MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH 2020

Events on the calendar may have changed. See mtsu.edu/calendar for current information.

ALL MONTH, MARCH 1-31

Battle for the Ballot: A Visual History of the Suffrage Movement
Walker Library
Collection of memorabilia tells the story of the U.S. suffrage movement, with a focus on Tennessee’s role in ratifying the 19th Amendment.
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Sponsored by the President’s Commission on the Status of Women

MONDAY, MARCH 2
Mentoring in Motion
6:00 p.m., Science Building, Room 1003
Speaker: Loretta Soler, director of software engineering manager for Generial Assembly, Nashville
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Women in Politics with Beth Harwell
2:20 p.m., Student Union, Parliametary Room
Tennessee’s first female speaker of the House (2011-18), who is now an MTSU Distinguished Visiting Professor, talks about women in politics and her experiences.
Info: deborah.fisher@mtsu.edu and nancy.rappaport@mtsu.edu

TUESDAY, MARCH 3
1:00 p.m., Opening Ceremony, James Union Building, Tennessee Room
Local trailblazers will be recognized, and MTSU’s Beth Cutlip will speak about the new documentary By One Vote. Visitors may park in the Ingram Lot; golf cart shuttles will be available.
Info: conroe.building@mtsu.edu

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
Nevertheless She ROCKED
7:00 p.m., Chris Young Cafe
A Southern Girls Rock and Roll Camp reunion
Info: coxeets.collen@mtsu.edu

MONDAY, MARCH 16
Aletheia: Opera Singer/Trombonist In an Iron Cage
8:00 p.m., Wright Music Building, Hinton Music Hall
Althea, an ancient Greek word that means creating a space where truth may appear, is a performance art piece written for singer/instrumentalist, computer-controlled piano and quadraphonic electronics by Abbie Conant (text and performance) and William Osborne (composition, text, direction, sound design, and stage set)
Info: david.doucet@mtsu.edu

Purses with a Purpose
TBA
Pineapple Honor Society is collecting gently used purses to fill with toiletries to give to women at the local domestic violence shelter. You can bring purses to Student Union Room 238 throughout the month of March; ask for Britney Butler. Please see more information TBA on tables for purses drop-off points.
Info: joanns@mtsu.edu

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
Road to Suffrage: Educator Workshop
9:00 a.m-4:30 p.m., Student Union, Room 210
This workshop is open to teachers, librarians, media specialists, pre-service educators, and MTSU students. It will explore the broader story of women’s suffrage in U.S. history with archives from the Library of Congress and Tennessee’s Women’s History program.
Registration required: kir.kula@mtsu.edu (sponsored by Teaching with Primary Sources, MTSU)

The Road to Suffrage: Celebrating the Centennial of Women Suffrage
2:30-4:30 p.m., Student Union Ballroom
The symposium includes a 30-minute Q&A session moderated by Dr. Tiffany Monroe, MTSU alumna and professor at Sewanee: The University of the South.
• “The Rhetoric of Women’s Rights: The Early Women Suffrage Movement,” by Dr. Laura Free, author of SUFFRAGE RECONSTRUCTED: Gender, Race, and Voting Rights in the Civil War Era and professor at UCLA and William Smith College (it’s supported by the MTSU Distinguished Lecture Fund)
• “Tennessee Women in the Progress Era: Not Just Suffrage,” by Dr. Dena Doolittle, professor at Austin Peay State University
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Organized by the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation

You Sound Like A Ladies Orchestra
7:00 p.m., Saunders Fine Arts, Room 101
Subtitle: “My experiences with gender discrimination and how I have responded to my art,” this one-hour Power Point presentation discusses discrimination that Abbie Conant has experienced in classical music and how she responded with her music theater works, including video samples.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
Equal-Tea
4:30-6:00 p.m., Student Union Ballroom
This high-tea event (this optional) for AIUW Murfreesboro and the MTSU Tennessee Fund for Women and Girls raises funds for scholarships for MTSU women students returning to complete a degree.
Info: nancy.james@mtsu.edu

National Women’s History Month Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Mary Frances Berry
7:00 p.m., Student Union Ballroom
Dr. Berry, former chair of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, through her administrative duties, believes that each generation has the responsibility to make a dent in the wall of injustice. Her lecture will challenge you to stand up, stand tall and to never give up the fight. A book signing will follow.
Info: mar.gan.will@mtsu.edu

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
So You Want A Job in the Music Industry?: Women’s Experiences
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Student Union, Parliametary Room
Six panelists and a moderator share their experiences as women working in the male-dominated music industry, navigating both their educational and career paths.
Info: stephanie.bunel@mtsu.edu

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
Start Smart Workshop
3:30-5:30 p.m., Business and Aerospace, Room 326
This program teaches college women how to have the confidence, knowledge and skill to negotiate salaries and benefits.
Info: joanns@mtsu.edu

MONDAY, MARCH 23
Improbable: A Staged Reading of a Play
4:30-7:00 p.m., Ingram Building, MT Center
Melissa Maxwell, a New York director, actor, and playwright, visits campus for a staged reading of her play-in-progress, followed by a conversation with the author.
Info: david.barnett@mtsu.edu
Special thanks to AWWM, the Virginia Peck Fund, MTSU Women’s, the English Department, and the Department of Theatre and Dance

TUESDAY, MARCH 24
Women’s International Poetry Reading
3:30-5:30 p.m., Tom Jackson Building
This event celebrates women and poetry all over the world with poems read by international women ready on the target language, followed by an English translation; refreshments will be served.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
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BY ONE VOTE
WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN THE SOUTH
NARRATED BY ROLANDA CASH
2:00 p.m., Documentary Screening, James Union Building, Tennessee Room
Second-ever showing of NPT original documentary
3:00 p.m., Panel Discussion, James Union Building, Tennessee Room
Panelists: Beth Cutlip, Abbie Conant, Mary Melby, LaTanya Turner and Linda Vaynn

4:00 p.m., Opening Ceremony Reception, James Union Building, Hazelwood Room
Co-sponsored by AWWM, the American Democracy Project, and the President’s Commission on the Status of Women

When Civil War is Waged by Women
1:00-2:20 p.m., Peck Hall, Room 220
Classroom presentation discusses Emmeline Parkhurst, leader of the radical British Women’s Suffrage Movement, and reformist domestic terrorism that exacted millions of dollars monthly in property damage.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 31
The Color Purple: A Conversation
6:00-8:00 p.m., Tom Jackson Building
Students, faculty and staff are invited to join a multimodal roundtable on themes in The Color Purple, including gender roles, signs of healthy/unhealthy relationships, masculinity, sexuality, and the collective power of healing. Food and beverages provided.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 26
Mr. Temple And The Tigerbelles
2:00 p.m., Student Union, Room 210
MTSU’S Tom Riefl chronicles the story of Tennessee State University track coach Ed Temple and the group of African American female track athletes who broke the Olympics color barrier and won 23 medals (16 gold). Wilma Rudolph became the first U.S. woman to win three gold medals in one Olympics.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
The Color Purple Theatrical Performance
8:00 p.m., TPAC, Nashville
The Tony Award winner for Best Musical Revival gives an exhilarating new spirit to this Pulitzer Prize-winning story.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 28
Leadership, Identity, and Social Activism Conference
TBA, Miller Education Center
This MTSU Asian Student Association event aims to shape civic discourse surrounding gender violence and civil rights issues.
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MONDAY, MARCH 30
Sufragists and the Media
19:30-11:15 a.m., McWherter LRC, Room 221
Brisette Kropf (professor of public communications and media and NVU professor) and Tim Finneman (University of Kansas professor) address the suffragist movement and the media.
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