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A HISTORY OF RACE AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN RECONSTRUCTION OHIO

On Saturday, February 1 at 11 a.m. at the Oberlin Public Library, 65 S. Main St., Professor Ric Sheffield of Kenyon College in Gambier Ohio, will discuss how African Americans, even in Ohio, literally risked life, limb, and livelihood to claim their places at the polls. The right to vote, perhaps more than any other symbol of equality, has sparked many of the most significant Civil Rights struggles in American history. The program is a collaboration between the Oberlin Heritage Center and the Oberlin African-American Genealogy and History Group.

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