

Cuesta College 2014

# BOOK OF THE YEAR

In partnership with SLO County Public Libraries' SLO Reads Program

Piper Kerman, author of the best-selling memoir,

## Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison

will visit Cuesta College for a free reception,  
lecture and book signing

**Thursday, April 3, 2014 • 5 - 7 pm**

**Cuesta's Cultural and Performing Arts Center, SLO campus**

Compelling, moving and often hilarious, Piper Kerman's 2010 memoir of a year behind bars in the infamous women's correctional facility in Danbury, Conn. sheds a unique light on life inside a women's prison by a Smith College graduate who did the crime and did the time. The book is the basis for a Netflix original comedy-drama series.

Copies of the book available to purchase. Park free for the event in Lot 2.



### About the author

Piper Kerman is a vice president at a Washington, D.C.-based communications firm that works with foundations and nonprofits. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and son.

Photo: Sam Zalutsky



### PANEL DISCUSSION

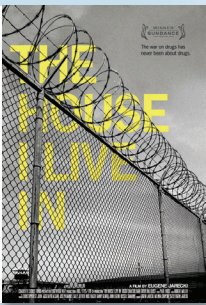
## THE COSTS OF THE PRISON SYSTEM, A COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Join Sheriff Ian Parkinson, SLO County Anti-Gang Commission Coordinator Marci Powers, Restorative Partners Director Sister Theresa Harpin and students affected by the justice system for a frank 90-minute discussion about the impact on SLO County residents and institutions in the wake of the 2011 law (AB 109) that shifted control of certain prison inmates from the state to local authorities.

Thursday, April 3 at 9:30 am • Associated Students Auditorium, Rm 5401, Cuesta College SLO campus (805) 546-3190



### FILMS



#### The House I Live In

Eugene Jarecki's 2012 documentary about America's war on drugs, featuring Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow*, offers a penetrating look at the profound human rights implications of

America's longest war that has resulted in 45 million arrests and cost \$1 trillion over the past 40 years. Despite these efforts, drugs are cheaper, purer and more available than ever. 108 minutes

**Monday, March 31, 5:00 pm**

San Luis Obispo City-County Library, 995 Palm St. (805) 781-5991



### FORUM

#### Restorative Partners Storytime Project

Join Sister Theresa Harpin of Restorative Partners and staff of the Center for Restorative Justice Works for a discussion of the group's work with offenders and their families. They'll highlight a project that brings together families separated by incarceration through children's books and the special gift of a parent reading aloud to their child. See how the community can be a part of this literacy project.

**Saturday, March 8, 2:00 pm**

Arroyo Grande Library, 800 W. Branch St. (805) 473-7161



### WORKSHOP

#### Spring into Nature: Family Workshop

Kids and parents will celebrate the outdoors in this free, hands-on nature crafts workshop led by Lindsey Collinsworth, SLO Botanical Garden education coordinator. Guided tour of the grounds to follow. Two hours. Ages 5 and older. Space is limited. For reservations, call (805) 546-3190. Priority given to Restorative Partners families.

**Saturday, April 5, 1:00 pm**

Oak Glen Pavilion, SLO Botanical Gardens (across from Cuesta SLO campus)

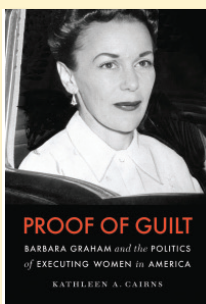


### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- >> **ARROYO GRANDE LIBRARY**  
March 21 at 10 am  
March 25 at 5:30 pm  
March 28 at 10 am ..... (805) 473-7161
- >> **ATASCADERO LIBRARY**  
February 27 at 3 pm ..... (805) 461-6161
- >> **LOS OSOS LIBRARY**  
March 6 at 6:30 pm ..... (805) 528-1862
- >> **MORRO BAY LIBRARY**  
April 2 at 10 am ..... (805) 772-6394
- >> **NIPOMO LIBRARY**  
March 5 at 1 pm ..... (805) 929-3994
- >> **PASO ROBLES CITY LIBRARY**  
March 20 at 7 pm ..... (805) 237-3870
- >> **SAN LUIS OBISPO LIBRARY**  
April 9 at 10:30 am ..... (805) 781-5991
- >> **SHELL BEACH LIBRARY**  
March 28 at 10:30 am .. (805) 773-2263



### AUTHOR TALK



Join Cal Poly lecturer and author Kathleen Cairns for a discussion of women in the prison system. Cairns is an expert on the subject and has written several books including *Proof of Guilt: Barbara Graham and the Politics of Executing Women in America* about the third woman to be executed in a California gas chamber, *Hard Time at Tehachapi: California's First Women's Prison* and *The Enigma Woman: The Death Sentence of Nellie May Madison*. There will be free screenings of an Academy Award-winning feature film about Barbara Graham to be held before Cairns' talks. For more details, call Paso Robles (237-3870) and Arroyo Grande (473-7161) libraries.

*Proof of Guilt: Barbara Graham and the Politics of Executing Women in America*

**Saturday, March 22, 2:00 pm**

Arroyo Grande Library, 800 W. Branch St. (805) 473-7161

**Thursday, March 27, 7:00 pm**

Paso Robles Library, 1000 Spring St., Library Conf. Room (805) 237-3870



### ON KCBX RADIO

Don't miss interviews by Brian Reynolds of local experts on the public radio station's *Issues and Ideas*. The show airs 1 to 2 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month. Interviews are archived at [www.kcbx.org/Pages/Programming/archives.html](http://www.kcbx.org/Pages/Programming/archives.html)

**Wednesday, January 29** • Cal Poly lecturer Kathleen Cairns talks about women in the prison system. She has written extensively on the issue, including *Proof of Guilt: Barbara Graham and the Politics of Executing Women in America*.

**Wednesday, February 26** • Marci Powers, a retired Ventura County probation officer who now leads the SLO County Anti-Gang Commission, will discuss gang activity, incarceration and inmate re-entry into the community.

**Wednesday, March 26** • Local librarians Roz Pierini, Jackie Kinsey and Denise Fourie share insights into *Orange is the New Black* and the importance of shared community reading experiences such as Cuesta's annual Book of the Year.

**GET YOUR TICKETS!**  
Tickets are required this year. Order up to four FREE tickets per person (starting Feb. 16.) [www.cpactickets.cuesta.edu](http://www.cpactickets.cuesta.edu)

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