Allman Family Lecture 2020

Why They Marched: Celebrating the Centennial of Women's Suffrage

Susan Ware

Celebrated Feminist Historian and Biographer



For far too long, the history of how American women won the right to vote has been told as the tale of a few iconic leaders, all white and native-born. Why They Marched uncovers a broader and more diverse story waiting to be told, providing a fresh account of one of the most significant moments of political mobilization in American history. As important as the goal of suffrage was, the struggle was always far broader than just the franchise, and it spoke to fundamental questions about women's roles in politics and modern life, the relationship between citizenship and voting rights, and more. Feminism and women's rights are an ongoing struggle with no clear endpoint in sight and the women's suffrage movement is a vital part of that story.

Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 Via Zoom

Fixing Bugs in Democracy with Math, Law, and Technology

Sam Wang

Professor at Princeton University and Celebrated Author

Close political divisions are endangering democracy – but also create new opportunities. Citizens can use math and technology to gain maximum leverage in this fall's election and in the years ahead. I will show how resource optimization can maximize influence on the Presidential race and the Senate, stop gerrymandering, and help build Democracy 2.0.

Monday, September 28th, 2020 Via Zoom

The Ghost of Bull Connor: Understanding the "New" Era of Voter Suppression

Franita Tolson

Professor of Law, Vice Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs, USC Gould School of Law

Franita Tolson will speak about voter suppression and voting rights protections. Tolson has written on a wide range of topics including partisan gerrymandering, campaign finance reform, the Elections Clause, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments.

Thursday, October 15th, 2020 Via Zoom