

MUSEUM MARKS INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH HISTORY TOURS AND DISCUSSION OF DEMOCRACY

***Sophia Rosenfeld will discuss her book “Democracy and Truth: A Short History”
in free virtual lecture***

CHARLOTTE, N.C., June 17, 2021 – The Charlotte Museum of History will mark Independence Day with a free, virtual lecture on July 1 featuring author and professor Sophia Rosenfeld. The museum also will be open on Saturday, July 3, for visitors to explore exhibits and tour the 1774 Alexander Rock House and home site.

During the July 1 lecture, Rosenfeld will discuss her book “Democracy and Truth: A Short History” and take audience questions. Her book explores the tension in democracies between the supposed wisdom of the crowd and the need for trusted and accurate information. The book offers suggestions for defending the idea of truth against forces that undermine it.

“At the museum, we interpret the history of American ideals such as freedom and liberty because we believe this history can inform society’s current debates and discussions,” said Adria Focht, president and CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History. “We are thrilled to have Sophia Rosenfeld join us to celebrate Independence Day by exploring how our democracy has evolved and how we might protect it going forward.”

Rosenfeld is Walter H. Annenberg Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania, where she teaches European and American intellectual and cultural history. Learn more about Rosenfeld and her books at sophiarosenfeld.com. Rosenfeld’s program at the museum is part of the Ron Hankins “History Talks” Lecture Series, sponsored by Wells Fargo.

HOW TO GO

- **Thursday, July 1, at 6 p.m.** – The lecture with Professor Rosenfeld will be live streamed on the museum’s [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) channels. No registration is needed for this free event.



- **Saturday, July 3, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.** – Tour Charlotte’s oldest home and learn about the origins of the American Revolution and ideals such as democracy, freedom and liberty, plus tour modern exhibits such as the new Siloam School exhibit. Tickets and information are at charlottemuseum.org.

About The Charlotte Museum of History

The Charlotte Museum of History exists to save and share the Charlotte region’s history, helping create a better understanding of the past and inspiring dialogue about the future. The museum is the steward of the 1774 Hezekiah Alexander Rock House and home site, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. Visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The museum is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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