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Women at Work  
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023

There are many ways to celebrate Women's History Month with the Frances Willard House Museum! You can...

- 1) Support our efforts to uncover and share women's stories
- 2) Take a tour of the historic home and workplace
- 3) Attend our virtual **Views** program on March 16
- 4) Explore our [online content](#), including our [blog](#), [digital exhibits](#), [YouTube channel](#), and social media profiles
- 5) Share this newsletter with a friend!

Our Women's History Month 2023 theme is **Women at Work**. Throughout the month, we will highlight the hidden stories behind the desks in the Museum to show the ways in which historic homes functioned as workplaces.

First up is the desk of Frances Willard's mother, Mary Thompson Hill Willard. Found in her upstairs bedroom, this small desk was the scene of much activity. Whether reading and clipping newspapers, keeping track of the household accounts, corresponding with friends and family near and far, or creating dozens of scrapbooks documenting her famous daughter's achievements, Mary Willard was always hard at work. She has an interesting story all her own, which you can read about on our [blog](#). Find us on social media to follow along with our theme.



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Women's History Month Tours

The Frances Willard House Museum has reopened for tours in March, just in time to celebrate Women's History Month! We still have March availability at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 8 (Special International Women's Day tour!)
- Sundays, March 19 and 26
- Thursdays, March 30

Tours are available by reservation only. Masks are required. Visitors should request a tour by emailing [info@franceswillardhouse.org](mailto:info@franceswillardhouse.org) or calling (847) 328-7500. Tour fees are \$15 per person. Admission is free for students at all levels. Payment must be made online or over the phone once the tour day and time has been confirmed.



International Women's Day

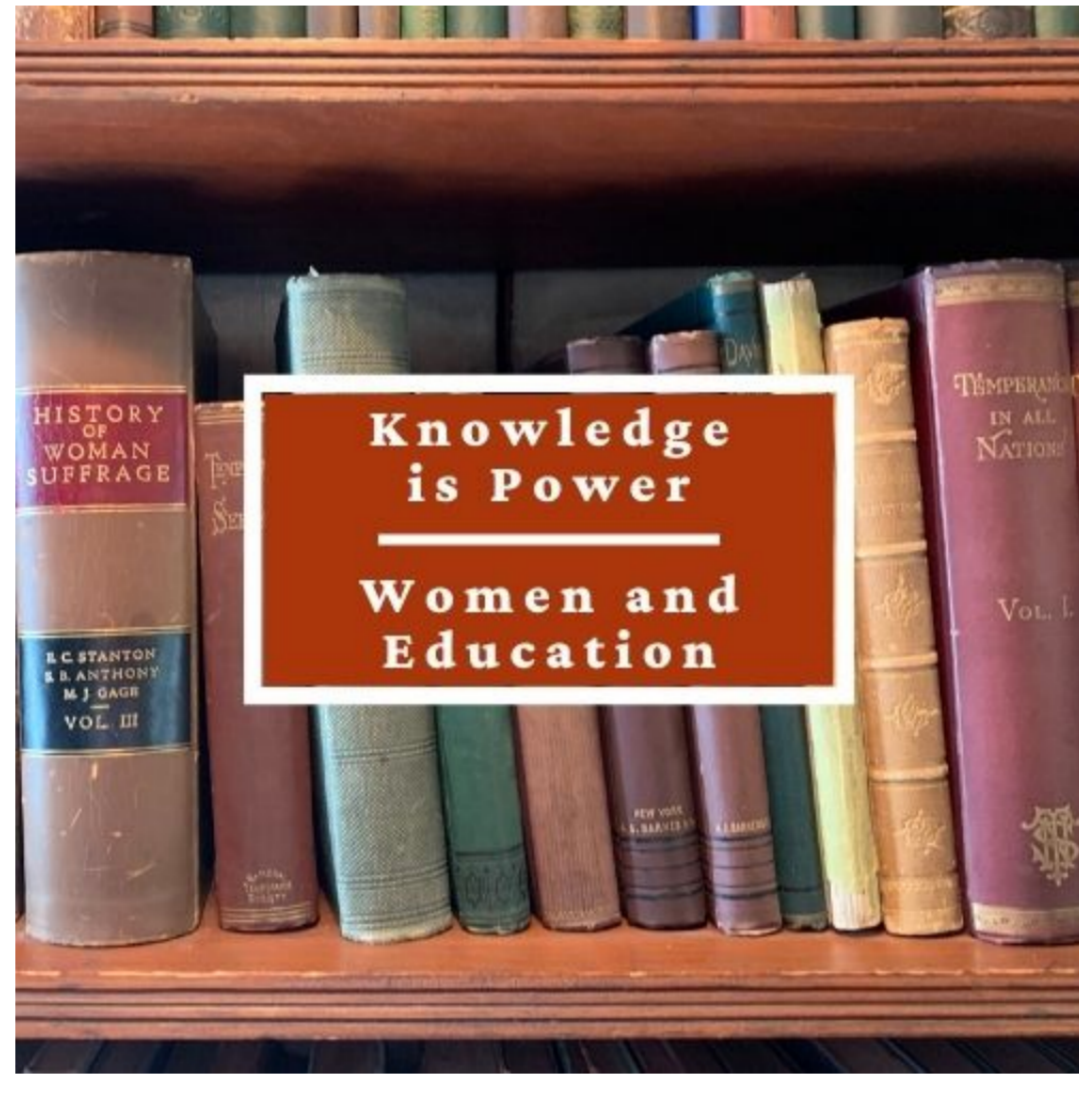
International Women's Day – March 8th – is an especially important day for the Willard House. Our site and collections document a global network of women reformers. One item visitors will find on display is the Polyglot Petition, which contains signatures from women residing in six different continents.



