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Prudence Crandall Lecture at Connecticut's Old State House Premieres Saturday at 8 p.m. on Connecticut Network

Hartford, CT – CT-N's presentation of *To All on Equal Terms: the Story of Prudence Crandall* will debut Saturday at 8 p.m. immediately following CT-N *Capitol Report*. This is the final installment of the lunchtime lecture series entitled, *And Justice for Some: Race and Controversy at Connecticut's Old State House*, which took place on March 3rd. Visit ct-n.com starting Friday afternoon for additional airtimes or to watch online.

As a young teacher in Canterbury, Prudence Crandall thought that all young ladies should have the chance to attend school. When she opened her school in 1833, the African American girls who attended, faced discrimination from the residents of the town and Crandall was eventually forced to close her school. Those events and the ones that followed years after helped shaped issues of race and education in Connecticut more than 150 years before *Sheff v. O'Neill*.

The lecture is moderated by veteran Connecticut broadcaster Diane Smith and features remarks by Karin Peterson, Museum Director of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. Smith moderates a panel discussion with Peterson, Theodore Sergi, Interim President and CEO of the MetroHartford Alliance and former state Commissioner of Education, and Teresa Younger, Executive Director of Permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

Located in Hartford, Connecticut's Old State House invites visitors of all ages to reawaken their own civic engagement and awareness through authentic, educational and inspiring visitor experiences. The building served as the Constitution State's original seat of government from 1796 to 1873. It serves today as a physical and virtual classroom, teaching lessons of citizenship past and present and enriching Connecticut's communities as a laboratory where people of all ages can interact and discover that their voices matter, and that words, ideas, persuasion and debate really can change minds – and quite possibly, the world. For more information, visit Connecticut's Old State House online at www.ctoldstatehouse.org.

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