Promoting gender equity through research, advocacy and leadership development.

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Each of Dr. Archer’s talks and interviews are tailored to your audience so they may benefit from her expertise and research.
Signature Talks

THE GENDER WAGE GAP
Implicit Bias in the Workplace and the Process of Cumulative Disadvantage
Gendered stereotypes and representations impact our daily lives, and the workplace is no exception. Implicit bias—an error in decision-making—is one major reason women are not flooding the C-suite. Learn the fundamentals of implicit bias and how it works in industry, along with the points at which implicit bias can creep in as you attempt to climb to the top. Once you understand the path of cumulative disadvantage, you will be able to use strategies to combat misperceptions and implicit bias.

Attendees will leave with:
1. Knowledge of the most up-to-date data on gender equity in the workplace
2. An understanding of how implicit bias is mechanized
3. A greater comprehension of the ways in which implicit bias impacts our careers over a lifetime
4. Strategies for advocating for yourself and others to avoid gendered evaluations

THE FORCES SHAPING WOMEN’S LIVES
The Report on Status of Women and Girls in California™ and Your Community
The color of our skin or the communities we are born into are accidental, but the trajectory that these markers have on our lives are profound. Being food secure, living in a safe neighborhood, and access to quality schools and a college degree are elements of our life that impact our wellbeing and earning potential. Pulling from the Center’s annual Report, you will hear the latest data on the challenges and opportunities faced by women and girls. Education, earnings, leadership, and physical and mental health are just a few of the areas we cover through this comprehensive talk. The insights gained from this presentation will provide effective tools to advocate for yourself and others in your community and workplace.

Attendees will leave with:
2. An understanding of how our Report data compares with the status of women and girls in your community
3. Knowledge of the root causes of gender inequities
4. Approaches for advocating for yourself and others when you confront advancement obstacles

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LEADING IN THE BOYS CLUB
Learning from Female Marines and Fighter Pilots about Resilient Leadership

Be it the classroom, a boardroom, a nonprofit or an elected office, or the battlefield, resiliency is an essential skill for leadership. Military women are leading the way in shifting culture in the workplace. Some of the most high-stress, high-stakes work is taken on by the United States Armed Forces. How can you learn from their resilience and leadership? Based on ten years of interviewing female marines, airmen, sailors and soldiers, I’ll share the lessons learned, the methods used to rise through the ranks, and the advice they give to young women coming up the pipeline.

Attendees will leave with:
1. The latest data on women in the workplace
2. An understanding of how dynamics like Stereotype Threat works to keep women underrepresented in different industries
3. Strategies for navigating a male-dominated workplace
4. Actionable tools for changing the workplace culture to serve a more diverse workforce

THE F WORD
Feminist Activism and Leadership in the 21st Century

Feminism is one of the longest and most resilient social movements in modern history. A battle cry for political, social and economic equality of men and women, this presentation dives into the core tenets of the movement, the state of feminism today, and women’s intersectional experience with feminism in politics, education, media, and the corporate world. In addition, we will examine how using the lens of feminism to rethink and redefine what we mean by “success,” “power” and “mentorship” can revolutionize what we have defined as “effective leadership” across context and industries.

Attendees will leave with:
1. The latest data on women in the workplace
2. An understanding of feminism, the important vocabulary, the similarities and differences across communities and cultures
3. Knowledge about what a “feminist leadership” style is and how to apply it across context
4. Actionable ideas to embrace feminist leadership and shift your environment to be more equitable for everyone

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