

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

December 12, 2018
Commission Meeting

Minutes

Women's Commission Film and Discussion

Srin suggested that the commission gather to view the film *8th Grade* and have a discussion. Addie offered to host us at her home. Emily will reach out to them both to start planning.

Eighth Grade is a 2018 American comedy-drama film written and directed by Bo Burnham. The plot follows the life and struggles of an eighth-grade girl, played by Elsie Fisher, during her last week of classes before graduating to high school. She struggles with social anxiety but produces video blogs giving life advice.

Unpacking White Feminism

We are in the beginning stages of planning an event with Rachel Cargle, *Unpacking White Feminism*. This lecture explores the history of feminism through the lens of race and unpacks the problematic effects that white centered activism has had on the past and present of the feminist movement and our collective mission. This will be an opportunity for all self-proclaimed feminists to learn, digest and take actions toward a more inclusive feminism.

Upcoming Events

March 7: **Non-White Suffragists in Massachusetts and Beyond, Women&Words with Stephanie Guirand**
7:15pm Cambridge Library

March 18: **Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement, Lecture by Barbara Berenson**
6pm Cambridge Library

"In her accessible history, Berenson focuses her spotlight on Bay State women who catalyzed the effort to gain women's right to vote on a local and national level.... The book makes a case for determination, perseverance, and patience to bring about necessary change." Boston Globe, April 8, 2018

April 30: **Unpacking White Feminism: Rachel Cargle Lecture on Anti Racism and the Women's Movement**

Rachel Cargle brings her anti-racism work offline and into an intimate & intensive conversation exploring race, white supremacy, feminism and the work we must all do to be a part of the solution. This event will consist of a meaningful conversation with Rachel utilizing a curated curriculum she has developed just for this event.