

Humanities Council Little Lecture: "West Virginia and the Ratification of the 19th Amendment"

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Charleston, WV — Since 2001 the Humanities Council has presented the annual Little Lecture Series at its historic MacFarland-Hubbard House headquarters in Charleston. The 2019 series starts on Sunday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m. with the presentation "West Virginia and the Ratification of the 19th Amendment" by Dr. Katharine Antolini.

In honor of Women's History Month, Dr. Antolini, an associate professor of history and gender studies at West Virginia Wesleyan College, will discuss the arguments against granting political rights to women that first defeated the West Virginia state referendum on women's suffrage in 1916 and almost prevented the state's ratification of the 19th amendment four years later. She will also highlight how the state's suffrage battles influenced the tactics of the national suffrage campaign for a federal amendment

The Little Lecture series are one of the many ways the West Virginia Humanities Council shares its historic property with the community. Beginning with Dr. Antolini's lecture on March 31, the series is presented once each month through June in the parlor of the Council's Charleston headquarters in the historic MacFarland-Hubbard House at 1310 Kanawha Boulevard, East. Admission to the lecture is \$10 and includes refreshments after the program. Seating is limited and people interested in attending should confirm that seats are available by calling 304-346-8500 no later than noon on Thursday, March 28.

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