

Battle for the Vote: Universal Suffrage and American Lit.



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MW 1 – 1:50 pm

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Before the Civil War, strong bonds formed between black abolitionists and activist white women. After the war, as both groups fought for the right to vote, those alliances splintered in very ugly ways.

Those involved didn't just make speeches. They also wrote novels, poems, and plays about their struggles.

In this discussion-based literature seminar, we will read some of these key literary works. We will also look at (and touch!) important historical documents from the suffrage movement(s). Throughout, we'll discuss how literature and art both reflect culture and influence it. We might even talk about how that is still happening today.