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WOMEN'S ECONOMIC RIGHTS: HISTORY AND WHY IT STILL MATTERS

The practice of treating men and women differently under the law began before the time of the American founding with a legal tradition that prevented married women from owning and making economic decisions independently of their husbands. These gender differences in law continued well into the 20th century, including in the form of labor regulations that applied exclusively to working women. This talk will explore the historical context and enduring impact of restrictions on women's property rights and job market opportunities, including discussion of how these limitations shaped women's lives in American history, the economic and political motivations that contributed to improvements in women's economic rights over time, and why this history matters for all of us today.

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The event is free and open to the public. For questions, please contact Dr. R. Fike at rosemarie.fike@tcu.edu.



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