September 14: Dr. Erika Tom — “Anti-Anthropocentrism is Feminism”

Dr. Erika Tom (she/her/hers) is an educator, filmmaker, and therapeutic horsemanship facilitator. They are a third generation Asian American living on and spending time with Southern Pomo land. Her ancestors are refugees, immigrants, and colonizers; and she brings this mixed background to her interdisciplinary and trauma-informed approach to research and teaching. She is a Professor of English/Ethnic Literature at Santa Rosa Junior College. Dr. Tom previously taught at Sonoma State University (2017-2020) and served as the Director of Native American Studies (2010-2022). They earned their Ph.D. in American Studies from Rutgers University-Newark in 2017.

September 21: Blair Hopkins — SWOP Behind Bars

Blair Hopkins is a New Orleans based photojournalist and lifelong adult industry professional. As the Deputy Director of SWOP Behind Bars, she hosts and produces the podcast, All In A Day’s (Sex) Work, and published a book of the same name.

October 5: Alex Brown — Punk-Ass Book Jockey

Alexandria Brown is a queer Black librarian, local historian, writer, and author of two books on the history Napa County, California’s marginalized communities. They have a BA with honors in Anthropology and Sociology, a Master’s of Library and Information Science, and a Master’s in US History. They are an Ignite award winning and Hugo award nominated writer and critic who covers speculative fiction and young adult literature for Tor.com, Locus Magazine, NPR Books, and elsewhere. They also write on topics such asQueerness, Black history, librarianship, and pop culture.

October 9: Dr. Jocelyn Lehrer — The Men’s Story Project

Jocelyn Lehrer, Ed.D, Founder/Director of the Men’s Story Project and affiliated Senior Research Associate at the University of California-San Francisco Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health and Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies. Her research on masculinities, sexual assault, dating violence, sexual health, and mental health has been published in leading journals including Men & Masculinities, Pediatrics, Archives of Sexual Behavior and Journal of Adolescent Health. Her applied work includes serving as a consultant with MTV/VH1 Unmasculine, and the Stanford University Global Center for Gender Equality; serving as Senior Gender Advisor at the USAID Office of HIV/AIDS leading program evaluation projects with HIV/GBV organizations in East Africa, and facilitating social support groups for women and LGBTQ youth who are living with HIV/AIDS. She has also served as a speaker and content creator and given many trainings sponsored by groups such as the U.S. Dept. of Justice Office of Violence Against Women. Her awards include the UCSF Chancellor’s Award for Public Service, and her work has been highlighted on CNN, ABC, Fox, and many others. Jocelyn holds a doctoral degree from the Harvard School of Public Health (2004) and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies. She is a Chilean-American and a native Spanish speaker.

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October 26: Karen Gutfreund — “Art as Slow Change”

Karen M. Gutfreund is an independent curator, consultant and artist with a focus on feminist and social justice art. She has worked in the Painting & Sculpture Department at MMA, Andrew Emmerick Gallery, The Knoll Group, John Berggruen Gallery and the Pacific Art League. She served on the board of the Women’s Caucus for Art (WCA), the Pacific Art League and the Petaluma Arts Council. She was the Exhibitions Director for WCA, curator for Uni/UnWomen.org, is a member of ArtTable, and a representative for The Feminist Art Project (TFAP). She is a partner in Gutfreund Cornett Art, with the fi

November 16: Susy Chavez — California Latinas for Reproductive Justice

“AT CLRJ we recognize that Latinas/x’s reproductive health and rights cannot be viewed in isolation. So we do our work using the reproductive justice framework that emphasizes the intersection with other social, economic and community-based issues that promote the social justice and human rights of Latina/x women and girls and the Latinx community as a whole. In other words, we recognize that Latinas/x’s access to culturally and linguistically appropriate health care, a living wage job, quality education, freedom from discrimination and violence, among many other issues that affect Latinas/x’s daily lives, have a profound effect on Latinas’ reproductive and sexual health, as well as our right to self-determination in all aspects of our lives.”