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# Working to Form a More Perfect Union: HONORING WOMEN in Public Service and Government

Middle Tennessee State University  
2016 National Women's History Month Calendar

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## BOSS LADY

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BHUTTO



Bhutto (1953–2007) was the first woman prime minister of Pakistan and the first woman leader of a Muslim nation in modern history. The daughter of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was Pakistan's premier from 1971 to 1977, Bhutto earned bachelor's degrees from Harvard in 1973 and from the University of Oxford in 1977. Bhutto became the titular head of her father's party, the Pakistan People's Party, following her father's execution in 1979 at the hands of dictator Mohammad Zia-ul-Hari. After enduring numerous episodes of house arrest from 1979 to 1984, she went into exile from 1984 to 1986, when martial law was lifted in Pakistan. She launched a campaign for open elections and won the prime minister's race, taking power on December 1, 1988. She served until August 1990, but recaptured the prime minister's position in the elections of October 1993 and continued in the role until November 1996. Bhutto was convicted of corruption in 1999 and sentenced to three years in prison, which forced her into exile again. Finally, in 2007, President Pervez Musharraf granted her amnesty, opening the way for her return to Pakistan and to politics. However, her life was cut short when she was assassinated at a parliamentary election campaign rally in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, on December 27, 2007. As *A Season for Martyrs* author Bina Shah wrote in the December 26, 2014, edition of *The New York Times*, "She endured house arrest and exile throughout her political career, overcame the powerful mullahs' objections to a woman's ruling an Islamic nation, and won admirers all over the world for her political skills and compassion. Even after her death, she serves as the ultimate mentor to Pakistani girls and women who want to set the course of their lives for themselves instead of having it dictated to them."





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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 1, 11:30 a.m.**

### OPENING CEREMONY

#### National Women's History Month

James E. Walker Library, Room 462

Honoring Women in Public Service and Government from our community: Dr. Hilary Miller, MTSU Veterans and Military Family Center; Dr. Newtona (Tina) Johnson, interim vice provost for academic affairs and chief diversity officer; D. Judith Iriarte-Gross, chemistry professor, director of Women STEM Center; Many-Bears Grinder, State of Tennessee Commissioner of Veterans Services; Savannah Hill and Lindsey Pierce, MTSU students; Dr. Faye Johnson, assistant to the provost for special initiatives; and Dr. Jackie Eller, dean of Graduate Studies.

Keynote speaker for this event is Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder.

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**March 1–31, All Day**

### Warriors with Words and Faith: Marion Skeen, Coleman Peck, and Donald A. Price

Todd Hall, Room 128

This exhibit features Marion Coleman Peck, journalist, government official, fire department owner, and observer of the late 20th century. She was one of the first Office of War Information editors to caption Holocaust photographs for newspapers in 1945.

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**March 1–31, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.**

### Guest blogging at the Albert Gore Research Center for National Women's History

Todd Hall, Room 128

MTSU faculty, staff, and students are invited to conduct research on women or women's issues at the Albert Gore Research Center (AGRC). Then, they may take their research and guest blog at the AGRC's blog page. The Gore Center retains all editorial decisions.

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**Thursday, March 3, 7:00 p.m.**

### 2016 Women in Science Lecture

Science Building

Dr. Jessica Morrison is an MTSU Geosciences graduate who earned her Ph.D. in Environmental Chemistry at the University of Notre Dame. She is an assistant editor on government and policy for *Chemical and Engineering News*, the weekly journal of the American Chemical Society. She will provide a lecture on her career path from Tennessee to Washington D.C. Her research and articles on nuclear research and development, hazardous waste, water pollution, and other such topics emphasize "cultural transformation to achieve social justice."

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**Friday, March 4, 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.**

### Academia and Public Service

Faculty Senate Room, James Union Building (Room 100)

This faculty panel discussion centers on the diversity of public service that academics practice in their careers and research by Amanda Brown, a Master of Arts in Sociology candidate. Brown researches sustainable practices in Appalachia and is an activist for a variety of causes including environmental protections.

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**Tuesday, March 15, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.**

### Network, Baby, One More Time

Student Union, Room 220

Being an effective leader means being resourceful and connecting with other people who can help you bring your goals and visions to life. In this session, learn how to make yourself memorable to others to accomplish your goals and work toward leadership vision. **Only 30 slots available;** call 615-898-5725 to register.

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**Thursday, March 17, 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.**

### South by South Bronx

Todd Hall, Room 204

MTSU, Lehman College, and Yeshiva University will participate in live-streamed panel discussions via group chat on Skype. Discussions will deal with the intersection of issues surrounding race, ability, gender, sexual orientation, and class specific to our communities in order to foster conversation and community activism. The event is inspired by the Audre Lorde quote, "There is no thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives."

