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International Women's Day is March 8th

Beginning in the early 1900s, it is a day to acknowledge all the effort and continued effort put into women's struggle for equality. For more information please visit this website:

http://www.internationalwomensday.com

In honor of the upcoming International Women's Day the Government Documents Department would like to acknowledge the numerous women that play significant roles within today's politics and government. At both a national and international level, they are all inspirational figures who exemplify how far women have come; from the beginning of the American Women's Rights Movement in 1848 when the first women's right convention was held at Seneca Falls in New York, to the 19th amendment in 1920 granting women the right to vote, to present day iconological female leaders.

Apart from the women pictured here, there are countless others who are prime figures of change, success, and development within the political spectrum, both in the United States and on an international level. It is important to not only acknowledge women of today but also the women of the past who contributed to the accomplishments of women's equality.

We hold a wide variety of federal and state government documents, which include many historical records relating to the Women's Rights Movement. You can pick up a document from the 1950s Bulletin of the Women's Bureau regarding women workers, and relate the language and ideals to present day women workers. Such documents allow a view into the past to better understand the present, and can come in handy for research projects in the CRGS, ES, PSCI, WS, and other courses offered at HSU. There are documents in other languages such as Spanish, to open up to a larger variety of women in today's day and age. There are documents on women's accomplishments not only within the workforce, but in the military, in different countries, and those of women from different cultures who live and work in the United States.

Federal and state Documents are located on the 3rd floor of the HSU Library.
Michelle Obama
United States of America
First Lady (2008-present)
Social Issues activist
(education, healthcare, organic farming, etc.)

Yingluck Shinawatra
Thailand
First female Prime Minister of Thailand
(2011 Election)
Part of the “yellow shirt” or Pheu Thai party
Dilma Rousseff
Brazil (Bulgarian origin)
First female President of Brazil (2010 Election)
Part of the Worker’s Party

Pratibha Patil
India
First female President (2007-2012)
Part of the Indian National Progress
Helle Thorning-Schmidt
Denmark
First female Prime Minister (2011 election)
First female Leader of Social Democrats

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf
Liberia
First female President of Liberia
First female elected head of state in Africa
Part of the Unity Party
Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner
Argentina
First Female President of Argentina (2007 Election)
Part of the Justicialist (Peronist) Party

Queen Elizabeth II
England
The constitutional monarch of 16 sovereign states (The Commonwealth realms)
Head of the 54-member Commonwealth of Nations
Victoria Woodhull

United States of America

First female candidate to run for presidency (1872)

An American leader of the woman’s suffrage movement

Hilary Clinton

United States of America

First Lady (1993-2001)

Senator of New York (2001-2009)

Presidential candidate in 2008

First woman to serve in the President’s Cabinet (2009-2013)
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