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. However, that trend was quickly reversed, narrowing the impact and intent of the amendment and its 72 years of advocacy. This conference explores the original goal of the amendment of systemic equality for women. It 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

8:45am Panel 1: Awakening and Advocacy for Women’s Suffrage
Moderator: TBD
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

10:15am Break

10:30am 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
Reva Siegel (Yale Law), Voting and the Family: The 19th Amendment Inside and Outside the Courts
Paula Monopoli (Maryland Law), The Legal Development of the 19th Amendment Post-Ratification
11:45pm  **Lunch** (McDowell Common)

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

1:30pm  Break

1:45pm  **Panel 3: The Nineteenth Amendment in Action**
Moderator: Kristen Barnes (Akron Law)
Felice Batlan (Chicago Kent Law), TBD
Elizabeth Katz (Stanford Fellow), *Women’s Suffrage and the Right to Hold Public Office*
Cornelia Weiss (Independent), *The 19th Amendment and the U.S. “Women’s Emancipation” Policy in Post World-War II Occupied Japan: Going Beyond Suffrage*

3:00pm  Break

3:15pm  **Panel 4: Constitutional Meaning of the Nineteenth Amendment**
Moderator: Marty Belsky (Akron Law)
Jill Hasday (Minnesota Law), *Women’s Constitution*
Mike Gentithes (Akron Law), *Felony Disenfranchisement and the Nineteenth Amendment*
Mae Quinn (U Miami, Law), *Florida’s Amendment 4 and the Disenfranchisement of Convicted Women*
Jamie Abrams (Louisville Law), *Examining Entrenched Masculinities within the Republican Government Tradition*
Shelley Cavalieri (Toledo Law), *Vestigial Coverture*

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

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**Parking** is available in the open lot on the south side of the law school.

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