
Women, Diversity and the U.S. Supreme Court

OSHER 286-001

Dates: Mondays: August 31 – October 12

Times: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Online via Zoom

Instructor: Lauren Andersen

Course Description:

Follow the stories of four extraordinary women who pursued legal careers, justice and equality and became Supreme Court Justices. This course will examine the lives and careers of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Elena Kagan. Understand how their lives influenced their careers and why they sought a position on the highest court in the nation.

Optional Readings: *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark*, ISBN 978-1-4814-6559;
First: Sandra Day O'Connor, ISBN 978-0-3995-89287, *Turning Pages: My Life Story*, ISBN 978-05-2551-4084

Course Outline:

- Week 1:** Sandra Day O'Connor's beginning and appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court
- Week 2:** Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and her work on the U.S. Supreme Court
- Week 3:** Ruth Bader Ginsburg – from ACLU to the U.S. Supreme Court
- Week 4:** Justice Sonia Sotomayor
- Week 5:** Justice Elena Kagan
- Week 6:** Diversity on the U.S. Supreme Court: Diverse backgrounds, diverse voices, landmark decisions