

## ELISABETH GRIFFITH, PHD

Historian and author Elisabeth (Betsy) Griffith is an expert on women's history, politics, leadership and education. She is currently writing a social and political history of American women between 1920 and 2020, bookended by the two women's marches in Washington, in 1913 and 2017. She also teaches courses about women history for the Smithsonian Associates and at Politics & Prose, an independent bookstore in Washington, D.C.

Her biography of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, *In Her Own Right* (Oxford), has been praised by *The New York Times Book Review* and *The Wall Street Journal* ("one of the five best books on women's history.") *Oprah Magazine* recommended it for women's history month in March 2020. The book inspired Ken Burns' PBS documentary "Not For Ourselves Alone," on which Betsy is a narrator.

Betsy graduated from Wellesley College in Hillary Clinton's class, earned her doctorate from American University and was a Kennedy Fellow at Harvard. She has marched for the Equal Rights Amendment and worked with the National Women's Political Caucus and the Women's Campaign Fund to recruit, train and fund women candidates.

From 1988 to 2010, Dr. Griffith was Headmistress of The Madeira School, an all girls' boarding and day high school in McLean, Virginia. The *Washington Post* acknowledged her success with its "Distinguished Educational Leadership Award" in 2005. As a volunteer, Betsy has served on many boards including WETA, the Wellesley College Alumnae Association and the Kingsbury Center. She was the first woman member of the board of Camp Dudley, the oldest boys' summer camp in the country; it now has a sister camp. In 1989 her work on behalf of racial diversity and inclusion earned her the Junior League of Washington's highest award. She is a member of the Society of American Historians.