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**The Ms. Foundation for Women & the Brooklyn Historical Society
Host Conversation Series Featuring Leading Feminist Voices**

Series Launches with Renowned Writer and Commentator Roxane Gay

New York, NY (July 25, 2016) — The Ms. Foundation for Women and the Brooklyn Historical Society have teamed up to host a conversation series featuring more than a dozen feminist voices exploring the intersection of gender, race, politics, pop culture and more. Launching August 9, the four-part series will include more than a dozen writers, academics, and thought leaders, kicking off with a conversation with Roxane Gay – author most recently of *Bad Feminist* and the upcoming memoir *Hunger*.

“Feminism can only accomplish its goals when everyone has a place in the movement – and that starts with making sure everyone has a place in the conversation,” said **Teresa C. Younger, President and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women**. “We’re thrilled to be working with the Brooklyn Historical Society once again to host events that bring together thought leaders who hold a variety of perspectives but share a common commitment to equality.”

This series is part of the Ms. Foundation’s ongoing efforts to broaden the mainstream definition of feminism and to ensure the movement is addressing all aspects of women’s lives today. This past spring, the Ms. Foundation worked with the Brooklyn Historical Society to host a panel discussion entitled “[Not Your Mother’s Feminism: Sisterhood in the Digital Age](#),” exploring the millennial generation’s developing embrace of feminism.

“Brooklyn Historical Society’s public programs offer a space for community conversations about the history that we are living today,” said Deborah Schwartz, President of Brooklyn Historical Society. “We are excited to be moving the dialogue on feminism, intersectionality, race, and equality forward through this partnership with the Ms. Foundation for Women.”

The series will include:

Tuesday, August 9 – Moving Through This World: A Conversation with Roxane Gay

Discussion with Roxane Gay – best-selling author, editor, professor, cultural commentator, “bad” feminist, and Magic Mike evangelist – led by Dodai Stewart, former deputy editor of Jezebel and current Executive Editor of Fusion.net. Tickets available at: <https://roxanegay.eventbrite.com>

Thursday, September 8 – Are We There Yet? The Illusion of a Post-Sexist Society

Marcia Gillespie (*Ms. and Essence*), Anna Holmes (*Jezebel*), Muthoni Wambu Kraal (*Emily's List*), and Rebecca Traister (*All the Single Ladies*), discuss what is on the horizon for women in America. Moderated by Teresa C. Younger, President and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women.

Monday, October 24 – Nerd is No Longer Niche: An Influential Industry's Growing Pains

Susana Polo (founder of *The Mary Sue*), Jill Pantozzi (*The Nerdy Bird*), and Cynthia Francillon (*Black Girl Nerds*), discuss the sexism that too often rears its ugly head in a community that claims to be a haven for outsiders. Moderated by Angélique Roché, Vice President, External Affairs at the Ms. Foundation for Women.

Thursday, November 10 – The Darker Side of Reproductive History

Discussion with Linda Gordon – NYU Professor of History and author of *Woman's Body, Woman's Right: The History of Birth Control in America*, Adam Cohen – author of *Imbeciles: The Supreme Court, American Eugenics, and the Sterilization of Carrie Buck*, and Iris Lopez – CUNY professor and author of *Matters of Choice: Puerto Rican Women's Struggle for Reproductive Freedom*. Moderated by Irin Carmon, MSNBC reporter and co-author of *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*.

About Brooklyn Historical Society

Founded in 1863, Brooklyn Historical Society is a nationally recognized urban history center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history. Located in Brooklyn Heights and housed in a magnificent landmark building designed by George Post and opened in 1881, today's BHS is a cultural hub for civic dialogue, thoughtful engagement and community outreach.

About the Ms. Foundation for Women

For more than 40 years, the [Ms. Foundation for Women](#) has secured women's rights and freedoms with a special commitment to building the power of low-income women, immigrant women and women of color. The foundation invests funds, time, expertise and training in trailblazing organizations nationwide.

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