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Heritage Center Looks at Women's Suffrage in Oberlin

AmeriCorps/Ohio History Service Corps member **Riley Thomas** presents a community program on the Oberlinians who fought for women's suffrage, working against discrimination on the basis of both race and sex. Drawing from newspaper accounts and historical records, Thomas explores activism in a small town and discusses how it connected to the larger movement and events that led up to Ohio's ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1919 and national ratification in 1920. *Local Activism, National Impact: Women's Suffrage in Oberlin* is hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center and it is free and open to the public. Choose to attend either **Thursday, August 1, at 6:00 p.m. at the Oberlin Public Library's Community Room** (65 South Main Street) or **Tuesday, August 13 at 7:15 p.m. at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium** (600 Kendal Drive).

Riley Thomas has spent the past year at the Heritage Center as a member of the AmeriCorps/Ohio History Service Corps – a program funded by ServeOhio, Ohio's commission on service and volunteerism. At the Oberlin Heritage Center, Riley spends half her time helping with OHC tours, social media administration, and special projects, while spending the other half in service to local history organizations throughout a five-county region in northeast Ohio. A native of Avon Lake, she received her undergraduate degree in Art Conservation and Anthropology from the University of Delaware in 2018. She will complete her year of service as an AmeriCorps member in August and will begin a six-month internship in conservation techniques later this fall in Washington, DC through the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

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