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Women's Suffrage: About More Than the Vote!

From the earliest days of colonization, the US legal system denied women many rights. Because voting was not part of European tradition, early women's rights advocates focused primarily on property and legal rights. As voting rights were extended to formerly enslaved people, the women's movement broadened its goals. In this course, we will examine the well-known and lesser-known advocates who led the decadeslong struggle for women's rights and the tactics they used to advance equality.



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YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Diane Carlin



Diana Carlin is professor emerita of communication at Saint Louis University and a retired professor of communication studies at the University of Kansas. Her teaching, research, and authorship are in political communication with an emphasis on women in politics, first ladies, presidential rhetoric and campaigns, and political debates. During the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, she lectured extensively to community and women's groups across the country on the history of suffrage.

TUESDAYS, JANUARY 26 THROUGH MARCH 2

12pmPT | 1pmMT | 2pmCT | 3pmET

Each live session is 90 minutes

- Tuesday, January 26
- Tuesday, February 2
- Tuesday, February 9
- Tuesday, February 16
- Tuesday, February 23
- Tuesday, March 12

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