



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

OUR HISTORY IS OUR STRENGTH

SELECTED WEBSITES AND ONLINE PUBLICATIONS



National Women's History Project - Our shared history unites families, communities, and nations. Although women's history is intertwined with the history shared with men, several factors - social, religious, economic, and biological - have worked to create a unique sphere of women's history. The stories of women's achievements are integral to the fabric of our history. Learning about women's tenacity, courage, and creativity throughout the centuries is a tremendous source of strength. Until recently, this sphere of women's history was overlooked and undervalued. Women's achievements were often distorted, disdained, and denied. But, knowing women's stories provides essential role models for everyone. And role models are genuinely needed to face the extraordinary changes and unrelenting challenges of the 21st century. [**Press Release - Women's History Month**](#)

The 100 Women Initiative: Empowering Women and Girls through International Exchanges

In the 21st century, statecraft cannot just be government-to-government. It has to be government-to-people, and most importantly, people-to-people. So we are always looking for opportunities to engage civil society, women, [and] youth."

- Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

To mark the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs launched "Empowering Women & Girls through International Exchanges," a year-long series of events bringing "100 Women" leaders from 92 countries to the United States. This effort features International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) exchanges that highlight key foreign policy issues directly affecting women and girls worldwide.

The 100 Women Initiative builds on Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's vision of "smart power," which embraces the use of a full range of diplomatic tools – in this case international exchanges – to bring people together and foster greater understanding among people and cultures.

Webcast: Sec. Clinton Launches "100 Women Initiative: Empowering Women and Girls Through International Exchanges" March 7, 2011.

Remarks for 100 Women Initiative Lunch, Under Secretary of State Judith McHale –State Department, March 7, 2011.

"We have a responsibility to work tirelessly so that when future generations gather on International Women's Day they can look back and celebrate all that we have achieved together."

The 2011 theme for International Women's Day is: "Equal access to education, training and science and technology: Pathway to decent work for women." [Activities by Country**](#)**

International Women's Day March 8, 2011.

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STATE DEPARTMENT and IIP RESOURCES

[Professor Discusses Role of Women in U.S. Politics](#)

[U.S. Women Making Strides in Education and Entrepreneurship](#)

[Violence Against Women is an Economic and Human Rights Issue](#)

[Violence Against Women](#) - *American College and Research Libraries*, December 2009.

[Violence Against Women: Global Costs and Consequences](#)

[Roundtable with NGOs and Activists on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence](#)

[International Violence Against Women: U.S. Response and Policy Issues](#) *CRS*, August, 2009.

[Trafficking of Women - Index](#)

[Office of Global Women's Issues – State Department](#) - Many of the links & blog postings refer to theme of the *Elimination of Violence against Women*.

AMERICA.GOV

[People & Places](#) / **[Photo Gallery: Great Women of the Twentieth Century](#)**

Features: **[Dreams for My Mother, Dreams for My Daughter](#)** (includes videos and photos) / **[Oprah Winfrey Still Loves School](#)** (includes Oprah audio quotes, transcripts, and photos) ([download](#)) / **[Helping Girls Stay in School](#)** (includes interactive map of girls education programs around the world and a slide show of UNICEF Amb. Kidjo) / **[Women of Courage](#)** (stories of the 2010 Women of Courage awardees).

Publications: **[Rachel Carson: Pen Against Poison](#)** / **[Women of Influence](#)**

QUICK FACTS

[Census on Women in the U.S.: We the People: Women & Men in the U.S.](#)

[Census Bureau: Facts for Features on Women in the US, Women's History Month for 2011: Basic Statistics on Women](#) / **[Census Bureau Subjects A to Z for other important U.S. Statistics](#)**

[Women of the World: 2010 Trends and Statistics](#) / **[Because I am a Girl: The State of the World's Girls 2010; Digital and Urban Frontiers: Girls in a Changing Landscape](#)** by Nikki van der Gaag et al. *U.N. Human Settlements Program* 2010. Note: 199p.

