Course Title: The Centennial of US Women’s Suffrage: A History  
Course Code: HIS 202  
Instructor: Margo Horn

Course Summary:

This course is a history of the US Women’s Suffrage Movement, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment on August 18, 1920. We begin with women’s involvement in the social reform efforts of the 1820s and 1830s, such as the antislavery and temperance movements. This early women’s activism led to the Seneca Falls Convention of 1848, which spearheaded a national movement for women’s rights. We examine how this initially broad movement endured a series of setbacks following the Civil War. This led to its narrowed focus on winning the vote from the end of the 19th century, through the run up to the ratified amendment in 1920. We will place the struggle for the vote for women in the larger context of the history of voting rights in the US, and ask what women’s vote has meant for American democracy?

*Please see course page for full description and additional details.

Grade Options and Requirements:

- No Grade Requested (NGR)  
  o This is the default option. No work will be required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided.

- Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)  
  o Students must attend at least 80% of class sessions.

- Letter Grade (A, B, C, D, No Pass)  
  o Students must attend at least 80% of class sessions and complete a 5-page research essay on a topic to be arranged. (to be discussed further in class).

*Please Note: If you require proof that you completed a Continuing Studies course for any reason (for example, employer reimbursement), you must choose either the Letter Grade or Credit/No Credit option. Courses taken for NGR will not appear on official transcripts or grade reports.

Tentative Weekly Outline:

Week 1: September 22:  Overview: Women’s Suffrage and the History of Voting Rights in the US


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Week 3: October 6: The Movement: Seneca Falls Convention to the Civil War, 1848-1865

Week 4: October 13: Bending the Color Line: Race and the Struggle for Women’s Suffrage,” Guest Lecture: Carol Lasser, Professor Emerita, Oberlin College

Week 5: October 20: Divisions and Strategies, 1865-1900

Week 6: October 27: Run up to the 19th Amendment, 1900-1920

Week: 7: November 3: Conclusions: Voting Rights since 1920