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Contact: Mary Coté, Customer Service Specialist
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Re: Feminism and Pop Culture
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Amy Peloff, a speaker from the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau, will present *Feminism and Pop Culture*, a discussion of what feminism means at the North Olympic Library System (NOLS). Peloff will speak at the Sequim Branch Library on Monday, July 23 at 6pm, the Port Angeles Main Library on Tuesday, July 24 at 6pm, and the Clallam Bay Branch Library on July 25 at 6pm.

Over the past few years, the question “Are you a feminist?” has become the new litmus test for young female celebrities. So what exactly do we mean when we talk about feminism? Drawing on television and movies from the past 40 years (although focusing primarily on current and recent examples), media scholar Amy Peloff explores some of the fundamental principles of feminist thought, and asks why we should care about popular culture’s presentation of these concepts. This multimedia and interactive presentation provides an accessible way to learn about feminism and how to critically “read” popular media.

About the Speaker

Amy Peloff is an affiliate assistant professor of gender, women, and sexuality studies and the former assistant director of the Comparative History of Ideas program at the University of Washington. A feminist historian and media scholar, her work examines the role that popular culture has played in disseminating feminist ideas beyond the organizations and activists that identify as feminist in the United States. Her writing on feminism has encompassed a variety of pop culture topics from Dolly Parton to Doctor Who, and she continually studies the ways in which ideas about identities are created, presented, and shared through media and popular culture.

About Humanities Washington

Humanities Washington sparks conversation and critical thinking using story as a catalyst, nurturing thoughtful and engaged communities across the state. Speakers Bureau is one of Humanities Washington's oldest and most popular programs. A roster of 31 cultural experts and scholars provides low-cost, high-quality public presentations across the state, encouraging audiences to think, learn and engage in conversation. For more about Speakers Bureau, visit www.humanities.org/programs/speakers.

More Information

For additional information about this program, visit www.nols.org and select "Events," call 360.417.8500, or send an email to discover@nols.org. Programs like these are offered free to the public with the generous support of the Port Angeles Friends of the Library and the Friends of Sequim Library. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street. The Forks Branch Library is located at 171 South Forks Avenue. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue.



“Feminism & Pop Culture” will be presented at the Sequim, Port Angeles, and Forks Libraries.

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