Title: The Unfinished Suffrage Movement
Visiting scholar Dawn Teele discusses women’s political emancipation.

The decade from 2010-2020 will mark the centennial celebration of women's enfranchisement in many countries around the world.

While some political scientists and economists have argued that women rarely won the vote for themselves (and if they did it was via militant actions), Dr. Teele argues that strategic alliances formed by suffragists, along with competitive electoral conditions, paved the way for women's political emancipation. However, winning the vote did not guarantee women's political inclusion. In fact, varying electoral environments in North America and Europe produced distinctive landscapes of representation thereafter.

This talk will provide a comparative account of women's initial political inclusion, and outline a gendered policy agenda for this century.

Dr. Dawn Teele is the Janice and Julian Bers Assistant Professor of the Social Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania and on the Executive Council of the Penn's program on Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (GSWS). Her research and teaching interests include gender and politics, identity and representation, and women’s movements.

Dr. Teele holds a B.A. in Economics from Reed College and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University. Prior to joining the faculty at Penn, she was a Research Fellow at the London School of Economics. Dr. Teele has won several prizes, including the Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for the study of women in politics and the Gabriel Almond Prize from the American Political Science Association.

Her research has been published in a variety of outlets in political science, including the American Political Science Review, the Journal of Politics, and Politics & Society. She is editor of a volume on social science methodology, Field Experiments and Their Critics (Yale University Press 2014), and co-editor of an edited volume that is currently in progress, Good Reasons to Run: Women and Political Candidacy. In 2018, Princeton University Press published her monograph Forging the Franchise: The Political Origins of the Women’s Vote.

Dr. Dawn Teele will present The Unfinished Suffrage Movement on October 3 at 5pm in 104 Gore Hall. This event is presented by the European Studies Program and is co-sponsored by the Departments of Political Science & International Relations and Women & Gender Studies.