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The 19th Amendment at 100: From the Vote to Gender Equality

Friday, September 20, 2019 (8am to 5pm)

The University of Akron School of Law (Brennan Courtroom 180)

The focus of the 2019 conference is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Soon after the passage of the 19th Amendment in June 1919, and its ratification by the states in August 1920, the voting amendment was interpreted as a broad command for gender equality, although that trend was quickly reversed. This conference brings together scholars from law, history, political science, and women's studies to engage in a day of intensive scholarly discussion about the implications of the amendment, and its social, legal, and political context.

- 8:00am Registration and Continental Breakfast (McDowell Common)
- 8:30am Introduction, Prof. Tracy Thomas, Director of the Center for Constitutional Law
- 8:35am Introductory Speaker: Nancy Abudu, Deputy Legal Director & Voting Rights Director,
Southern Poverty Law Center, *Voting Rights Today*
Introduction: Matthew Brown, Student Editor, *ConLawNOW*
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11:45pm Lunch (McDowell Common)

12:30pm Keynote Speaker: Prof. Ellen Carol DuBois (UCLA, History), The Afterstory of the Nineteenth Amendment
Introduction: Michael Grund, Editor in Chief, Akron Law Review
DuBois is Professor Emeritus of History at UCLA. She is the author of the forthcoming book "Suffrage: Women's Long Struggle for the Vote" (Simon & Shuster Feb. 2020) and also the author of the seminal work "Feminism and Suffrage"

1:30pm Break

1:45pm Panel 3: Extensions and Applications of the Nineteenth Amendment
Moderator: Brant Lee (Akron Law)
Elizabeth Katz (Washington U Law), Women's Suffrage & the Right to Hold Public Office
Gwen Jordan (Bay Path U, Legal Studies), The International Federation of Women Lawyers' Campaigns for Global and National Women's Rights, 1944-1975
Cornelia Weiss (J.D., Independent), The 19th Amendment and the U.S. "Women's Emancipation" Policy in Post World-War II Occupied Japan: Going Beyond Suffrage
Shelley Cavalieri (Toledo Law), Vestigial Coverture

3:30pm Break

3:45pm Panel 4: Constitutional Meaning of the Nineteenth Amendment
Moderator: Marty Belsky (Akron Law)
Reva Siegel (Yale Law School), The Second Reconstruction: Post-World War II Racial Reforms
Jyesa J. Taylor (Akron Law), The Nineteenth Amendment and the Right to Vote

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