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Literature, Leadership and Lunch

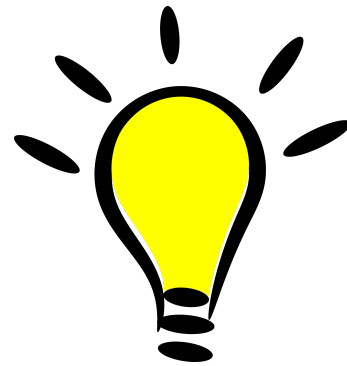
Meet the speakers:



Irma Herrera

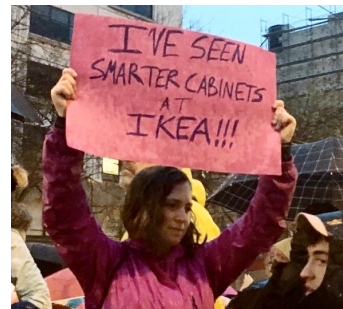
Tell Me Your Name

When Irma Herrera gives her name its correct Spanish pronunciation, people sometimes assume she's a foreigner – never mind that the native English-speaker's family has been in South Texas for generations, or that she is an award-winning social justice activist, lawyer, and journalist. Tell Me Your Name is one woman's journey from a small segregated South Texas town to California's multicultural mecca. What part of Irma's identity is she asked to give up for the sake of fitting in and getting along? How can a simple introduction turn into a potential battle to be heard and seen?



Lighter Fare

Staying active, vigilant, and informed is tough. Humor is a great way to stay positive. Here are some of the funniest signs from the Women's Marches. Source [here](#).



"I've seen smarter cabinets at IKEA!!!"

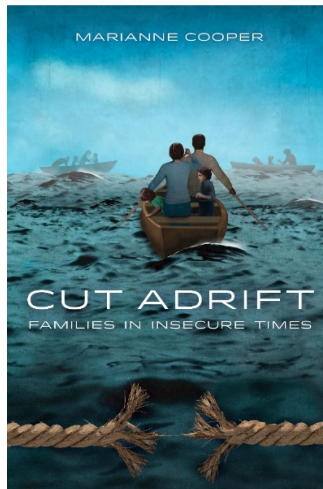


"I am not ovary-acting"

Elizabeth McKenzie

The Portable Veblen

Elizabeth McKenzie is the author of the novel *The Portable Veblen*, long listed for the 2016 National Book Award. Her collection, *Stop That Girl*, was short listed for The Story Prize, and her novel *MacGregor Tells the World* was a Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle and Library Journal Best Book of the year. Her work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, Best American Nonrequired Reading, and the Pushcart Prize anthology, and has been recorded for NPR's Selected Shorts.



SG Gate shares, *"For the first time in two decades, women form the majority on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. And on Tuesday, all six of them will introduce a resolution supporting universal reproductive health care for all women and girls — regardless of possible cuts to federal funding."* We need representatives who will stand up for what's right! [Here](#).

Marianne Cooper

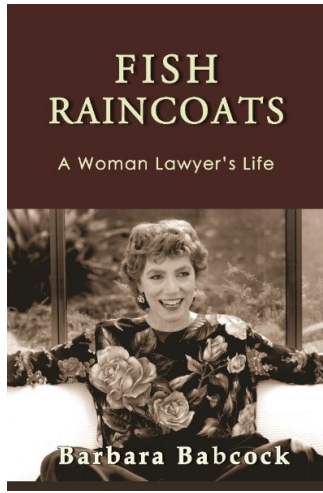
Cut Adrift: Families in Insecure Times

Marianne Cooper is a prominent sociologist at the Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford University and an affiliate at the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality. She is an expert on gender, women's leadership, diversity, inclusion, financial insecurity, and economic inequality. Cooper's most recent book, *Cut Adrift: Families in Insecure Times*, makes an important and original contribution to the national conversation about inequality and risk in American society. Through poignant case studies, she reveals what families are concerned about, how they manage their anxiety, whose job it is to worry, and how social class shapes all of these dynamics.



Webinar TOMORROW!

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Please join us for:

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Friday, February 10th, 11:30am-1:30pm

Mitchell Park Community Center
3700 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Barbara Babcock

Fish Raincoats: A Woman Lawyer's Life

The life and times of a trailblazing feminist in American law. The first female Stanford law professor was also the first director of the District of Columbia Public Defender Service, one of the first women to be an Assistant Attorney General of the United States, and the biographer of California's first woman lawyer, Clara Foltz. Survivor, pioneer, leader, and fervent defender of the powerless and colorful mobsters alike, Barbara Babcock led by example and by the written word-- and recounts her part of history in this candid and personal memoir.

Authors read from their work and discuss barrier-breakers.

With authors Elizabeth McKenzie, Marianne Cooper and Barbara Babcock, with moderator Irma Herrera.

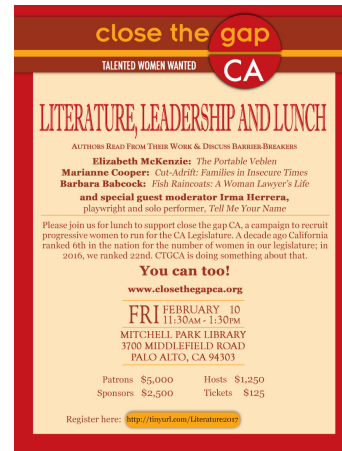
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Betty Yee

CA State Controller

First elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006, Betty Yee now serves as the state's chief fiscal officer. Ms. Yee also chairs the Franchise Tax Board and has more than 30 years of experience in public service, specializing in state and local finance and tax policy. She cofounded the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project, which exposes California high school youth to the public service, public policy, and political arenas.



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