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Making Room, Not Excuses

Women's and LGBTQ History on Campus

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Speakers

Marian Strobel was the first female tenure track hire in Furman's History Department since the institution's founding. She graduated from all-female Mount Holyoke College and holds the Ph.D. in American history from Duke University. She holds the honor of having offered the first regular catalogue course in women's studies at Furman: a course on the history of American women, one that remains a regular offering.

Scott Henderson has been a member of Furman's Education Department since 1998. He earned his Ph.D. in modern American history, which included women's and LGBTQ history. He is the faculty sponsor of the Furman Pride Alliance and serves on the Advisory Committee for the WGSS interdisciplinary major/minor.

Panelists

Judith T. Bainbridge (B.A., Mary Washington College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Iowa) is a professor emerita of English at Furman University. She came to Furman in 1976 to direct a grant from the Mellon Foundation focused on careers for women and soon became director of career programs. In 1982 she was appointed Director of Educational Services. She is the author of *Academy and College, A History of Furman University's Women's College (2001)*, and has written extensively about Greenville's mill villages. In addition, she has authored a corporate history of the Furman Company, a monograph on the architect of Christ Church, and a history of the Greenville bar, in addition to writing the Heritage column for the *Greenville News* since 1999.

Panelists Cont.

Jane Chew graduated from Queens College in Charlotte, at that time a women's college, an experience that influenced her lifelong interest in women's issues. She earned a Ph.D. in German from Penn State University in 1980. The same year she joined the faculty at Furman in the German Program of Modern Languages. In the late 1980s she taught and co-taught (with Ann Sharp and Elaine Nocks) some of the first Women's Studies courses offered at Furman, but these were always courses that had no departmental home. In 1992 she and Marian Strobel applied for and were awarded a grant from the Pew Foundation that was designed to integrate women's issues into existing general education courses throughout the university.

Courtney Tollison is the Distinguished University Public Historian and Scholar and has taught in Furman's History Department since 2004. She is a 1999 Furman grad who, upon the encouragement of Marian Strobel, graduated with a concentration in Women's and Gender Studies. She earned her Ph.D. in History and a Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies from the University of South Carolina. She is currently state chairperson for the National Votes for Women Trail, a national effort to commemorate sites relating to the American suffrage movement.

Chelsea Feustel graduated from Furman University with a B.A. in English and a concentration in Women's and Gender Studies in 2009. She attended Emory Law School, where she was a Woodruff Fellow and graduated third in her class in 2012. She clerked for Judge Ed Carnes on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Montgomery, Alabama from 2012 to 2013. She is a staff attorney for Presiding Justice David Nahmias on the Georgia Supreme Court.