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**Monday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.**

### "Patient" poetry performance by Bettina Judd

Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, Room N119

Judd's lecture and performance will focus on her recent work in medical humanities. Her poetry collection "Patient" is a performance that describes her own experience with a teaching hospital in Baltimore and her experience as a black queer woman that was shaped by the history of medical institutions, medical practices, enslavement, and Jim Crow.

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**Monday, March 21 and**

**Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 p.m.**

### He Named Me Malala

Student Union Video Theater (Room 208)

A look at the events leading up to the Taliban's attack on Pakistani schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai for speaking out on girls' education and the aftermath, including her speech to the United Nations.

Sponsors: MTSU Housing and National Women's History Month Committee

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**Wednesday, March 23, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

### Exhibit Hall on Women's History

Todd Hall, Room 128

Artifacts and exhibits relating to women and women's issues in the holdings at the Albert Gore Research Center will be on display. All are invited to view artifacts, ask questions, and learn about the women in our collections.

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**Wednesday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.**

State Farm Room, Business and Aerospace Building

### Attitudes Toward Gender and Sexuality at MTSU

A panel of MTSU students, faculty, and staff will discuss attitudes regarding sexuality and gender they have experienced on campus. They will discuss progress that MTSU has made, as well as current issues and possible solutions. This panel seeks to promote awareness and inclusion of gender and sexuality diversity on campus. This event upholds the same goals as NWHM: to promote equality and diversity.

Contact Elizabeth Villasana, president MTLambda, mtlambda@mtsu.edu

**Thursday, March 24, 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.**

MT Center, Ingram Building, 2269 Middle Tennessee Blvd.

### Equal Dime for Equal Time: Building a Strong Economic Foundation for Tennessee Families

A Panel Discussion on the Issue of Equal Pay for Equal Work

This event is designed to educate about and stimulate discussion around the issue of equal pay for women, and the panel will include perspectives of lawmakers, activists, and those who enforce federal anti-discrimination laws. Our goal is to stimulate civic engagement in this issue, which is crucial to women's empowerment and social justice. Speakers: Phyllis Qualls Brooks, Executor Director, Tennessee Economic Council on Women; State Representative John Ray Clemmons, District 55; State Representative Brenda Gilmore, District 54; Sarah L. Smith and Sylvia Hall, EEOC Nashville Area Office; and Yvonne Wood, Advisory Committee of the Status of Women in the South.

Sponsored by: American Association of University Women of Tennessee and co-sponsored by the MTSU President's Commission on the Status of Women, Business and Professional Women of Tennessee, Jefferson Street United Merchant Partnership (J.U.M.P.), Rutherford County Democratic Women, Rutherford County League of Women Voters, Women in Higher Education in Tennessee, Alpha Delta Omega graduate chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and MTSU National Women's History Month and June Anderson Center for Women and Nontraditional Students.

Contact Samantha Cantrell, samantha.cantrell@mtsu.edu

**Saturday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

### Third Annual Proper Tea: Sister to Sister Etiquette Luncheon and Tea Party

Cost is \$17 each (presale only at [www.iammeinc.info](http://www.iammeinc.info))

Hosted by I AM ME, Inc. of MTSU

Tom Jackson Building

This event will teach the skills of proper table etiquette and teach a lesson on womanhood and becoming a woman of substance, thus "Attaining the Ultimate Empowerment of Women!"

Contact Brianna Clemmons, bvc2fntmail.mtsu.edu, 615-509-6700

**Wednesday, March 30, Noon**

### Determined to Rise: Black Female Students in Higher Education

Student Union, Room 224

A short presentation and panel discussion focusing on the experiences of black female college students, particularly at MTSU. What campus support systems do these women perceive as enhancing their ability to persist through college? What challenges do these women encounter, and how do they approach these challenges? What lessons can be learned from black college women's determination to achieve academic success?

Presenter and Panel Organizer: Dr. Newtona (Tina) Johnson, Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, MTSU

Sponsors: Interfraternity Council, Fraternity and Sorority Life, and the June Anderson Center for Women and Nontraditional Students.

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**Wednesday, March 30, 6:00 p.m.**

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., walk begins at 6:00 p.m.

### Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Rec Center Sun Deck

The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence Put Yourself in Her Shoes registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Join us for free food, fun, music, and karaoke following the walk. **First 100 participants receive a free T-shirt.**

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**Saturday, April 30, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

### The Couture Experience Women's Expo

Tennessee Room, James Union Building

This expo highlights women who are new in businesses and will focus on health, wellness, beauty, and fashion. This one-day event features foods, products, services, and strategies for the new/aspiring business owner. Through this networking experience, college-age and professional women will be empowered with testimonies from vendors and community leaders.

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