BIOGRAPHIES

[Women of Achievement and HerStory: Women Who Changed History and Society](#)

[Distinguished Women Worldwide: Past and Present](#) - Biographies of the most distinguished women, historical and contemporary, from a global perspective.

[300 Women who Changed the World](#) / **[Powerpoint: Women of Influence](#)**

[Poynter's Links to Women of the World - News](#) / **[4000 Years of Women in Science](#)**

SPECIAL FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN

[International Perspective on Women's Issues](#) - Includes Women's Issues in Afghanistan, the D.R.C Congo, Nigeria, Palestine, Turkey, Latin America and the Caribbean, Albania, India, and other countries around the world. The website is updated monthly with new issues and fresh perspectives. Website allows automatic alerts for new materials.

[Global Fund for Women](#) / **[United Nations: International Women's Day](#)**

[WWW International Virtual Library for Women's History](#) (for an International Perspective)

MORE GENERAL STUDIES

[**American Women's History: A Research Guide**](#)

[**Women's Studies Resources: The University of Iowa**](#)

[**Women's Studies Guide: University of Maryland**](#) – a comprehensive guide to Women's History

[**Discovering American Women's History Online**](#) – Provides access to digital collections of primary sources (photos, letters, diaries, artifacts, etc.) that document the history of women in the United States. These diverse collections range from Abigail Franks' letters to her son from the 1730s and 1740s (Center for Jewish History) to Katrina Thomas' photographs of ethnic weddings from the late 20th century."

[**Brief History of Women's History Month**](#)

[**National Women's History Museum**](#)

[**National Organization for Women**](#) - includes Current Campaigns & Events, a Stopping Violence against Women section, and another section on Economic Justice.

[**Schlesinger Digitized Library on Women's History**](#)

[**Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600 to 2000**](#)

[**Women's History Month from the National Park Service / see also**](#)

LESSON PLANS AND QUIZZES

[**Women's History Month / Women's History Month Quiz / National Women's History Museum**](#)

[**Quizzes available from the National Women's History Museum**](#)

[**Teaching with Historic Places: Lesson Plans for Women's History Month**](#)

[**Exploring Women's History: More Lesson Plans / Free Lesson Plans**](#)

[**Federal Resources for Educational Excellence: Women's Movements**](#)

[**Lesson Plans from the National Women's History Museum**](#)

[**Smithsonian Museum: Women's History Month, 2011**](#)

[**Educator Resources, Lesson Plans and Hints for Programming**](#)

[**Smithsonian Lesson Plans / Lesson Plans / More Lesson Plans**](#)

[**Women of the Century: Teaching Tools and Classroom Discussion Topics**](#)

[**Women's and Social Movements in the US: Lesson Plans: Teacher's Corner**](#)

[**Teacher's Resources, Lesson Plans and Field Trip Ideas from the National Park Service**](#)

[**Library of Congress: Women: Struggle and Triumph \(Incl. free Lesson Plans\)**](#)

[**Library of Congress: Women's Words of Wisdom: Lesson Plans and a Teacher's Corner**](#)

[**Course Materials from the Society for the Study of American Women Writers**](#)

E-JOURNALS and DISSERTATIONS

[**Journal of International Women's Studies**](#)

[**Directory of Open Access Journals: Gender Studies**](#) - Free, full-text access to hundreds of articles on *Gender and Women's Studies*. A treasure trove for students, academics and scholars.

Directory of Open Access Journals - all subject areas.

ICAST / E-JOURNALS

Current Tables of Contents - Makes viewing tables of contents from scholarly journals easy. One of many projects from Heriot-Watt's Institute for Computer Based Learning, this resource features the table of contents (TOCs) for over 14,000 journals from more than 500 publishers, with more being added continuously. It features TOCs from publishers such as Elsevier, SAGE, Oxford University Press.

Open Humanities Press Consortium - more E-journals, free text and online.

