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Navigating change: empowering women to thrive in today's world

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The Susan B. Anthony Institute

The program for Sexuality, Women, and Gender Studies
at the University of Rochester



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The Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies focuses on the changing cultural, economic, political, and psychological relations among people of all genders and sexualities. Because our discipline asks questions about gender and sexuality that no single academic department is able to answer, the program encourages an interdisciplinary approach to research and learning.



History of the program

The Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies is named to honor Susan B. Anthony, the 19th-century suffragist who led a successful campaign to have women admitted to the University of Rochester in 1900. The institute draws from and expands upon Anthony's goals and ideals and preserves her rich historical connection with the city of Rochester.

In 1980, the University launched a concentration in women's studies to address scholarly and curricular issues important for understanding the role of women. The program officially opened in 1982, and in 1986 the University established the Susan B. Anthony Center for Women's Studies to support the program, faculty research, and attention to women's issues.

In 1991 the institute was awarded a three-year Rockefeller Foundation Grant. This allowed us to have in-residence visiting scholars whose work focused on the intersection of race, gender, and visual culture. The institute name was amended between 1996 and 1997 to the more inclusive "Gender and Women's Studies," and in 2016 its name was again updated to become "Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies."



A few notes about Susan B. Anthony



Ongoing challenges facing women in the 21st century

- Voting rights
 - SAVE Act

83% of women change their last name when they marry: 69 million American women may not have a birth certificate with their legal name on it and would not be able to use their birth certificate to prove citizenship. The SAVE Act does not include proof of name change or marriage certificate as acceptable proof of identity.



On-going Challenges

Unequal Pay

Access to healthcare

Gender-based violence



Solutions



Consciousness-raising and education



Mutual Aid



Community-building



Political organizing and networking

Thank you

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