

THE CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AT AKRON

The 19th Amendment at 100: From the Vote to Gender Equality



Friday, September 20, 2019 (8am to 5pm)

The University of Akron School of Law (Brennan Courtroom 180)

The focus of the 2019 conference is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Soon after the passage of the 19th Amendment in June 1919, and its ratification by the states in August 1920, the voting amendment was interpreted as a broad command for gender equality, although that trend was quickly reversed. This conference brings together scholars from law, history, political science, and women's studies to engage in a day of intensive scholarly discussion about the implications of the amendment, and its social, legal, and political context.

- 8:00am Registration and Continental Breakfast (McDowell Common)
- 8:30am Introduction, Prof. Tracy Thomas, Director of the Center for Constitutional Law
- 8:35am Introductory Speaker: Nancy Abudu, Deputy Legal Director & Voting Rights Director, Southern Poverty Law Center
Introduction: Matthew Brown, Student Editor, *ConLawNOW*
- 9:15am **Panel 1: Awakening and Advocacy for Women's Suffrage**
Moderator: Bernadette Genetin (Akron Law)
Tracy Thomas (Akron Law), *More Than the Vote: From Seneca Falls to ERA*
Richard Chused (NY Law), *The Women's Suffrage and Temperance Connection*
TJ Boisseau (Purdue, History), *Fair Treatment: Pro-Suffrage Activism at American World's Fairs and International Exhibitions*
Nicole Godfrey (Denver Law), *Suffragette Prisoners and the Importance of Protecting Prisoner Protests*
- 10:30am Break
- 10:45am **Panel 2: Amending the Constitution**
Moderator: CJ Peters (Akron Law)
Kimberly Hamlin (Miami U, History), *The 19th Amendment: The Fourth Civil War Amendment?*
Ann Gordon (Rutgers, History), *The Many Pathways to Suffrage Other than the 19th Amendment*
Paula Monopoli (Maryland Law), *The Legal Development of the 19th Amendment Post-Ratification*

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11:45pm **Lunch** (McDowell Common)

12:30pm **Keynote Speaker: Prof. Ellen Carol DuBois (UCLA, History), *The Afterstory of the Nineteenth Amendment***

Introduction: Michael Grund, Editor in Chief, *Akron Law Review*

DuBois is Professor Emeritus of History at UCLA. She is the author of the forthcoming book "Suffrage: Women's Long Struggle for the Vote," and also the author of the seminal work "Feminism and Suffrage."

1:30pm Break

1:45pm **Panel 3: Extensions and Applications of the Nineteenth Amendment**

Moderator: Brant Lee (Akron Law)

Felice Batlan (Chicago Kent Law), *A Witches Brew: Immigration Law, Women's Suffrage, and the Strange Career of the Cable Act, 1920-1945*

Elizabeth Katz (Washington U, St. Louis), *Women's Suffrage & the Right to Hold Public Office*
Gwen Jordan (J.D., Illinois Springfield, Legal Studies), *The International Federation of Women Lawyers' Campaigns for Global and National Women's Rights, 1944-1975*

Cornelia Weiss (J.D., Independent), *The 19th Amendment and the U.S. "Women's Emancipation" Policy in Post World-War II Occupied Japan: Going Beyond Suffrage*

Shelley Cavalieri (Toledo Law), *Vestigial Coverture*

3:30pm Break

3:45pm **Panel 4: Constitutional Meaning of the Nineteenth Amendment**

Moderator: Marty Belsky (Akron Law)

Reva Siegel (Yale Law), *Voting and the Family: The 19th Amendment Inside and Outside the Courts*

Jill Hasday (Minnesota Law), *Women's Constitution*

Mike Gentithes (Akron Law), *Felony Disenfranchisement and the Nineteenth Amendment*

Mae Quinn (Florida Law), *Youth, Voting Rights, and the Constitution*

Jamie Abrams (Louisville Law), *Examining Entrenched Masculinities within the Republican Government Tradition*

5:00pm **Reception** (McDowell Common)

Follow live Tweeting of the conference [@ConLawCenter](#) and use hashtag [#19thAt100](#)

REGISTRATION: To register, go to <https://www.uakron.edu/law/ccl/registration/> Registration is free, unless seeking CLE (7 hours), for which the cost is \$100. (We will process Ohio CLE requests, and provide documentation for self-reporting for CLE in other states).

HOTEL: Accommodations for the conference are available at the [Courtyard Marriott Downtown Akron](#), 41 Furnace St., Akron OH 44308, at the University of Akron rate of \$122 per night. [Book a hotel room here \(by Aug. 29th\)](#)

TRAVEL: Both the Akron-Canton Airport (20 minutes from law school) and Cleveland-Hopkins Airport (45 minutes from law school) provide good access to campus. A map with driving directions to campus is [here](#).

PARKING is free and available in the open lot on the south side of the law school.