

WORKS IN THE WORKS: The Humanities Department presents.....
A Talk by Kerin E. Coughlin

*Mothers of the Century: Three Mothers Who Litigated and Lost
– and Still Changed the World*



Myra Bradwell, c. 1870, C.D. Mosher, Chicago (Library of Congress), Gwendolyn Hoyt, 1958 (Florida Department of Corrections File), Susan Struck Family Photo (Noemi Gonzáles/The Guardian)

These are the stories of three mothers who, over one hundred years, used the U.S. courts to fight gender inequality. One fought for women's right to practice law; another battled the exclusion of women from juries; and another challenged the U.S. military policy of firing officers who became pregnant. They all lost their cases, and the judges excoriated each of them for defying the patriarchal norms. However, despite these immediate failures, the three mothers achieved long-lasting success for all women, because their cases set in motion processes that ultimately led to important permanent reforms.



1:00 pm, Thursday October 8th, 2020 – Online via ZOOM
Faculty, Students, and Staff are invited

