from the national storyline, and learn more about some of the women, and men, who fought for suffrage in our state.

**Register here!**

RaeLana Poteat, Chief Curator and curator for *“You Have to Start a Thing”* exhibit, is available for content subject matter expert interviews in August, excluding August 8 - 10. To schedule an interview, please contact Marcie Gordon, Director of Community Engagement and Marketing at the North Carolina Museum of History.

**At this time, museums and other cultural sites remain closed under the Phase 2 Safer At Home order. Our plans to open to the public are currently under review and will be determined by Gov. Cooper’s phased approach to easing restrictions.**

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**For information about the NC Museum of History**, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

### **About the NC Museum of History**

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Last year, more than 465,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

### **About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network**

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at [affiliations.si.edu](http://affiliations.si.edu).

### **About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state’s natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR’s mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state’s history, conserving the state’s natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette’s Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation’s first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit [DNCR.nc.gov](http://DNCR.nc.gov).