



*South Jersey NOW – Alice Paul chapter  
Program Meeting  
on Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 pm  
at First Baptist Church, 19 W Main Street,  
Moorestown*

## **Combating Voter Suppression**

Thanks to our chapter namesake, Alice Paul, women got the right to vote in 1920. Encouraging them to cast their votes is another story. But what if they (and their male peers) want to vote but find that it's difficult to do so? Or that their votes don't get counted correctly? If those in power want to stay in power, a very easy way to accomplish that is to suppress the votes of those who don't support them.

Our speaker, Dr. Lorraine Minnite, will discuss techniques used to suppress voting, especially race and class issues in voter suppression efforts. She will also talk about the proposed Trump Commission (which was fortunately unsuccessful), and more subtle intimidation techniques to suppress the vote.

Lorraine Minnite is Associate Professor and Chair of Public Policy and Administration at Rutgers University-Camden. Her research concerns issues of inequality, social and racial justice, political conflict and institutional change.

She is the author and co-author of two books on election rules and racial and class politics in the United States: *The Myth of Voter Fraud*, published by Cornell University Press in 2010 and *Keeping Down the Black Vote: Race and Demobilization of American Voters*, published by The New Press in 2009 and co-authored with Frances Fox Piven and Margaret Groarke.

Dr. Minnite has served as an expert witness in numerous voting rights cases challenging state laws restricting access to the ballot including *DNC v. RNC* and *North Carolina NAACP v. McCrory*.

Please join us for an informative and lively discussion on a topic that we all need to understand before we can take efforts to stop it.