

Women's History

Webcasts

The museum provides webcasts of many of its public programs in order to reach visitors across the globe. Below is a listing of selected webcasts about women and their lives. To view the entirety of the archived webcasts available at the museum, visit the [Webcast page](#).



All-American Music: Behind the Scenes with Porgy and Bess

The Washington National Opera (WNO) and the museum discussed the upcoming production of Porgy and Bess at the Kennedy Center, including its complex artistic and historical legacy. The program included a panel discussion, multimedia presentation, and vocal performances by cast members.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/webcasts/all-american-music-behind-scenes-porgy-and-bess>



National Youth Summit- the Dust Bowl

In the 1930s drought and intensive farming in the Great Plains brought about dust storms, crop failure, and human misery in one of the worst ecological disasters in America's history. On October 17, 2012, the National Youth Summit unpacked this story and connected it with current issues of drought, agricultural sustainability, and national and global food security. The Summit included segments from award-winning documentary filmmaker Ken Burns's film The Dust Bowl and a panel discussion that was moderated by Huffington Post science editor Cara Santa Maria and featured as panelists: Ken Burns, Dust Bowl survivor Cal Crabill, United States Department of Agriculture ecologist Debra Peters, 5th generation farmer Roy Bardole from Rippey, Iowa, and farmer and founder of Anson Mills, Glenn Roberts.

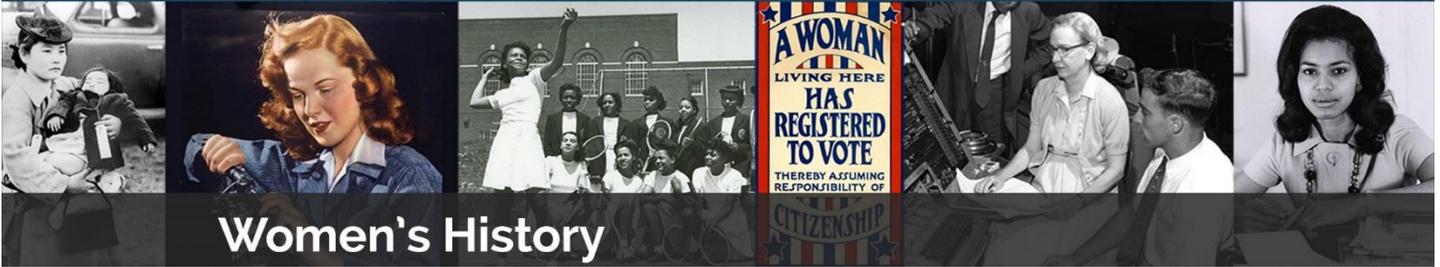
<http://americanhistory.si.edu/nys/national-youth-summit-dust-bowl>



National Youth Summit - The Freedom Rides

Civil rights activists, historians, and students participated in a panel discussion about Freedom Summer, the 1964 youth-led effort to end the political disenfranchisement and educational inequality of African Americans in the Deep South, and discuss the role of young people in shaping America's past and future. The webcast was hosted from the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson, Mississippi.

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The Roosevelts: A Conversation with Ken Burns

On Tuesday, September 16, 2014, the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History partnered with WETA television and the National Endowment for the Humanities to present "The Roosevelts: A Conversation with Ken Burns." The live webcast featured filmmaker Ken Burns and included historian Clay Jenkinson and Roosevelt biographer Geoffrey Ward. With an online audience of high school students representing 32 states, the District of Columbia, as well as India, Canada, and Spain.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/webcasts/roosevelts-conversation-ken-burns>



Women and Jazz: International Sweethearts of Rhythm

In this onstage conversation, members of the International Sweethearts of Rhythm discuss the history of women in jazz and the legacy of the Sweethearts. Moderated by Sally Placksin (producer of jazz documentaries and oral histories, and author of *American Women in Jazz: 1900 to the Present*) and Cathy Hughes (Founder, Radio One).

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Cjmg8Jepvw



The Women of the West

When we think of the Wild West, we think mostly of men—the cowboys and outlaws immortalized in film, TV, radio, and on the page. But the West was a place where women could bend, break, and stretch the rules, too.

<http://www.whatitmeanstobeamerican.org/conversations/the-women-of-the-american-west-dont-take-no-for-an-answer/>