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**SAN FRANCISCO'S PACIFIC INSTITUTE PRESENTS
DR. BETTINA APTHEKER
"Aging and Ageism: A Feminist Perspective."**

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008 - FREE

Prominent activist, author and scholar, Dr. Bettina Aptheker, nationally recognized for her charismatic teaching style will offer a free public lecture entitled "Aging and Ageism: A Feminist Perspective." Dr. Aptheker's presentation will take place at 6 p.m. at Pacific Institute's Laguna Grove Care Roof Top Garden at 624 Laguna Street in San Francisco. Dr. Aptheker will discuss how the women's movement has affected women of age, those who participated in America's first sweeping consciousness-raising experience. Admission is free, but seating is limited and reservations are suggested.

Dr. Aptheker's classes at UC Santa Cruz, including her 500-seat "Introduction to Feminism" are one of the major draws at the University, with student registrations at capacity, often with long waiting lists. Students describe her classes as a "life-changing experience" and "an eye-opener." In 2001 she received the University's highest recognition, the Distinguished Teaching Award, for her more than 20 years of teaching and service. Her compelling approach taps the best work of feminist scholars and synthesizes new ways of thinking.

Dr. Doris Bersing, Chief Executive Officer of Pacific Institute, one of the West Coast's most innovative non-profit educational organizations dedicated to offering new perspectives in the field of mental health, gerontology, and the education of future caregivers, said "featuring Dr. Aptheker is the first of many outreach events Pacific Institute is planning for the public and for Bay Area professionals."

Dr. Aptheker is an eloquent champion of the women's peace and civil rights movements. Her published work includes her stunning new memoir: Intimate Politics: How I Grew up Red, Fought for Free Speech, and Became a Feminist Rebel, along with Tapestries of Life: Women's Work, Women's Consciousness and the Meaning of Daily Experience; and The Morning Breaks: The Trial of Angela Davis. She has been a prominent activist for more than thirty years in the women's, peace, civil rights, and lesbian movements.

To make reservations, or for more information on Dr. Aptheker's presentation at Pacific Institute, call (415) 861-3455 or visit www.pacificinstitute.org.

ATTENTION CALENDAR EDITORS

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