

# Where are the women?

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## **Virtual Summit to Investigate the Underrepresentation of Women in U.S. History and Social Studies Curriculum**

*Teachers and parents to receive resources and educational support to reverse this trend*

WASHINGTON, DC— The producers of the hit women’s history documentary series [Unladylike2020](#) are convening a virtual summit with PBS and national education partners on Saturday, February 13, 2021 titled, ***Where Are the Women?***

Hosted by **Errin Haines**, Founding Mother and Editor-At-Large of the independent women’s newsroom The 19th, the event will feature a poetry recitation and land acknowledgment by the U.S. Poet Laureate **Joy Harjo**, and a keynote by renowned cultural historian and Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University, **Martha S. Jones**, author of *Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All*. The virtual conference will also feature video testimonials from diverse women thought leaders, including: **Marley Dias**, founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks; **Isa Noyola**, Deputy Director at Mijente, the fastest growing English language social-network for the Latinx community; and **Stefanie Wager**, President, National Council of the Social Studies.

The summit, **open to journalists**, will include a dynamic panel discussion and live chat audience Q&A with social studies teachers, historians, textbook authors, curriculum policy leaders, and youth advocates, to examine the factors that have limited the presence of women in textbooks, educational standards, and curriculum for grades K-12, as well as efforts to ensure that the role of women as history-makers and agents of change is historically accurate and equitable, and is taught in U. S. classrooms. As part of the event, PBS Digital Innovator All-Star high school teachers will demonstrate, and answer audience questions about **Unladylike2020** lesson plans and curriculum they created and have implemented, that represent the accomplishments of women in history and are tailor-made for virtual, in-person, and/or hybrid learning. The **Unladylike2020** educational resource collection can be accessed at PBS LearningMedia.

Winners of the My Hero Project’s 2020 Women Transforming Media Award, **Unladylike2020** Executive Producers **Sandra Rattley** and **Charlotte Mangin** were inspired to stage this national conversation about how women’s history is taught after reading a National Women’s History Museum research report that analyzed K- 12 social studies standards for the 50 states and Washington, D.C. **The *Where Are the Women?* report found that, out of 737 historical figures taught in the standard curriculum, just 178, or 24%, are women, including several fictional characters. 98 of the women appear in only 1 state standard, while only 15 are named in more than 10 states.**

The *Where Are the Women?* Summit is free and open to the public. Teachers will receive a 2-hour professional development credit for their attendance and all participants will get a free women's history resource guide as a takeaway.

- WHO:** Interview opportunities are available beginning February 1, 2021 with:
- Unladylike2020* Executive Producers **Sandra Rattley** and **Charlotte Mangin**  
**Martha S. Jones**, Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University (keynote)  
**Lori Ann Terjesen**, Director of Education, National Women's History Museum (presenter)  
**Treva B. Lindsey**, Professor of Women's & Gender Studies, Ohio State University (panel moderator)  
**Alexander Cuenca**, Assistant Professor of Curriculum & Instruction at Indiana University, and Board Member of the National Council for the Social Studies  
**Katelin Zhou**, undergraduate at Stanford University and co-founder of the Diversify Our Narrative campaign to increase representation in high school curricula.
- WHEN:** Saturday, February 13, 2021 from 1:00pm-2:00pm EST (10:00am-12:00pm PST)
- WHERE:** YouTube Live at [youtube.com/americanmasters/](https://youtube.com/americanmasters/)

The *Where Are the Women?* Summit is presented by *Unladylike2020* in partnership with:

[American Masters](#)

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*Unladylike2020*, an innovative multimedia series consisting of a one-hour special broadcast on PBS, 26 ten-to-twelve minute digital shorts, a suite of educational curriculum and resources, and a nationwide campaign of community events, premiered in honor of the 2020 centennial of women's suffrage on the PBS award-winning biography program *American Masters*, attracting close to 5 million viewers to date.

**For more information:**

[Unladylike2020.com](https://unladylike2020.com)

[pbs.org/unladylike2020](https://pbs.org/unladylike2020)

[youtube.com/AmericanMastersPBS](https://youtube.com/AmericanMastersPBS)

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