

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN

WOMEN'S HISTORY

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COLLEGE

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Founded in 1972, Sarah Lawrence College's Master of Arts Program in Women's History was the first to offer a graduate degree in the field. The program immerses students in a combination of historical studies, feminist theory, and gender studies. It also draws extensively upon resources in the social sciences and literature, and on a legacy of continuing activism both within and outside the College community.

Notable facts about the program:

- An accelerated degree option is available for students especially concerned with practical applications of historical knowledge to issues of gender policy and advocacy. This option allows students to earn the MA in Women's History in 15 months of continuous study.
- Advanced undergraduates at Sarah Lawrence may apply to this graduate program and, if admitted, may begin working toward the MA during their senior year.
- A joint degree in Women's History and Law is offered in cooperation with Pace University Law School. Students in this program earn both a Master of Arts and a Juris Doctor.
- Annual Women's History Month Conference held the first weekend of March at Sarah Lawrence College.

THE PROGRAM

Requirements for the MA in Women's History include 48 course credits (24 credits in the first year and 24 in the second), a yearlong seminar (10 credits) that examines historical scholarship on women and explores feminist theory and historical methodology, workshop in research methods, a thesis seminar (10 credits), and a master's thesis.

"This program has a long history of intellectual rigor ... and also a long history of social activism. And Sarah Lawrence is an ideal place to learn. The graduate students have access to absolutely wonderful mentors."

—Mary Reynolds, *Organizer, Unite Here*

"Going to Sarah Lawrence was one of the best decisions I ever made. They were very, very supportive of me. That's the way education should be. You open doors for people."

—Kyes Stevens, *Teacher, Federal Correctional Institution and Julia Tutwiler State Women's Prison, Alabama*

"I gained much more intellectual confidence from my time at Sarah Lawrence. I entered the program with specific ideas of my own, but was exposed to so much more that I had to continually evolve and rework my thinking."

—Lea Osborne, *Processing Archivist, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University*

"I was able to study with scholars who are not only accomplished in their fields, but who are active in the social movements related to those fields. Thus, their personal experience made them especially effective instructors, and they were particularly attuned to my interests as a scholar interested in activism."

—Jessie Wilkerson, *Assistant Professor of History and Southern Studies, University of Mississippi*

15 MONTH ACCELERATED DEGREE
OPTION AVAILABLE

ADMISSION

Applicants for the Women's History graduate program must have received a Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree from an accredited college or university. Previous college work is expected to be at 3.0 or higher and should reflect advanced course study.

FINANCIAL AID

Graduate students are welcome to apply for financial aid. All aid is awarded on the basis of need. Non-teaching internships are available.

THE FACULTY

The Women's History faculty is enriched by professors from other fields, including literature, anthropology, Africana studies, sociology, economics, Asian studies, art history, psychology, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies, and more.

The Sarah Lawrence faculty has been consistently recognized among the best in the country by The Princeton Review.

ABOUT SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Sarah Lawrence is located on a wooded suburban campus just 30 minutes north of Midtown Manhattan. Offering both graduate and undergraduate degrees, the College is nationally known for academic rigor and commitment to developing students as individuals. Sarah Lawrence is also noted for cross-disciplinary study and integrated learning, making it an ideal academic setting for the Women's History Program.

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