



# Women's History Month

## Guest Speakers



**March 4 at 6:00 pm**  
**Schermer Building**  
**Room 4140**

### Elise Hooper

#### *"Fast Girls: Trailblazing Women Olympians"*

At the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam, Betty Robinson, a seventeen-year-old student from Chicago, won a gold medal in the inaugural offering of women's track and field. Three years later as she prepared to defend her title at the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles, she was in a plane crash and believed to be dead until the mortician noticed her breathing and she was revived. Doctors told Robinson she'd be lucky to walk again and advised her to give up her Olympic aspirations. Yet at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, she was back on the podium with another gold medal.

Betty Robinson represents one of many fascinating but overlooked pioneering women Olympians. In this talk, author Elise Hooper separates fact from fiction to uncover the progress and setbacks faced by women Olympians since they first began competing in 1900.



**March 13 at 6:00 pm**  
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### Maria Chávez

#### *"The Firsts: Latina Struggles in the United States"*

Many Latinas face extraordinary challenges in their professions and personal lives. They are often first-generation college students whose parents may have little experience with higher education. This results in a difficult balancing act: they are trying not to let the process of earning a college education change them in ways that are antithetical to traditional Latino values, yet they are often expected to help with family care and responsibilities that can take priority over their studies and careers.

In a talk that draws from interviews of Latinas from across a wide range of professions, as well as from her own personal experiences, join Maria Chávez for an exploration of the complicated challenges Latina professionals face. Chávez also offers ideas for how to provide Latinas with support and solutions.



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