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Author Elaine Elinson to Speak on Women's Suffrage Oct. 27 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Provocative Perspectives series will feature an Oct. 27 talk on campus from author Elaine Elinson on, "From the Streets, to the Voting Booth, to the Halls of Power: How California Women Won Their Rights."

Elinson's talk will begin at 7:30 a.m. at VG Café. The event is free and open to the public. A follow-up student session will be held at 10 a.m. in Room 217 (Multi-Cultural Center Lounge) in the University Union.

Elinson is an author editor, and communications consultant based in San Francisco. She is coauthor of "Wherever There's a Fight: How Runaway Slaves, Suffragists, Immigrants, Strikers, and Poets Shaped Civil Liberties in California," which won a Gold Medal in the 2010 California Book Awards and a Book of the Year citation from ForeWord Magazine. She holds a master of fine arts degree from Goddard and was named a San Francisco Public Library Laureate.

A former editor of the *ACLU News* and communications director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, she currently reviews books for the Los Angeles Daily Journal. Her articles have appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle, The Nation, Woman's Day, Poets & Writers and other publications.

A graduate of Cornell University in Asian Studies, Elinson worked as a reporter and editor for Pacific News Service in California and Southeast Asia; she is coauthor of "Development Debacle: the World Bank in the Philippines," which was banned by the Marcos regime.

Reservations are required for the Oct. 27 talk; RSVP by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21. People with disabilities may request accommodations in advance by contacting the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at 805-756-1521.

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