

SELECTIVE WEB SITES
FOR WOMEN's HISTORY MONTH

March 2010

The theme for 2010 is
Writing Women Back into History

I. AMERICA.GOV, STATE DEPARTMENT and IIP RESOURCES:

AMERICAN WOMEN OF INFLUENCE:

<http://www.america.gov/publications/books/women-of-influence.html>

WOMEN OF COURAGE: <http://www.america.gov/women-courage.html>

MICHELLE OBAMA: WOMAN OF INFLUENCE:

http://www.america.gov/michelle_obama.html

EMPOWERING WOMEN TO RUN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE: A Co.NX WEBCHAT TRANSCRIPT:

<http://www.america.gov/st/washfile-english/2009/March/20090306122204eaifas0.3804743.html>

PROFESSOR DISCUSSES ROLE OF WOMEN IN U.S. POLITICS:

<http://www.america.gov/st/washfile-english/2007/March/20070308161554xjsnommis7.152736e-03.html>

U.S. WOMEN MAKING STRIDES IN EDUCATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP:

<http://www.america.gov/st/diversity-english/2008/March/20080324151605xlrennef0.144848.html>

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IS AN ECONOMIC AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE:

<http://www.america.gov/st/democracyhr-english/2009/October/20091001181100ajesrom0.5990412.html>

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, INTERNET RESOURCES FROM ACRL:

DECEMBER 2009: [American College and Research Libraries]

<http://www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/crlnews/2009/dec/apunch.cfm>

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: GLOBAL COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES:

<http://www.state.gov/s/gwi/rls/rem/2009/130268.htm>

ROUNDTABLE WITH NGOs and ACTIVISTS ON SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE ISSUES (Focus on the DRC):

<http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2009a/08/127171.htm>

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: U.S. RESPONSE AND POLICY ISSUES CRS REPORT: International Violence against Women: U.S. Response and Policy

Issues, August, 2009 "In recent years, the international community has increasingly recognized international violence against women (VAW) as a significant human rights and global health issue. VAW, which can include both random acts of violence as well as sustained abuse over time, can be physical, psychological, or sexual in nature. Studies have found that VAW occurs in all geographic regions, countries, cultures, and economic classes, with some surveys showing that women in developing countries experience higher rates of violence than those in developed countries. Many experts view VAW as a symptom of the historically unequal power relationship between men and women, and argue that over time this imbalance has led to pervasive cultural stereotypes and attitudes that perpetuate a cycle of violence...This report addresses causes, prevalence, and consequences of violence against women. It provides examples of U.S. activities that address VAW directly or include anti-VAW components. It also outlines possible policy considerations for the 110th Congress, including the scope and effectiveness of current U.S. programs; further integrating anti-VAW programs into U.S. assistance and foreign policy mechanisms; strengthening U.S. government coordination of international anti-VAW activities; and collaborating with international organizations such as the United Nations on anti-VAW efforts." http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL34438_20090810.pdf

TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN INFORMATION:

<http://www.state.gov/g/tip/>

The Trafficking in Persons report is available at this link:

<http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt/index.htm>

Office of Global Women's Issues at the State Department is available at:

<http://www.state.gov/s/gwi/>

(Many of the links and blog postings refer to theme of the Elimination of Violence against Women)

II. QUICK FACTS:

Census on Women in the U.S.: We the People: Women & Men in the U.S.

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2005pubs/censr-20.pdf>

Census Bureau; Facts for Features on Women in the US, March 2010: Women's History Month for March 2010: Basic Statistics

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/census-bureau-facts-for-features-womens-history-month-march-2010-84954532.html>

III. BIOGRAPHIES:

Women of Achievement and HerStory: Women Who Changed History and Society:

<http://www.thelizlibrary.org/collections/woa/woa.html>

Distinguished Women Worldwide: Past and Present:

<http://www.distinguishedwomen.com/>

Biographies of the most distinguished women, historical and contemporary, from a global perspective.

300 Women who changed the World: <http://www.britannica.com/women/>

Poynter's Links to Women of the World (news):

<http://poynter.org/column.asp?id=49&aid=1142>

4000 Years of Women in Science: <http://www.astr.ua.edu/4000WS/>

IV. INTERNET RESOURCES FOR AMERICAN WOMEN: MAJOR GATEWAY AND RESEARCH SITES

American Women's History: A Research Guide:

<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women.html>

Women's Studies Resources: The University of Iowa:

<http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/wstudies/>

Women's Studies Guide: University of Maryland:

<http://userpages.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/links.html>

(These guides above and below serve as very comprehensive guides to Women's History)

Discovering American Women's History Online:

<http://library.mtsu.edu/digitalprojects/womenshistory.php>

“This database simplifies access to digital collections of primary sources (photos, letters, diaries, artifacts, etc.) that document the history of women in the United States. These diverse collections range from Abigail Franks' letters to her son from the 1730s and 1740s (Center for Jewish History) to [Katrina Thomas' photographs of ethnic weddings](#) from the late 20th century.”

