

Educational Resources

The concept of intersectionality was used in *Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence* to create a deeper and more nuanced understanding of the complex, more than 80-year social movement that led women to the right to vote.

in·ter·sec·tion·al·i·ty

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noun

1. the interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender as they apply to a given individual or group, regarded as creating overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage.

"through an awareness of intersectionality, we can better acknowledge and ground the differences among us"

- Oxford Dictionaries, Oxford University Press

"Intersectionality" was coined in 1989 by **Kimberlé Crenshaw**, a civil rights activist and legal scholar.

[Kimberlé Crenshaw: What is Intersectionality?](#)

YouTube video in which Crenshaw describes intersectional theory (2 minutes)

Many of the Smithsonian's museums and other educational institutions have developed materials to commemorate the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, and to broaden our understanding of U.S. history through the stories of women. Below is a sampling.

National Portrait Gallery

Votes for Women [exhibition website](#)

Votes for Women [collection search results](#)

American Women's History Initiative

Explore the historical record of the accomplishments of American women [here](#).

***Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence* on the Smithsonian Learning Lab**

[A collection](#) of text, education prompts and images related to the poster exhibition

Preferred browser: Google Chrome

National Museum of African American History and Culture

[Blog posts, collection story*](#), [event and news](#) about women's suffrage

[Collection search results](#) for women's suffrage

* Staff interpretations of collections

National Museum of American History

Women's history [resources](#)

Woman suffrage [search results](#)

Woman suffrage collections [search results](#)

History Explorer suffrage [search results](#)

Smithsonian American Art Museum

"Who Tells Your Story? Exploring Women and Identity?" [video](#)

"Remaking the Rules: Exploring Women Who Broke Barriers" [video](#)

"Persisting and Resisting: Exploring Women as Activists" [video](#)

National Museum of the American Indian

Native American Women [online resources](#)

Cooper-Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum

Women's suffrage [search results](#)

National Postal Museum

Women's suffrage collections search [results](#)

Research [articles](#) on women in the U.S. Postal System

Women on Stamps virtual [exhibition](#)

League of Women Voters

Women's suffrage [search results](#)

Library of Congress

[Teacher resources](#), [lesson plans](#) and [primary source sets](#)

Shall Not Be Denied: Women Fight for the Vote [exhibition website](#)

National Woman's Party (NWP)

NWP [collections](#)

NWP [exhibits](#)

U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote [exhibit](#)

Women's Rights [page](#)

Woman Suffrage [educator resources](#)

Woman Suffrage primary sources and teaching [activities](#) on DocsTeach

19th Amendment online [featured documents](#)