



Institute of World Culture

Creative Activism in a Global Community

Seminar: Saturday, November 18, 2006

2:00 - 5:00 pm

Concord House, 1407 Chapala St, Santa Barbara



Presenters: Jean Weidemann & Briana Lawrie

Jean Weidemann will share her experience with micro lending, a form of creative global activism that fights poverty by using small loans to help build businesses. She is author of over 40 publications including *Supporting Women's Livelihoods: Microfinance that Works for the Majority*.

Dr. Weidemann has worked in micro lending in Africa, Asia and the Middle East for 21 years. She will also speak about her work on world food and education issues, and on mobilizing women through non-profits.

Briana Lawrie will share her experiences organizing local supporters for global activism. She is the Director and Founder of Santa Barbara's group that supports the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan (RAWA). Her focus is upon social and political activism to bring freedom and opportunities to Afghan women, as well as humanitarian aid programs for Afghan women and children.

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