



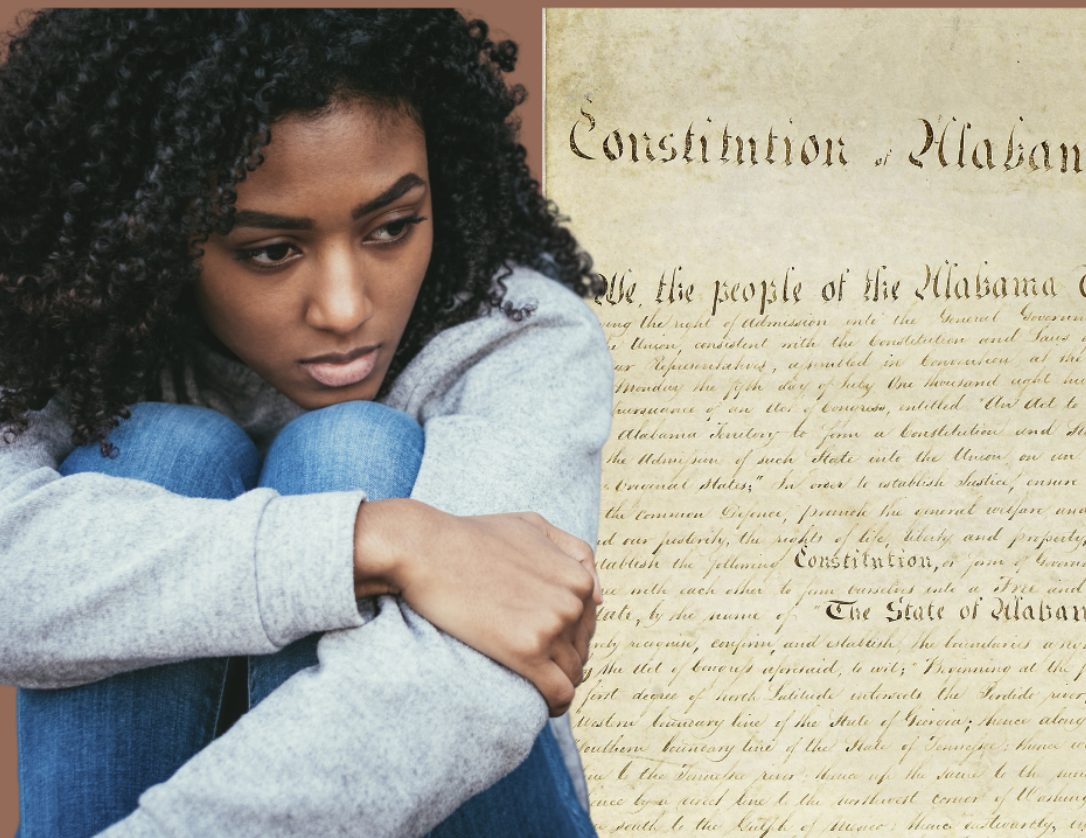
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# The Alabama Constitution's Racist Roots and the 2022 Ballot Amendment

## Panelists Biographies



The Rev. Valtoria Jackson was born, raised and educated in Montgomery, AL. She grew up in a household that were accustomed to having Rosa Parks, E.D. Nixon and other political figures of the early 70's regularly visit. As a Registered Nurse for over 35 years, she has worked to equip and empower chronically ill people living in poverty access the best healthcare for better outcomes. She seeks ecumenical and interfaith relations to address socioeconomic inequity in marginalized communities. She serves on the Montgomery leadership team of the Alabama Poor People's Campaign, and Faith In Action Alabama. In 2020, while serving as Chair of Inter Faith Montgomery, this citywide coalition of faith leaders ignited courageous dialogues about systematic racisms which has led to collaborative actions to fight against racism and inequity. She is currently serving as Lead Pastor of St. Peter African Methodist Episcopal Church, Montgomery.



Othni J. Lathram is the director of the Alabama Legislative Services Agency, the successor entity to the Alabama Law Institute, Legislative Fiscal Office, and Legislative Reference Service. Prior to joining the Alabama Law Institute in 2008, he practiced in Birmingham with a focus on complex litigation. Othni received his B.S. in Economics from Auburn University and his J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Othni is an elected member of the American Law Institute, is a Commissioner with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, serves on the Executive Committee for the National Conference of State Legislatures, and serves on the Alabama Supreme Court's Standing Committee on the Rules of Judicial Administration. He is the co-author of Alabama Civil Procedure: a LexisNexis Practice Guide.

Othni is a Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation and the American Bar Foundation. He is a four-time recipient of the President's Award from the Alabama State Bar, was awarded the Edward Patterson Servant Leadership Award by the Alabama State Bar Leadership Forum Section, is a recipient of the Nation Association of Secretaries of State Gold Medallion Award, and received a Special Commendation Award from the NCSL Research, Editorial, Legal, and Committee Staff Section.

Othni is a member of the bar in Alabama and Texas and has been admitted to practice before federal district and circuit courts around the country.



**Scotty E. Kirkland is exhibits, publications, and programs coordinator at the Alabama Department of Archives and History and chairman of the Alabama Historical Association's marker committee. He holds degrees in history and political science from Troy University Dothan and the University of South Alabama. His work on Alabama and the Modern South has received research and writing awards from the Gulf South Historical Association, the Alabama Historical Association, and the Lillian Smith Center. He has served as a guest scholar for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Alabama Humanities Foundation. His most recent publication was the catalog for We the People: Alabama's Defining Documents, the Archives' award-winning bicentennial exhibition and he is author of a forthcoming book exploring race and politics in twentieth-century Mobile. Scotty lives with his wife and two children in Wetumpka.**



**Regina M. Moorner is a Political Science professor at Alabama State University. Her research and teaching intentionally center on race and gender. She pays particular attention to the ways in which intersections of gender and race influence policy implementation and the political experiences of women of color.**

**She's currently the academic advisor for ASU's Chapter of the NAACP. She is also a member of several professional and civic organizations including the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**



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