Women's Studies E-Resource Center from the University of Wisconsin:

<http://womenst.library.wisc.edu/>

Brief History of Women's History Month:

http://www.galegroup.com/free_resources/whm/index.htm

≥ A **Quiz for Women's History Month** is available at:

http://www.gale.cengage.com/free_resources/whm/quiz/

≥ **Teaching with Historic Places: Lesson Plans for Women's History Month:**

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp/topic.htm#women>

≥ **Exploring Women's History: More Lesson Plans:**

http://edsitement.neh.gov/monthly_feature.asp?id=156

≥ **LESSON PLANS in all areas may be found here:**

http://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson_index.asp

International Perspective on Women's Issues: <http://zunia.org/cat/gender/>

Includes Women's Issues in Afghanistan, the D.R.C Congo, Nigeria, Palestine, Turkey, Latin America and the Caribbean, Albania, India, and other countries around the world. The website is updated monthly with new issues and fresh perspectives. Website allows automatic alerts for new materials.

Smithsonian Museum: Women's History Month, 2010:

http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/whm/index.html

≥ **Educator Resources, Lesson Plans and Hints for Programming may be found here:**

http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/resource_library/women_resources.html

≥ **Smithsonian Lesson Plans in all areas may be found here:**

http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/lesson_plans/lesson_plans.html

Women of the Century: Teaching Tools and Classroom Discussion Topics

<http://school.discovery.com/schooladventures/womenofthecentury/>

Free Lesson Plans at: <http://school.discoveryeducation.com/lessonplans/?campaign=LP>

Federal Resources for Educational Excellence: Women's Movements:

http://www.free.ed.gov/subjects.cfm?subject_id=26&res_feature_request=0

United Nations: International Women's Day:

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/feature/iwd/index.html>

League of Women Voters: Making Democracy Work:

<http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

(Offers great, practical examples of Women's Activism at work)

National Museum of Women in the Arts:

<http://www.nmwh.org/>

2010: Writing Women Back into History:

<http://www.nwhp.org/>

Includes the 30th Anniversary 2010 Partners for Celebrating Women's History and Achievements: <http://nwhp.org/whm/partners.php> (each of these Partners maintain separate Internet links to the best sites.)

WWW Virtual Library for Women's History (for an International Perspective):

<http://www.iisg.nl/w3vlwomenshistory/>

National Organization for Women:

<http://www.now.org/>

Includes Current Campaigns & Events, a Stopping Violence Against Women section, and another section on Economic Justice.

Schlesinger Digitized Library on Women's History:

<http://www.radcliffe.edu/schles/>

Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600 to 2000:

<http://womhist.alexanderstreet.com/>

Women's History Month from the National Park Service:

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/feature/wom/>

AND: <http://www.nps.gov/history/WomenHistory/index.htm>

≥ Teacher's Resources, Lesson Plans and Field Trip Ideas from the National Park Service may be found at: <http://www.nps.gov/learn/>

Femina: A Guide to Sites For and About Women: <http://www.femina.com/>

Global Fund for Women: <http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/>

V. E-JOURNALS and DISSERTATIONS:

Journal of International Women's Studies: <http://www.bridgew.edu/SoAS/jiws/>

Directory of Open Access Journals: Gender Studies:

<http://www.doaj.org/doaj?func=subject&cpid=123>

This site provides free, full-text access to hundreds of free articles (all in **full text**) on *Gender and Women's Studies*. This is a treasure trove for students, academics and scholars.

Free, Full Text Dissertations in Women's Studies from the University of Maryland may be found on their DRUM SITE: <http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum/handle/1903/2280>

MIT also makes selective dissertations fully available (**full text**) to the public through its website: <http://dspace.mit.edu>

One sample dissertation is: **Women and Post-Conflict Development: a Case Study on Liberia**
Available in full-text format at: <http://dspace.mit.edu/handle/1721.1/42108>

VI: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RESOURCES:

Women's History Month: <http://www.womenshistorymonth.gov/>

“Womenshistorymonth.gov is cosponsored by the [Library of Congress](#), the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#), the [National Gallery of Art](#), the [National Park Service](#), the [Smithsonian Institution](#), the [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#), and the [National Archives and Records Administration](#), and is *chock-full of program ideas and resources* that are worthy of linking to from your library's website. Each of the Washington D.C.–based organizations contributing to this site also sponsors National Women's History Month programs, resource listings, digital collections, and activities, and there are easy links to these national resources from the collaborative site.”

