

JUNE EVENTS 2022

Culinary Adventures, Bay Area: Wednesday, June 8, at 11:30 a.m. *Cholita Linda*, back side of the SF Ferry Building, STE44. A repeat: good reviews from the nice group who came in December, so let's encourage all to come. Latin American sandwiches and tacos. Market Street buses and Embarcadero BART station a hop skip and a jump. RSVP to Pat Bourne at 415-867-0410 or to patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu. I'll send an "easy RSVP" in just a few days.

Book Group: Sunday, June 12, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. To participate, RSVP to Christie Coffin at christieandsteve@yahoo.com. Christie will send an email with instructions to join the meeting.

The book for June will be **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins. A 2020 bestseller, page-turner, and Oprah selection, the book is widely available (at \$4 to \$5 used). It personalizes the hazardous and demeaning human migration from Mexico to the US. Some Latinx writers have raised issues of cultural appropriation and felt that the publishing industry should invest in promoting their work on these issues with the same zeal.

Reviews in general have been very favorable.

"This novel is a heart-stopping story of survival, danger, and love..."—*The New York Times*

"...a perfect balancing act with terror on one side and love on the other."...—Stephen King

"This is the international story of our times. Masterful."—Sandra Cisneros

The book for **July** will be San Francisco's Salvadorian-American journalist Roberto Lovato's ***Unforgetting, A Memoir of Family, Migration, Gangs, and Revolution in the Americas***, (Harper, 2020). We should discuss this choice in June and push it to August or September if the group would prefer lighter reading for July. Lovato's family has seen a huge slice of Central American history which has included gang violence and poverty. He moves back and forth in time between 1932 and 2015 and in place between El Salvador and Los Angeles giving us a complex view of US and Central American life. Reviews are favorable. Available in local libraries, or Amazon as print or ebook, and used at \$6-7.

"What is *Unforgetting*---a coming of age story, a thriller, a slice of hemispheric history? ...untangles the tightly woven skein of love and terror that connects El Salvador and the United States." Barbara Ehrenreich

"Lovato ...a preeminent voice on Central America's tribulations..." The New Republic

" At the dark heart of this book is a family secret fiercely kept by his father, having to do with the genocidal aftermath of an uprising in El Salvador in 1932." Carolyn Forché, The New York Times

Film Group: Saturday, June 18, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will view **Diva**, a French film from 1982 which is a hidden gem, a multi genre delight combining action, drama, mystery, romance, and opera, in slightly under 2 hours. It is fun, and the music is thrilling. If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Lucille Poskanzer at LBPoskanzer@icloud.com and I will send you the link.

Writers' Workshops: To join, or for more information, please contact Cynthia Travis at ctravis@sonic.net

Club member Ann Merrill invites us to join the League of Women Voters' nonpartisan effort to register some of the 76,000 women in San Francisco who are not registered to vote. On Sunday afternoons through June 12 pairs of volunteers will knock on the doors of eligible, unregistered women under the age of 30. Here's the link to sign up: www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-voter-registration-door-to-door-canvassing-in-san-francisco-tickets-315631611647

Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, April 30. Officers and Steering Committee members for 2022-23 were elected, club contributions were approved, and we heard updates on activities and projects. The Meeting minutes and documents are posted on the club website: www.radcliffeclubsf.org.

You can renew your membership, join the club, or make donations to Harvard organizations supporting women, at the club website: www.radcliffeclubsf.org. The "For Members" section contains the updated Membership Directory, Membership Update, and a Treasurer's Report. Send changes to kghenschel@gmail.com.