

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

February 13, 2019
Commission Meeting

March 5: Feminists Take On Immigration: Addressing Root Causes, Urgent Needs, and Long Term Solutions

Boston Area International Women's Day Event
8am-10 am, Linda K. Paresky Center at Simmons College (300 The Fenway, 3rd floor of the Main College Building)

March 7: An Introduction to Women of Color in Feminist History: Massachusetts and Beyond, Women&Words with Stephanie Guirand

7:15pm Cambridge Main Library

March 18: Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement, Lecture by Barbara Berenson

6pm Cambridge Main Library

"In her accessible history, Berenson focuses her spotlight on Bay State women who catalyzed the effort to gain women's right to vote on a local and national level.... The book makes a case for determination, perseverance, and patience to bring about necessary change." Boston Globe, April 8, 2018

March 28: Women's History Trivia Night – History and Pizza!

6pm Cambridge Library – Central Square Branch, 45 Pearl Street

April 24: Trailblazing Women Event: Ain't I a Woman

6pm, Sullivan Chamber, Cambridge City Hall

April 30: Unpacking White Feminism with Rachel Cargle

Cambridge Main Library

This lecture explores the history of feminism through the lens of race. Uncover layers of unlearned details, revealing the problematic effects that white centered activism has had on the past and present of the feminist movement and action items you can take to be more intentional and inclusive.

Minutes

Women's History Initiatives

The Hampshire Street Mapping Feminist History project is moving forward. Susan and Phyllis attended the meeting last week, led by Kimm Topping. Along with others in the group, they discussed the history, the mapping, and what we are going to do next with the information and the project. The project's aim is to blend personal stories and musings with historical context to paint a picture of the impact these organizations had during this period and beyond. Walks are set to begin in the spring.

Event updates

Commission members who attended the Morgan Jerkins event felt it was very thought-provoking. It was more personal than academic. Through essays, Jerkins' book describes finding her identity and voice as a black woman in the United States.

Commission inclusionary statement

The commission is solicitating feedback about an Inclusivity Statement which will be used on our website and on our emails.