Designed for history majors, HIS 301.01 guides students through the process of composing a well-written historical essay that communicates an idea in clear and correct diction, and that demonstrates a thoughtful engagement with primary and secondary sources. The topic of this class is "Women in Nineteenth-Century America." We will discuss and question traditional interpretations of nineteenth-century women’s experiences, activities, and ideas; explore the politics of writing women’s history; and examine historical, theoretical, visual, and literary texts by and about North America’s diverse population of women. During the course of the semester, students will also compose three drafts of two expository essays and several iterations of one research paper.