Dissertations in Women's Studies from the University of Maryland - free text

MIT - selective dissertations e.g. **Women and Post-Conflict Development: Case Study - Liberia**

Cornell University Freely Accessible Dissertations and Theses on Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies / Dissertations, Theses and Specialized Research Studies - Cornell University

University of Michigan Dissertations on Women's and Gender Studies - Free text

Other Dissertations, Theses and Specialized Studies - University of Michigan

WOMEN'S LITERATURE

African-American Women Writers / Women Writers and Artists of Color

Emory Women Writer's Resource Project / A Celebration of Women's Writers

Women's Studies / American Authors on the Web / American Literature - Women Authors' Works

Society for the Study of American Women Writers (SSAWW)

SSAWW Research Links / Victorian Women Writers Project

Women and Literature / Women's Literature and Feminism - Rutgers University

Voice of the Shuttle: Best Humanities Reference Site of the Decade - Gender Studies

Videos Examining the Works of American Authors - Many American women authors are explored in this free video series funded by the Annenberg Foundation.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RESOURCES:

Women's History Month

"Womenshistorymonth.gov is cosponsored by the Library of Congress, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Gallery of Art, the National Park Service, the Smithsonian Institution, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the National Archives and Records Administration, and is *chock-full of program ideas and resources* that are worthy of linking to from your library's website. Each of the Washington D.C.-based organizations contributing to this site also sponsors National Women's History Month programs, resource listings, digital collections, and activities, and there are easy links to these national resources from the collaborative site."

American Women, Reference Guide: A Gateway to Library of Congress's Resources for the study of Women's History and Culture in the United States -

This is considered to be "a first stop for using Library of Congress resources to do research in the field of American women's history. It presents some digital items; however, it serves primarily as a comprehensive guide to the entirety of the Library's holdings on women's history. It includes exhibits that feature women and how to find women within exhibits where they're not featured. Essays examine women as a symbol 1590-1800, the women's suffrage parade of 1913, and the equal rights amendment."

Library of Congress: Topical Essays about American Women / Lesson Plans

Library of Congress: Women's Suffrage Collection from the American Memory Project

[Library of Congress: Women: Struggle and Triumph](#) - Includes many free Lesson Plans)

[Library of Congress: Women's Words of Wisdom: Lesson Plans and a Teacher's Corner](#)

NGOs AND CIVIL SOCIETY

ACCESSING NGO STUDIES ON WOMEN and MANUALS on WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT: [ELDIS](#):

The section on [Gender Issues](#) contains many Training Manuals and NGO Guides for improving Women's Rights Worldwide. See for example this specific study on [Women and Food Security](#)

SEARCH ENGINES TO LOCATE MORE INFORMATION

[Librarians Index to the Internet](#) - now combined with Internet Public Library / [Gender Issues](#)

DISTANCE EDUCATION and FREE ONLINE COURSES

[Distance Education: The MIT Initiative](#) / [Distance Education Online](#) - and click on MEMBERS

[A Convenient listing of 25 Colleges and Universities ranked by the popularity of their Opencourseware Distance Education offerings \(OCW\)](#): the most popular online courses.

[MIT: Women's and Gender Studies Online Courses](#)

[Notre Dame University, Women's Narrative in the Southern Cone, Notre Dame University](#)

PROGRAMMING IDEAS

[How to Celebrate Women's History at your Library](#) / [Plan for Women's History Month](#)

[At Least 21 Programming Ideas for Women's History Month](#) / [2011 Partners](#)

Poster Shows: [Rosa Parks, 1913 - 2005](#) / [The Road to Equality: How American Women the Vote](#)

NEW: Podcast: Waris Dirie Reflects on Her Fight Against Female Genital Mutilation – English ([streaming](#)) ([downloadable](#))

[Take the African-American Women's History Challenge - See how many questions you can answer](#)

- [Women's History Month Brochure](#) / [The 2011 Gazette is here](#) (may load slowly)
- [Women's History Performers & National Presenters](#) / [Nat. Women's History Month Q&A](#)



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