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**Power Breakfast Forum on Women's Health, Hosted by the Pacific Institute for Women's Health,  
Featuring Michelle Goldberg, Author of New Book  
*The Means of Reproduction: Sex, Power, and the Future of the World***

(San Francisco, CA) - Each year more than half a million women lose their lives in pregnancy or childbirth across the globe. And in the U.S., disparities exist in maternal deaths among women based on ethnicity, income and geographic location. Faced with a dire global economy and limited - if not nonexistent - health care options, women need innovative strategies that will improve their sexual and reproductive health.

Thursday, October 29, 2009, the Pacific Institute for Women's Health (PIWH) will gather local, national and global leaders to support a new agenda to improve and protect women's health and rights with the first **Power Breakfast Forum on Women's Health**. Featured will be acclaimed author and investigative journalist **Michelle Goldberg**.

**Power Breakfast Forum on Women's Health**  
**Thursday, October 29, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.**  
**City Club of San Francisco,**  
**155 Sansome St., 10th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104**

**Ms. Goldberg**, author of the new book *The Means of Reproduction: Sex, Power, and the Future of the World* will detail first-hand accounts of women's stories spanning four continents in their battle for reproductive rights.

Recognized as a '**must-read**' in the international community, *The Means of Reproduction* has received great praise. *New York Times* columnist and author **Nicolas Kristoff** wrote that the book is "**full of wonderful insights and stories...Goldberg is exactly right.**" **Rick Perlstein**, author of *Nixonland* said that this "**... may be the most important book you'll ever read about the future of the human race.**"

Belle Taylor-McGhee, PIWH President and CEO, notes, "As the Obama Administration takes proactive steps to achieve a global health strategy, now - more than ever - we have the opportunity to vastly improve women's lives."

PIWH will also honor two great leaders in global women's health with the **2009 Visionary Partner Awards**. Bestowed upon individuals who work across the globe to support women's access to the full range of reproductive health options, this year's honorees are **Francine Coeytaux, MPH and Daniel Grossman, MD**.

Tickets and information available at [www.piwh.org](http://www.piwh.org). For interviews with Michelle Goldberg or Belle Taylor-McGhee, President and CEO, please contact Juana Rosa Cavero at [jrcavero@piwh.org](mailto:jrcavero@piwh.org) or 720-394-8982.