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Unfinished Business: What the 19th Amendment Didn't Do **Senator Jennifer McClellan leads a virtual panel discussion on voting rights**

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA – Join **Virginia State Senator Jennifer McClellan** and historians **Lauranett Lee** and **Megan Taylor-Shockley** for a fascinating virtual talk on the timely topic of voting rights on Thursday, October 8, 2020. Sponsored by the Library of Virginia, this panel discussion explores the struggle for the vote that remained for many citizens after the passage of the 19th Amendment. Extending the right to vote to women in 1920 was a milestone in American history, but much work remained to ensure that all citizens had a fair and equal voice in governing the country and shaping its policies. Moderated by Senator McClellan, historians Lee (a visiting lecturer in the University of Richmond's Jepson School of Leadership Studies) and Taylor-Shockley (an author and former professor of history at Clemson University) will discuss the fundamental question of citizenship through obstacles that limited suffrage to some Americans, including the Equal Rights Amendment (first introduced in 1923), extending citizenship to America's Indigenous peoples, eliminating the poll tax and literacy tests, and the continuing advocacy for restoration of rights to felons. This event complements the Library's exhibitions *We Demand: Women's Suffrage in Virginia* and *Unfinished Business*. See registration details below.

VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION

Unfinished Business: What the 19th Amendment Didn't Do

Thursday, October 8, 2020 | 5:00–6:00 PM | Free

Place: Online | Cost: Free

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5930163597010684427>

After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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