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"The function of freedom is to free someone else."
- Toni Morrison



"The opponents of the female education say that women will be unruly...fie! They call themselves Muslims and yet go against the basic tenet of Islam which gives equal right to education. If men are not led astray once educated, why should women?"
- Begum Rokeya

"Words should not seek to please, to hide the wounds in our bodies, or the shameful moments in our lives. They may hurt, give us pain, but they can also provoke us to question what we have accepted for thousands of years"
- Nawal El Saadawi



"...I am tired of hiding and I am tired of lying by omission. I suffered for years because I was scared to be out. My spirit suffered, my mental health suffered and my relationships suffered. And I'm standing here today, with all of you, on the other side of all that pain. I am young, yes, but what I have learned is that love, the beauty of it, the joy of it and yes, even the pain of it, is the most incredible gift to give and to receive as a human being. And we deserve to experience love fully, equally, without shame and without compromise."
- Ellen Page

"That's What She Said"

Our MA students share their favorite quotes spoken by women of the past and present.



"Always stay true to yourself. Never let what somebody says about you distract you from your goals."
- Michelle Obama



"Womanist is to feminist as purple is to lavender."
Alice Walker

"No country can ever truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its women and deprives itself of the contributions of half of its citizens."
-Michelle Obama



"If you're always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be."
- Maya Angelou



"You may shoot me with your words, You may cut me with your eyes, You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, I'll rise."
- Maya Angelou



"I would like to be known as an intelligent woman, a courageous woman, a loving woman, a woman who teaches by being."
- Maya Angelou