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CLASS' Great Mind Lecture Series Opens with a History of the Women's Rights Movement

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The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences' (CLASS) 2017 Great Minds Lecture Series opens with "Wanton Wenches and Nasty Women: Vindicating Women's Rights from 1792 to 2016" on Jan. 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the Russell Union, room 2047.

Anastatia Sims, Ph.D., from the Department of History will deliver the first of five lectures in the series and will discuss the history of the women's right movement and its implications today.

"In the late 1700s as cries for liberty, equality, and recognition of the inalienable rights of man swept across America and Europe, Mary Wollstonecraft raised her voice in defense of what seemed to many the most revolutionary idea of all," Sims said.

Sims will focus on two works (Mary Wollstonecraft's "A Vindication of the Rights of the Woman" and Elizabeth Cady Stanton's "Address to the Legislature of New-York, Adopted by the State Woman's Rights Convention") that are among 30 rare and first edition works from the Remnant Trust that will be on display throughout the spring semester at the Zach S. Henderson Library.

"When A Vindication of the Rights of Woman' was published in 1792, the belief that women were inferior to men was so firmly entrenched in law, religion, and custom that few people dared to imagine a society in which gender equality was the norm. Wollstonecraft ignited a debate over 'woman's place' that still echoes today," Sims said.

For more information on the 2017 Great Minds Lecture and to view a full schedule of the lectures please visit cah.georgiasouthern.edu/greatminds.

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