



## March, 2023 Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI) Newsletter <https://womensclearinghouse.org>

**Invitation to CWI Zoom Meeting, Tuesday March 21, 2023 (12:00-1:30 PM)**

### **“Updates on DC Women's History Museums and Sites to Visit in the DC Area”**

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 12:00-1:30 pm via Zoom

[Registration Link](#)

March is Women's History Month and Washington, DC is fortunate to host two National Women's History Museums and a variety of sites related to women. In our CWI March 2021 meeting we heard about and discussed the two museums. See the [April 2021 CWI newsletter](#) for a summary of this meeting. A video of this 2021 CWI meeting is available on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6G1ij6GPs>.

In 2021 **Julissa Marenco**, Assistant Secretary Communications and External Affairs and Chief Marketing Officer for the Smithsonian, shared an early-stage update for the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum. We are delighted that she is now rejoining us to give an update on progress to date. **Jennifer Herrera**, Vice President of External Affairs, National Women's History Museum (NWHM), helped arrange for the then director and the Board Chair of the virtual NWHM to describe their activities. Jennifer Herrera will join us on 3-21-23 to share information on their opening of an in-person exhibit at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in Washington DC at the end of this March. Finally, **Holly T. Joseph**, CWI's Treasurer and long-time feminist activist will share her research on women's historical sites to visit in the DC area.

**Update on Plans for the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum ([womenshistory.si.edu](http://womenshistory.si.edu)), by **Julissa Marenco**.** In the 2021 CWI meeting, Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney and Wendy Pangburn, Executive Director of the American Museum of Women's History Congressional Commission described Congressional actions since 2014 to create a Smithsonian American Women's History Museum. These actions culminated in passing H.R. 1980 in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress which was included in the bipartisan and bicameral omnibus spending package which became law Dec. 27, 2020. Julissa described the ongoing Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative and the appointment of Lisa Sasaki as the Museum's interim director. Julissa will give an update on the site selection process. Her presentation will be followed by questions from the meeting participants since she needs to leave early. Lisa Sasaki the interim Museum director is unable to join us since she has been scheduled for another meeting in Detroit.

### **Update on the National Women's History Museum ([womenshistory.org](http://womenshistory.org)) and its New DC In-person Exhibit and Future Plans, by **Jennifer Herrera**.**

NWHM was incorporated in 1996. It is privately funded and mostly virtual. In the 2021 CWI meeting, they shared how they supported federal legislation for a women's history museum and even contributed significant and instrumental funding to the Congressional Commission. They also discussed remodeling their extensive website and plans to host physical exhibits. Jennifer Herrera will discuss the Museum's next chapter and how they plan to bring women's history to communities across the country. Further, Jennifer will share information and extend an invitation to visit NWHM's new exhibition, "We Who Believe in Freedom: Black Feminist DC" at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, opening on March 30, 2023. The Library is located at 901 G St NW, near the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Gallery Place – Chinatown Metro. Finally, Jennifer will discuss other news about the Museum and share information on upcoming events and resources.

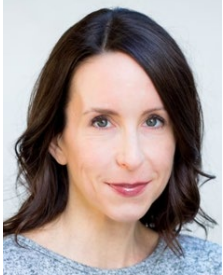
### **Women's History Sites to Visit in the DC Area, by **Holly T. Joseph**.**

For Women's History Month, CWI is studying institutions and smaller sites to pursue this exciting subject. There are many we know – starting with the Capitol and Alice Paul's DC residence, now named the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, and perhaps some we don't know. Holly hopes you'll find abundant opportunities for visits in her presentation and for reflection on the topic of women in history – at a point in history that we hope is the end of the historic pandemic.

## Summary of the February 28, 2023 CWI meeting on "The Effect of COVID-19 on Women's Employment and Their Work Life Balance"

The CWI convened its February meeting addressing COVID's impact on women's employment, hosted by CWI's, Dr. Alotta Taylor, Jeanette Lim Esbrook, Esq. and Ms. Sherry Klein. The meeting was informed by the following three speakers who presented information on the impact of COVID-19 on women's employment and how return to work required additional attention to policies, such as increases in child-care options, virtual work options, and paid family leave. A YouTube video of the meeting is here:

<https://youtu.be/RrMzKVeQML0>



**Julie Vogtman** (she/her), Director of Job Quality & Senior Counsel for the National Women's Law Center (NWLC). Vogtman provided an overview of the impact of 3 years of COVID, including a survey she made about a year ago at the 2-yr. mark. Ms. Vogtman discussed the impact on women and employment in the areas of caregiving, finances, economic impact, and suggested policy solutions including family paid leave. Presentation slides shown are here: <https://buff.ly/3kJD77i>.



