



**Women in labor movements in the spotlight of  
May 30 Humanities Council Little Lecture**

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Charleston, WV — *To Live Here, You Have To Fight* (U of Illinois P, 2019) is the title of author and historian Jessica Wilkerson's book on the uphill battle of women in labor movements across Appalachia, particularly in the 1960s during the War on Poverty. Wilkerson will highlight some of those stories on May 30 during her virtual Little Lecture for the West Virginia Humanities Council.

Jessica Wilkerson is an associate professor at West Virginia University and the current Stuart and Joyce Robbins Chair of the department of History. She has written extensively about women's issues throughout the region. Drawing from what the *Women's Review of Books* calls a "bold new examination of women's struggles in Appalachia" for welfare rights and union benefits, Wilkerson will elaborate on the historical role women have played in movements from Harlan County, Kentucky to Fairmont, West Virginia and beyond.

The Little Lecture will be broadcast virtually on YouTube, Facebook, and the Council's website, **wvhumanities.org**. It will premiere online at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 30. For more information visit [www.wvhumanities.org](http://www.wvhumanities.org) or contact Kyle Warmack at 304-346-8500 or [warmack@wvhumanities.org](mailto:warmack@wvhumanities.org).

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