



Women's History

Podcasts

Podcasts are available at the museum from a variety of resources, from the [History Explorer and Prototype Online](#) series to the [Founding Fragments](#) series.

Below is a listing of selected podcasts about women from the museum's collections that highlight diverse aspects of women's history.

Cultures & Communities



History Explorer: Fraternal Orders

Often incorporating aspects ritual and secrecy, fraternal orders are voluntary associations of men and women that date back to the early 18th century. Tim Winkle discusses fraternal orders and his research on a particular object in the Museum collection that led him to some interesting discoveries.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/history-explorer-fraternal-orders>

Family & Social Life



History Explorer: Invention of the Shopping Cart

Archivist Alison Oswald pushes us down the history aisle in her discussion on the invention of this everyday and oftentimes overlooked invention.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/history-explorer-invention-shopping-cart>

Government, Politics, and Reform



History Explorer: Fighting for my Rights – June Johnson

Nicholas Nchamukong, a Museum Freedom School intern, hosts this special episode of History Explorer on civil rights activist June Johnson.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/history-explorer-fighting-my-rights-june-johnson>



History Explorer: Fighting for my Rights – Martha Prescott Norman

Harry Clarke, a Museum Freedom School intern, hosts this special episode of History Explorer on civil rights activist Martha Prescott Norman.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/history-explorer-fighting-my-rights-martha-prescott-norman>



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History Explorer: Fighting For My Rights - Zoharah Simmons

Joy Lyman, a Museum Freedom School intern, hosts this special episode of History Explorer on civil rights activist Zoharah Simmons.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/fighting-my-rights-zohara-simmons-0>



Prototype Online: Political Machines--Innovations in Campaigns and Elections

Get a sneak peek at our 2012 symposium, "Political Machines: Innovations in Campaigns and Election." Eric Hintz provides an overview of the event, followed by interviews with Joyce Bedi on technology in political advertising, Eric Hintz on technology in political campaigns, Larry Bird on technology in political polling, and Jeffrey Brodie on technology in voting.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/prototype-online-political-machines-innovations-campaigns-and-elections-part-1-2>



Prototype Online: Political Machines--Innovations that let the people be heard

POPVOX.com co-founder Rachna Choudhry talks about how POPVOX bridges the gap between the input the public wants to provide and the information Members of Congress want and need to receive.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/prototype-online-political-machines-innovations-let-people-be-heard-part-2-2>

Industry & Manufacturing



Podcast: Madam C. J. Walker had a good head for hair care

A'Lelia Bundles explains her quest to document her famous great-great-grandmother's life and legacy.

<http://invention.si.edu/podcast-madam-c-j-walker-had-good-head-hair-care-part-1-2>
<http://invention.si.edu/podcast-madam-c-j-walker-had-good-head-hair-care-part-2-2>



Prototype Online: Regina Lee Blaszczyk and The Color Revolution

In her new book, *The Color Revolution*, author Regina Lee Blaszczyk traces the relationship of color and commerce, from haute couture to automobile showrooms to interior design, highlighting the often unrecognized role of the color professional in consumer culture.

<http://invention.si.edu/podcast-regina-lee-blaszczyk-and-color-revolution>



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Military



Founding Fragments: World War I Uniform

How did women serve in uniform during World War I? In this episode, host Tory Altman joins Curator Margaret Vining of the Museum's Division of Armed Forces History to talk about women's service in the conflict, and how their contributions helped the cause of the woman suffrage movement.

<https://youtu.be/GSSKhtsb4pw?list=PLZxSSLX6InCQrVwjOTwnmYeQKkOEUWp27>



History Explorer: Women's Military History

Recently, the US Military officially opened combat positions to women. In this episode of History Explorer, curators Bart Hacker and Margaret Vining discuss the roles that women have played in the military throughout history, their research, and this new policy.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/history-explorer-womens-military-history>

Music & Musical Instruments



History Explorer: Mary Lou Williams: Jazz Master

Ken Kimery talks about the life of this fascinating jazz artist and jazz history here at the museum.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/history-explorer-mary-lou-williams-jazz-master>



History Explorer: Unraveling the Layers of a Wicked Costume

We're going to go behind the seams to explore the many layers of the Museum's latest acquisition—Elphaba's dress from the Broadway Musical *Wicked*, which gave a new spin on L. Frank Baum's well known book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. You'll hear about the dress's design, importance, and the larger conversations it can lead to from curator Dwight Blocker Bowers, actors Donna Vivino and Tiffany Haas, and the Tony Award winning designer Susan Hilferty.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/history-explorer-unraveling-layers-wicked-costume>



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Photography



History Explorer: Portraiture and Identity

Curator in the Photographic Collection at the NMAH examines three unique photographic portraits, showing how portraiture and the creation of an image between sitter and photographer, can be used to express many ideas, beyond that of simply a picture of an individual.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/history-explorer-portraiture-and-identity>

Science & Mathematics



Prototype Online: Bess Williamson traces Universal Design

What can Julia Child's kitchen teach us about accessible design? Bess Williamson, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Delaware, explains this and more as she traces innovative design approaches to kitchens and cooking, exploring how industrial and interior design have evolved along with social attitudes toward disability, aging, and access.

<http://invention.si.edu/podcast-bess-williamson-traces-universal-design>



Prototype Online: Lemelson Center Fellows Lisa Cook and Lee Vinsel

As a Lemelson Center Fellow, Lisa Cook sought to explain why the commercialization of patents earned by women and African Americans have traditionally lagged behind the overall commercialization rates for U.S. inventors. Fellow Lee Vinsel explored the invention and diffusion of automotive safety systems like taillights, braking systems, and street lights. What does it take to become a Lemelson Center fellow? Fellowship Coordinator Eric Hintz provides an overview of the Fellowship Program.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/prototype-online-lemelson-center-fellows-lisa-cook-and-lee-vinsel-reflect-their>

Sports & Leisure



Prototype Online: Robin Logan and Cindy Whitehead, pioneering skateboarders

Robin Logan and Cindy Whitehead talk about their careers as two of the first professional women skateboarders and highlight their recent donations to the corecollections of the National Museum of American History during Innoskate. They also offer some insights on skateboarding's place in American culture.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/prototype-online-robin-logan-and-cindy-whitehead-pioneering-skateboarders>