American Women, Reference Guide: A Gateway to Library of Congress's Resources for the study of Women's History and Culture in the United States:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/awhhtml/index.html>

This is considered to be “a first stop for using Library of Congress resources to do research in the field of American women's history. It presents some digital items; however, it serves primarily as a comprehensive guide to the entirety of the Library's holdings on women's history. It includes exhibits that feature women and how to find women within exhibits where they're not featured. Essays examine women as a symbol 1590-1800, the women's suffrage parade of 1913, and the equal rights amendment.”

Library of Congress: Topical Essays about American Women:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/awhhtml/awhessays.html>

Library of Congress: Women's Suffrage Collection from the American Memory Project:
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/naw/nawshome.html>

Library of Congress: Women: Struggle and Triumph:
<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/00/triumph/index.html>
(Includes many free Lesson Plans)

Library of Congress: Women's Words of Wisdom: Lesson Plans and a Teacher's Corner:
<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/>

≥ **Lesson Plans may be found at:**
<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/womens-history/>

VII: WOMEN'S LITERATURE:

Emory Women Writer's Resource Project:
<http://womenwriters.library.emory.edu/ewwrp/>

A Celebration of Women's Writers:
<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/>

African-American Women Writers:
http://digital.nvpl.org/schomburg/writers_aa19/main.html

Women's Studies:
<http://www.library.upenn.edu/cgi-bin/res/sr.cgi?community=73&>

Society for the Study of American Women Writers (SSAWW):
<http://www.wsu.edu/~campbelld/ssaww/index.html>

SSAWW Research Links available at: <http://www.wsu.edu/~campbelld/ssaww/links.htm>

Victorian Women Writers Project:
<http://www.indiana.edu/~letrs/vwwp/>

Women and Literature:
<http://www.ibiblio.org/cheryb/women/wlit.html>

Literary Resources on the Net: by Jack Lynch, Rutgers University:
<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit/>

Women's Literature and Feminism may be found here:
<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit/women.html>

Women Writers and Artists of Color: <http://voices.cla.umn.edu/>

Voice of the Shuttle: Best Humanities Reference Site of the Decade. Gender Studies:
<http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2711>

American Authors on the Web: <http://www.lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/AmeLit.html>

American Literature Sites, examining the works of Women Authors:
<http://www.wsu.edu/~campbelld/amlit/sites.htm>

Videos Examining the Works of American Authors: Many American women authors are explored in this free video series funded by the Annenberg Foundation:



<http://www.learner.org/resources/series57.html>

VIII: FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS AND BUSINESSWOMEN:

My Biz for Women <http://www.sba.gov/women/>

How to Construct a Business Plan: <http://www.bplans.com>

IX: NGOs AND CIVIL SOCIETY:

ACCESSING NGO STUDIES ON WOMEN and MANUALS on WOMEN's EMPOWERMENT: ELDIS: <http://www.eldis.org>

The section on *Gender Issues* may be found at: <http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/gender> This section contains many Training Manuals and NGO Guides for improving Women's Rights Worldwide.

See for example this specific study on *Women and Food Security*:
<http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/gender&id=45174&type=Document>

X: SEARCH ENGINES TO LOCATE MORE INFORMATION

Librarians Index to the Internet, now combined with the Internet Public Library
<http://www.ipl2.org>

See --for example-- Gender Issues at:
<http://www.ipl2.org/IPLBrowse/GetSubject?vid=13&cid=1&tid=7176&parent=6687>

XI: DISTANCE EDUCATION and FREE ONLINE COURSES:

Distance Education: The MIT Initiative
<http://ocw.mit.edu/index.html>

For other free online Distance Education Online Offerings, go to www.ocwconsortium.org and click on the tab MEMBERS at the very top of the.

A Convenient listing of 25 Colleges and Universities ranked by the popularity of their Opencourseware Distance Education offerings (OCW): the most popular online courses:
http://degreedirectory.org/articles/25_Colleges_and_Universities_Ranked_by_Their_OpenCourseWare.html

MIT: Women's and Gender Studies Online Courses

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Women-s-and-Gender-Studies/index.htm>

Sample Course: Spring, 2009: Introduction to Women and Gender Studies:

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Special-Programs/SP-401Spring-2009/CourseHome/index.htm>

Sample Course: 2009, Gender, Race, Science and Technology:

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Special-Programs/SP-693Spring-2009/CourseHome/index.htm>

Sample Course from Notre Dame University, Women's Narrative in the Southern Cone,
Notre Dame University: <http://ocw.nd.edu/romance-languages-and-literatures/womens-narrative-in-the-southern-cone>

XI: PROGRAMMING IDEAS:

How to Celebrate Women's History at your Library:

<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/womenshistory2010>

At Least 21 Programming Ideas for Women's History Month:

<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/features/02102010/least-21-programming-ideas-womens-history-month>

To Help You Plan for Women's History Month:

<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/features/02102010/help-you-plan>

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Related resources may be found at: <http://www.tinyurl.com/6dfaxn>

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