

Call for Presentations and Papers – Monday, September 23 Deadline

The Women in Legal Education (WILE) Section of the

American Association of Law Schools

Seeks submissions for the

American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting

January 2-5, 2020 in Washington, D.C.

The Section on Women in Legal Education is pleased to announce a Call for Papers from which presenters will be selected to participate in the Section's main program at the AALS 2020 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The program, *A Century Since Suffrage: How Did We Get Here? Where Will We Go? How Will We Get There?*, will explore the legal accomplishments and failures of the women's movement since 1920. A century ago, women won the right to vote. Since then, women garnered additional rights in virtually every legal area, including in the realms of employment, property, reproduction, education, caretaking, sexual freedom, and protection from violence. Despite significant success, much work remains.

This session will consider the future of the women's movement through a critical examination of our past as guided by three multi-faceted inquiries:

(1) How did we get here?

Topics can include, for example: Who shaped the movement's path? What were the movement's guiding ideologies, practices, and priorities? Where did the movement fail? How did the exclusion of African American and other minority women shape the movement's trajectory and goals? How did the prioritization of some issues over others impact women's lives and the reality of sex equality?

(2) Where will we go?

Topics can include, for example: What are or should be our priorities as we move forward? How do we continue our work given the current political climate, assault on women's rights, and status of our world? How will our understandings of gender shift the goals of the women's movement? What impact will intersectionality have on the movement?

(3) How will we get there?

Topics can include, for example: Who will shape our actions and goals as we move forward? Which philosophies will guide us? What are the obstacles in our path? What have we learned from our past and how will that knowledge guide us into the future?

Submission guidelines: We welcome proposals for 30-minute presentations on these topics. Proposals for presentations should be sent as an e-mail file attachment in MS Word to Professor Rona Kaufman at kitchenr@duq.edu by Monday, September 23, 2019. She will confirm receipt of all submissions. Proposals for presentations should be 500-1500 words long, and should denote the topic to be addressed, any special technological needs for the session, the presenter's background, years of teaching, institutional affiliation, and contact information. All abstracts will be reviewed by members of the WILE Program Committee. Selected professors will present their work at the 2020 AALS Annual Meeting. Full drafts of articles based on conference presentations will be due by July 1, 2020. Final versions of the articles will be due by August 19, 2020. Accepted articles will be published in the Winter 2021 issue of the Duquesne Law Review.