

Noon Today: Webinar on Women's Suffrage for ALL Women

[Register](#) and tune in at noon today to learn more about the often-overlooked contributions of Iowa's Black women in the national march toward women's suffrage. The movement culminated 100 years with the passage of the 19th Amendment, though many women of color in the American South were prevented from voting until the federal Voting Rights Act passed in 1965.

Today's free online presentation features Kristen Corey, from the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office on the Status of Women, and Eric Morse, from the Central Iowa Community Museum, who helped organize the traveling exhibit "[Toward a Universal Suffrage](#)" on display through July 31 at the State Historical Museum of Iowa.



Q&A with Annals Editor Andrew Klumpp

Iowa History 101: The Movies

The Annals of Iowa enters a new era this month with new editor Andrew Klumpp. [In this Q&A](#), he talks about Iowa history with references to Henry Wallace, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman and revisits the Annals' origins during the Civil War and its growth from the Great Depression to the Farm Crisis and the current COVID-19 pandemic. He also touches on the "Honey War" in 1839 between Iowa and Missouri and the competition among Iowa communities to be named a county seat.

A live show about Iowans on the big screen is coming to a small screen near you. [Register](#) and tune in at noon Thursday to hear State Curator Leo Landis share a few stories about Iowans in the movies and the evolution of Iowa movie theaters. This webinar is part of the ongoing "[Iowa History 101](#)" online series on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Register for upcoming programs about the Iowa State Fair (July 23), women's suffrage (Aug. 13) and World War II (Aug. 27) or see previous presentations.



Strong Showing at National History Day

Nearly 70 Iowa students participated in this year's [National History Day](#) national contest, a virtual event that took place June 14-20. In all, six Iowa projects placed in the Top 10 of their respective category and division, including a first-place documentary called "Rural Electrification: Breaking Barriers with the Flip of a Switch," produced by a team from Akron-Westfield Middle School. [Read more](#) about our state's national finalists.

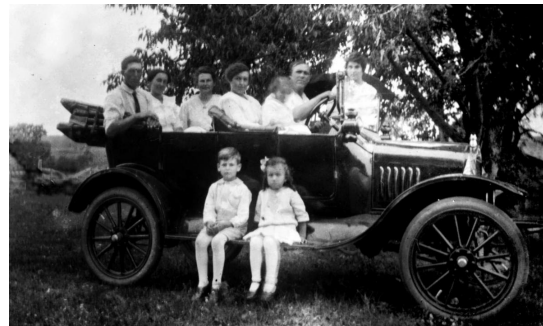


Historic Photos Inspire Creative Writing

Fifteen young writers sharpened their research and creative writing skills last month during the annual [Young Writers' Workshop](#). The week-long workshop switched to a virtual format led by noted author Stephanie Hemphill, who helped participants find inspiration from the State Historical Society of Iowa's photo collection. The students read [their stories](#) during a live Zoom event for their families, friends – and new fans.

Road Trips Took the Driver's Seat About 100 Years Ago

A century ago, the introduction of the Model T Ford let [Iowans explore the country](#) as never before, zipping off to visit far-flung relatives, explore state parks and take advantage of a whole new economy of roadside diners and motels. The urge to get out and explore grew over several decades and led to a boom in automobile tourism that continues today.



Upcoming Events & Programs

Programs & Events

Through July 31: ["Toward a Universal Suffrage: African American Women at the Vote for All"](#)
July 7: ["Toward a Universal Suffrage" webinar](#)
July 8: [Junior Curator Day Camp](#)
July 9: [Iowa History 101: The Movies webinar](#)
July 10: [State Historical Society of Iowa Board of Trustees meeting](#)
July 23: [Iowa History 101: Iowa State Fair](#)
Aug. 13: [Iowa History 101: Women's Suffrage](#)

Aug. 27: [Iowa History 101: World War II](#)

Grants

Aug. 1: [American-Scandinavian Foundation Grants](#)

Aug. 12: [Public Humanities Projects](#), National Endowment for the Humanities

Ongoing: [Barn Preservation Grants](#), Iowa Barn Foundation

Please check our [online calendar](#) for more events and opportunities across the state.

[Donate](#)

[Become a Member](#)

[Volunteer](#)

State Historical Society of Iowa | iowaculture.gov/history