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Proposal Abstract:

At no point in U.S. history have women been compelled to risk their lives for their country. While women have voluntarily served in the military throughout the nation's history, the government has stopped short of requiring their service. That exclusion has had far-reaching consequences for women's legal standing, economic opportunities, and citizenship. As the United States contemplates a new era of equal obligation, this project will provide a history of women's nuanced relationship with compulsory military service. My book, *Drafting Women*, will analyze the history of governmental, military, and public debates about the gendered nature of military conscription and place them in the context of broader legal, social, and cultural changes. This project builds on my previous award-winning scholarship that examines the U.S. military's mobilization and regulation of women during wartime.

National Archives, College Park

- RG 147 Selective Service System
- RG 319 Records of the Army Staff
- RG 165 Records of the War Department General and Special Staffs

FDR Presidential Library

- President's Personal File
- Official File
- Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense
- Samuel I. Rosenman Papers
- Women's Division, Democratic National Committee

Truman Library

- White House Central Files, Official File
- Official File
- Bill Files
- Westray Battle Boyce Long Papers

- Records of the President's Advisory Commission on Universal Training (RG 220)

Carter Library

- Office of Staff Secretary