



Women at the Ballot Box: How Suffrage Changed the United States Presidency

July 19-20, 2019

Friday, July 19th

1:00-4:00 p.m. Restoration Tours of the Harding Home

*The Harding Home
380 Mount Vernon Avenue
Marion, OH 43302*

The Warren G. Harding Home site is being transformed. This collaborative effort, called Harding 2020, includes the complete restoration of the Harding Home as well as the establishment of the Harding Presidential Center, which will serve as a visitor center, museum, archives and multi-purpose event facility. During the 2019 Harding Symposium, the Harding Home will be closed for restoration. However, tours of the restoration in progress will be offered to attendees on Friday, July 19, 2019. Tours will be given on the hour, at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary. The tours will begin on the front porch of the Harding Home and admission is free. We encourage freewill donations to help support the Harding 2020 project.

6:00-8:00 p.m. Opening Reception

*The Marion Country Club
2415 Crissinger Road
Marion, OH 43302*

The opening reception of the 2019 Harding Symposium will be held in the ballroom of the Marion Country Club, opened in 1921 to honor and entertain newly elected President Warren G. Harding and his many distinguished guests. The program – *Showdown in Tennessee: The Ratification of the 19th Amendment* - will be led by Sherry Hall, Site Manager of the Warren G. Harding Home and Memorial. It will focus on the fight for ratification and the drama surrounding the deciding vote in the Tennessee legislature. Following the reception, Gary Branson, executive director of the Marion Public Library and symposium advisory committee member, will conduct an optional book study of *Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America* by Ari Benson.

Saturday, July 20th

10:30 am Presidential Wreath-laying Ceremony

*The Harding Memorial
Delaware Avenue at Veterans Park
Marion, OH 43302*

The Harding Memorial is the final resting place of President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding. It is widely regarded as the most impressive presidential monument outside of Washington, D.C. Dedicated by President Herbert Hoover in 1931, the massive white marble structure is 103 feet in diameter and 53 feet high. On behalf of the White House, the United State Army will conduct the annual wreath-laying ceremony honoring President Harding.

1:00 P.M. Workshop Sessions

*Marion Campus Health Technologies Auditorium
1467 Mount Vernon Avenue
Marion, OH 43302*

1:00-2:15 p.m. The Growing Pains of Suffrage

Katherine Jellison earned her Ph.D. at the University of Iowa, where she studied with one of the pioneers in the field of U.S. women's history, Linda K. Kerber. She currently serves as the Chairperson of the Department of History at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Dr. Jellison has received numerous research grants and fellowships, including awards from the Smithsonian Institution and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. She is the author of a number of books, book chapters and scholarly articles and serves as Chair of the Ohio University Press Editorial Board. Dr. Jellison has won several teaching honors at Ohio University, including the Excellence in Feminist Pedagogy Award, the University Professor Award, the Jeannette G. Grasselli Brown Faculty Teaching Award in the Social Sciences, and designation as a Fellow in the Charles J. Ping Institute for the Teaching of the Humanities.

2:30-3:45 p.m. How Racism Impacted the Suffrage Movement

Gloria J. Browne-Marshall is professor of constitutional law at John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York. She teaches classes in Constitutional Law, Race and the Law, Evidence, and Gender and Justice and has taught in the Africana Studies Program at Vassar College prior to John Jay. She is a civil rights attorney who litigated cases for Southern Poverty Law Center in Alabama, Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Inc. Professor Browne-Marshall is the author of many articles and several books including *The Voting Rights War: The NAACP and the Ongoing Struggle for Justice* and *Race, Law, and American Society: 1607 to Present* which includes chapters on race and education, voting rights, criminal justice, property, civil liberties and protest, the military and

internationalism concerning African-Americans, Latinos, Asian-Americans and Native Americans.

4:00-5:15 p.m. Women in American Politics after Suffrage

Dr. Susan Hartmann is Emerita Professor of History at The Ohio State University who specializes in 20th century American history and women's history. She has published several books including *From Margin to Mainstream: American Women and Politics since 1960* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1989) and *The Other Feminists* (Yale University Press, 1998). Her current research deals with gender and the reshaping of U.S. politics and policy after World War II. Professor Hartmann is a fellow of the Society of American Historians and has received awards from the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars. She has won the College of Humanities Exemplary Faculty Award and the University Distinguished Service Award

6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner and Keynote

*The Ohio State University at Marion
Guthery Community Room, Maynard Hall
1461 Mount Vernon Avenue
Marion, OH 43302*

Mary Ellen Withrow served our country as the 40th Treasurer of the United States from 1994-2001 during the administration of President Bill Clinton. During her tenure, U.S. currency was redesigned, including the \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 notes, all of which bear her signature. She has the distinction of having been the only person ever elected treasurer at all three levels of government, serving as Marion Ohio County Treasurer, Treasurer of the State of Ohio, and Treasurer of the United States. Mrs. Withrow is an inductee into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame and a recipient of a Women Executives in State Government fellowship to Harvard University. Following her retirement from public office, Withrow became active in the United States Treasury's historical society. Her vast collection of personal documents, photographs, awards and personal papers are on display at The Withrow Museum at Primrose of Marion.

Sunday, July 22nd

HARDING PRESIDENTIAL SITE OPTIONAL EVENT!

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Friends of the Harding Home Day**

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Symposium attendees will have the option to attend the annual Friends of the Harding Home Day event. Following a brunch buffet and brief update about the Harding Home site, Jon Andersen, researcher for the Harding Home, will present the program, "Back to the '20s: The Temporary Museum in the Harding Home." Jon will lead us back to 1926, when the newly formed Harding Memorial Association opened the doors to the "Temporary Museum in the Harding Home" for the first time. Get a taste of what visitors

would have seen and experienced -- and meet the caretakers -- before the Harding Home became a house museum.

Advance reservations are required. This event is free for Friends of Harding Home members and \$20 for non-members. Registration (whether Friends member or guest) is required. **To register, please call the Harding Presidential Site at 800-600-6894,** or email through the **www.hardinghome.org** website. Non-members can join the Friends or purchase the \$20 brunch tickets in our on-line store on the website.