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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS HOSTING SPEAKER DR. KIM GALLON
TO EXPLORE RACE IN US WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

WEST LAFAYETTE, IN – The League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette is excited and honored to host Dr. Kim Gallon, Assistant Professor of History, Purdue University for their annual Speaker Series Lecture. In her talk, titled “Unequally Yoked—Another Look at the Women’s Suffrage Movement,” Dr. Gallon will explore the intersection of gender and race in the 1920s Women’s Suffrage Movement in the US.

The free lecture will be held March 3, from 4- 6 pm at the Black Cultural Center at Purdue University, 1100 3rd St, West Lafayette, and is part of the League’s 100th anniversary celebrations beginning next year.

Dr. Kim Gallon received her Ph.D. in history from the University of Pennsylvania. She is the founder and director of the [Black Press Research Collective](#), and an ongoing visiting scholar at the Center for Africana Studies at Johns Hopkins University. Her research focuses on discourses and representations of gender and sexuality in the early twentieth century Black Press. She is completing a manuscript titled, “We Are Becoming a Tabloid Race: The Politics of Gender and Sexuality in the Black Press, 1925-1945.” Her second book focuses on cultural Pan-Africanism in African American and Ghanaian newspapers in the twentieth century. She is also a digital humanist and was recently awarded a NEH Digital Humanities Level 1 Start-Up grant for her work on digitizing scholarship on the Black Press. Her work has been published in *History Compass*, *Journalism History*, *Transformations*, *Pennsylvania History* and *Pennsylvania Magazine of History* and

Biography. Her writing on Black popular culture and romance is featured on the [“Popular Romance Project” website](#).

When asked why she wanted to organize Dr. Gallon’s talk, and why she was looking forward to it, League Co-President Dr. Deanna McMillan referred to a proverb relating to “sankofa.” She said, “Sankofa is about the idea that we have to understand our past to move towards a better future. Understanding how race complicates the usual story many of us hear about the women’s suffrage movement is important for us to work today towards the League goal of a more perfect democracy.”

League Co-President Barb Clark added, “Have you ever wondered why the membership of the League of Women Voters is primarily middle-class, white women? It may have something to do with the decisions made in the early years of the Women’s Suffrage Movement. If we are serious about diversifying our membership, I think it would be important to understand our racist history.”

Light refreshments will be served. Free parking is available at Purdue’s University St Parking Garage, located at 201 N. University and 3rd street in West Lafayette.

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