On February 19, 1895, Frances Willard presented the enormous petition to President Grover Cleveland with the names of more than 1.1 million women asking him to prohibit the trafficking of alcohol and opium.

**RSVP for an International Women's Day tour to explore the history of women's global advocacy!**

March 16 – Faith in Women's Higher Education

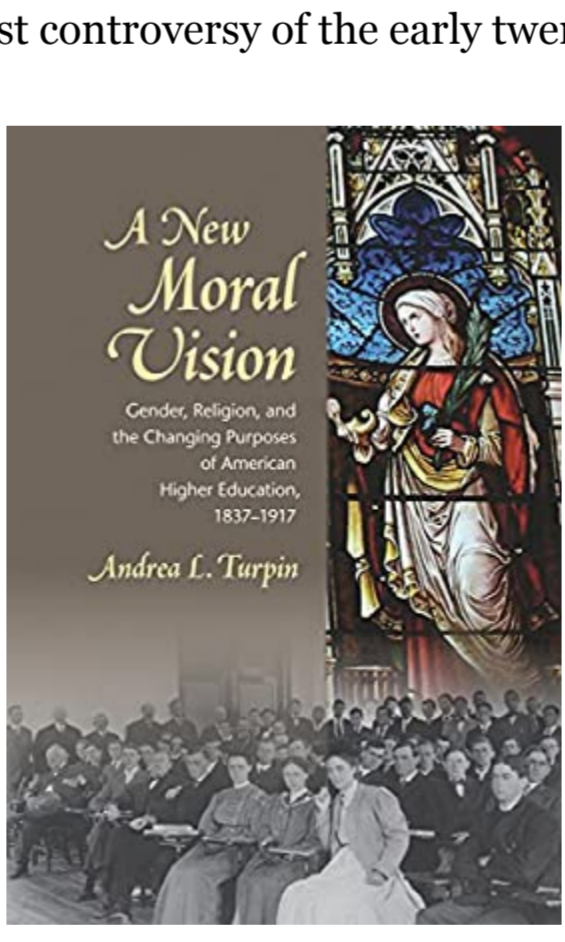


Join the Frances Willard House Museum on **Thursday, March 16 at 6pm Central Time** for a virtual conversation with Dr. Andrea Turpin on **Faith in Women's Higher Education: The Religious Background of the First Female and Coeducational Colleges**.