**Allison Wolff** (she/her) discussed the impact of balancing working remotely as a professional with family and childcare responsibilities. As the Web Program Manager for NASA's Space Operations and Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorates, Ms. Wolff is responsible for managing application development projects. She shared insights on NASA's current and planned policies on virtual work and its impact on women. As a senior professional in the federal government, and as COVID persisted, she found the strain of having 2 small children at home in addition to several high-profile agency-level projects took its toll. While Ms. Wolff prided herself on her capacity to take on a lot and execute quickly, she shared her personal story of drowning in work with no end in sight and "burnout". COVID was impacting her life on every front. She determined an appropriate path forward and ultimately decided the best thing for her and the family was to take a step back. She stressed so often we preach balance and wellness, but culturally there is much work to do to fully realize what balance looks like for each of us. If women are true to themselves and their values, there will be less burnout and more balance in the future for women.



**Sarah Jane (SJ) Glynn**, (she/her) Senior Advisor, Women's Bureau, US Department of Labor, presented information from a report she co-authored. It was issued by the DOL on the impact of COVID19 on women's employment: [Bearing the Cost](https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WB/media/BearingTheCostReportFactSheet.pdf) (<https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WB/media/BearingTheCostReportFactSheet.pdf>). She reported on current and future federal policies on virtual versus in person work and its impact on women. She also shared information on advance policies that help support employment and economic security for women and caregivers, including paid family and medical leave, paid sick days, workplace flexibility, and pay equity.

In summary, women shouldered a disproportionate share of the COVID burden, particularly low income, and minority women. While there has been some recovery in the labor market, there is still a long way to go for women to reach pre-pandemic employment highs. For the women who were able to keep their jobs, many will have to continue to balance competing priorities including family and child-care responsibilities.

Editor's Note: Census Bureau related information

Recorded Webinar: The Disproportionate Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Women in the Workforce <https://www.census.gov/data/academy/webinars/2023/impact-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-on-women-in-the-workforce.html>

## Events of Interest to Feminists (Times are Eastern) Most events are virtual.

Thanks to Montgomery Co. NOW for sharing information on many of the events.

**Sun. March 12, 3-4PM. Sundays@Home: The History of Black Feminism -Virtual**, National Women's History Museum. Dr. Alison Parker, Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, and Dr. Anastasia Curwood. [Register here](#).

**Tue. March 14, Noon. Holding Court: Lady Justice with Dahlia Lithwick**, Alliance for Justice. [Twitter users can set a reminder to attend here](#).

**Tue. March 14. Equal Pay Day. Women full time workers earn 84 cents for every dollar a man makes.**

**Wed. March 15, 7-8:30PM Montgomery County BPW and Montgomery County NOW, Virtual. Celebrate Rosie the Riveters by Raya Kenney and 5 living Rosies.** RSVP <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84470474642>  
Meeting ID: 844 7047 4642

**Thur. March 16, 1-2 PM. Building Economies that Work for Women: Opportunities Through the 2023 G7, G20, and APEC Summits.** Center for Global Development. Register <https://link.cgdev.org/l/683263/2023-03-01/2j8r55>

**Tue. March 21, noon-1:30 PM. Updates on DC Women's History Museums and sites to visit in DC area. Clearinghouse on Women's Issues.** See Page 1. Visit [womensclearinghouse.org](http://womensclearinghouse.org)

**Thur. March 23, 5:30-7 PM. Race, History, and Rock Creek: Women Who've Made a Difference in Rock Creek. Virtual**  
**FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER**

**Thur. March 23, 2-3:30 PM. Civil rights Act of 1964. Online.** The Leadership Conference. Contact [hall@civilrights.org](mailto:hall@civilrights.org).

**Fri. March 24. ERA Symposium hosted by Alice Paul Institute & New Jersey State Bar Assoc.** Learn more and Register: [Forward Together, Backward Never! The History and Future of the ERA](#).

**Wed. March 29 2PM. Webinar: Women's History Month, Everyday Superwomen: The Lessons and Best Practices of Women Leaders in Politics, Education and Philanthropy.** Hunt Institute. [Register](#).

**Thur. March 30. 5-8PM. Opening Night "We Who Believe in Freedom: Black Feminist DC" Exhibit in the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G ST, NW, Washington, DC 20001 (Gallery Place-Chinatown Metro).** Free, but [registration is recommended](#).

**Fri. March 31, 7-11PM. Women Making History Awards Gala**, Sponsored by the National Women's History Museum. Guests will enjoy cocktails, a formal seated dinner, live entertainment, and more. [Click here](#) to learn more and purchase tickets.

**Thur. April 13, 2-3:30 PM. Title IX Education Programs, 1557 Healthcare.** The Leadership Conference. Contact [hall@civilrights.org](mailto:hall@civilrights.org).

**June 30-July 2**, National NOW Conference, Arlington, VA You can register for the 2023 NOW **National Conference for \$19.73!** Take advantage of this special member only rate from February 17 to March 3, 2023. This year we are meeting in Arlington, VA from June 30-July 2, 2023 at the Doubletree by Hilton Crystal City. [Register Here](#)

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*Newsletter edited by Sue Klein*

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