

In honor of Black History Month, on February 28, 2020, U.S. District Judge John T. Fowlkes, Jr. (*pictured, second from left*), joined esteemed panelists Joe Wm. Young, II, Chief Deputy Administrator of Elections for the Shelby County Election Commission (*pictured, far right*), and The Reverend Dr. Earle J. Fischer, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church and Founder of #UPTheVote901 (*pictured, second from right*), in serving as a panelist at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History's Annual Black History Month Forum, moderated by Dr. David L. Acey, Sr. (*pictured, far left*). ASALH's theme for this year's event was "African Americans and the Vote" and the panelists discussed the right to vote; the power of voting; the Voting Rights Act of 1965; the landmark United States Supreme Court case *Shelby County v. Holder*, 570 U.S. 529 (2013); voter fraud; voter suppression; and restoring civics education in the classroom.

