

## DAVID NOBLE LECTURE SERIES: Equal Pay for Equal Work

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Fifty years ago, the federal government passed the Equal Pay Act, requiring that women be paid the same as men if they're doing the same job. Thirty years ago, Minnesota went further. The state implemented landmark legislation to erase the pay gap between men and women in the public sector. It succeeded! Our panel talks about how it happened, and why it hasn't happened more often. Featuring Nina Rothchild, head of the state Department of Employee Relations when the law was implemented; Bonnie Watkins, of the Pay Equity Coalition of Minnesota; and Peter Benner, of AFSCME, which pushed the legislation, then made sure it worked.

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