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Constitution Week 2020

September 18, 2020

Women have been voting for 100 years! But gaining suffrage was not quick or easy. The 19th amendment was a major victory for women, after almost 100 years of struggling to obtain the right to vote.

Join us in celebrating how far we've come as we look back on a century of women voting.

On September 17th, Georgia Southern University Libraries celebrated Constitution Day with Dr. Felicity Turner and Dr. Lois Duke-Whitaker, who spoke on the long struggle for women's voting rights that culminated in the 19th Amendment, the progress we've made as a result, and some of the residual struggles today.

The 19th amendment was also a major victory for our country. Using the ratification process, we changed our Constitution to reflect the will of the American people. This 'living document' has been modified to continue to serve our needs as our culture continues to change.

We celebrated our ability to amend our Constitution with a **poster competition**.

Three students **won a total of \$300** as we kicked off Constitution Week on Thursday. Each student explored the amendment and relevant court cases of their choice that shifted our fight for rights. They presented this fight in posters and argued for its impact on America in a brief presentation. All participants will receive a pocket Constitution for handy access to perhaps America's most important government document. **If you would like a pocket *Constitution of the United States* to celebrate Constitution Week, [email Rachel Carter](#).**

Celebrate Constitution Week by viewing the [winning posters](#).

This Libguide also contains links to: our film databases and other resources on the Constitution and women's suffrage; other schools around Georgia are celebrating Constitution Day; and our archived Constitution Day events. If you are writing papers or doing presentations on these topics, be sure to check out the libguide at the link above! And if you have any questions or suggestions for additions to our guide, [email Lori Gwinett](#).

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