

LOOKING BACK

THINKING AHEAD

Using research to improve policy and practice in women's health

Keynote Speaker **Michele Landsberg** *Feminism and Women's Health in Canada*



Michele Landsberg is known as one of Canada's most tireless and effective social justice activists. Through the National Speakers Bureau (NSB), she brings her incomparable experience and insight to audiences, and challenges them to explore the potential for human progress.

Whether dealing with feminist issues, media, politics, health care, education, homelessness, poverty, George Bush's "right wing war on women," or the plight of women around the globe, she writes as she speaks and as she lives – with passion, insight and wit. A breast cancer survivor, she has written about her personal struggle with the disease and she continues to probe for links between the current epidemic and environmental causes.

Through her columns, she gave a strong public voice to many of those who would otherwise have no voice. Her readers energized her, and she took very seriously her "privileged position" as a member of the mainstream media in being able to speak out on their behalf.

A tireless supporter, adviser, and activist to feminist, anti-poverty and social justice endeavours, she has served on the boards of organizations for assaulted women, global feminism and the cause of peace in the Middle East. She is the author of three best-selling books (*Women and Children First*, *Michele Landsberg's Guide to Children's Books*, and *"This is New York, Honey!" A Homage to Manhattan, with Love and Rage*) and, for 20 years, has been a regular reviewer of children's literature on CBC Radio.

As a journalist and speaker she discusses issues that others shy away from or ignore, including the plight of women in developing countries and race and gender equality here at home. Her work has brought many important issues to light and influenced countless opinion leaders across the country. She has been recognized with numerous awards such as the YWCA Women of Distinction Award and two National Newspaper Awards during her time at the Toronto Star.

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