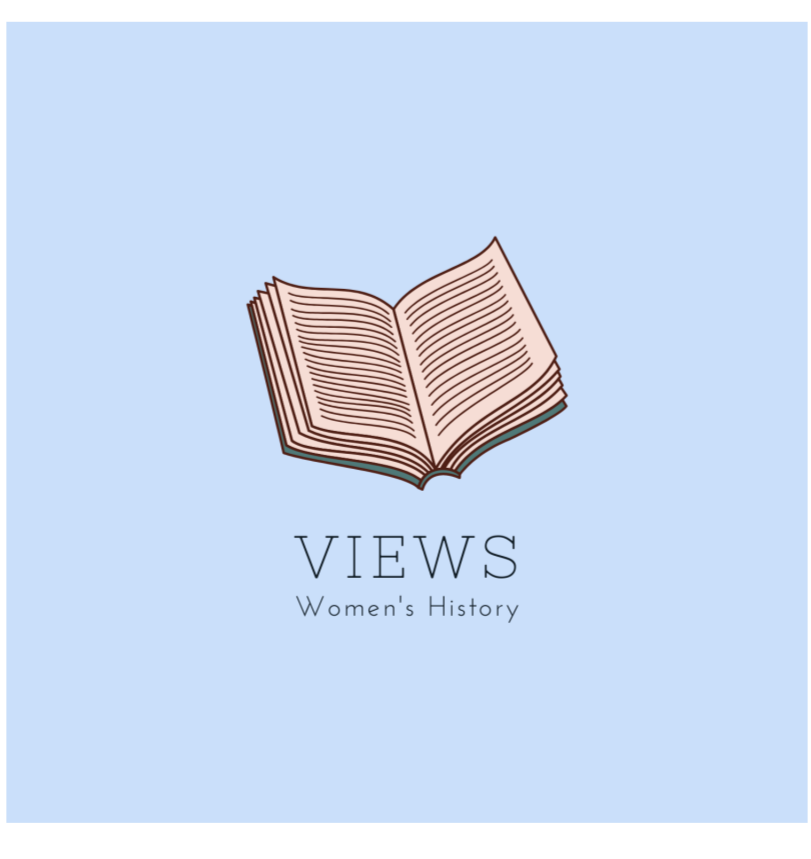
Frances Willard was not the first woman motivated by her faith to "Do Everything." She stood on the shoulders of earlier educators whose religious convictions led them to open the first female and coeducational colleges in the mid-nineteenth century: Mount Holyoke and Oberlin. These institutions directly influenced the expansion of educational opportunities for women, including at Willard's Northwestern. Their founders bucked tradition because they wanted to give women opportunities to be of better service to God, their neighbors, the nation, and the world. This talk tells their story.

**RSVP [here](#). A Zoom link will be sent shortly before the event to everyone who registers. All registrants will also be sent a link to a recording of the program.**

Dr. Andrea L. Turpin is Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director of History at Baylor University. Her prize-winning first book, *A New Moral Vision: Gender, Religion, and the Changing Purposes of American Higher Education, 1837-1917* (Cornell, 2016), explores how the entrance of women into U.S. colleges and universities shaped changing ideas about the moral and religious purposes of higher education, and in turn profoundly shaped American culture. Dr. Turpin is currently working on her second book project, which positions women as key players in the narrative of the Protestant fundamentalist-modernist controversy of the early twentieth century.



This program is part of our **Views** series, which examines topics in women's history with new eyes. This season features **women and education**. Our free public programs happen only with your support. We hope you will consider making a donation [here](#). Thank you!



Black Women of the WCTU

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Black Women of the WCTU: A Research Database Documenting Black women's involvement in the WCTU  
Frances Willard House Museum & WCTU Archives Evanston IL

Thank you to everyone who attended our most recent **Views** program on February 26! Archivist Janet Olson led an engaging conversation with two graduate student interns about the progress of our ongoing **Black Women of the WCTU** initiative, a research database documenting the significant but underexplored role of Black women in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

You can watch a recording of the event [here](#). You can learn more about the project [here](#).

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