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Ruth Ozeki Biography

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All Over Creation, Ozeki's second novel and a New York Times Notable Book, is the recipient of the 2004 American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation, as well as the Willa Literary Award for Contemporary Fiction. Ozeki's first novel, *My Year of Meats*, is winner of the Kiriyaama Book Prize and the International Cookbook Award at Versailles. Ozeki has worked for more than a decade in television and film. Her documentary and dramatic films have been shown on PBS, at the Sundance Film Festival, and at colleges and universities.

Born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut, she studied English and Asian Studies at Smith College and traveled throughout Asia. She received a Japanese Ministry of Education Fellowship to do graduate work in classical Japanese literature at Nara University. She later founded a language school and taught in the English Department at Kyoto Sangyo University.

Returning to New York in 1985 she began a film career as an art director and later switched to television production. Moving on to directing documentary-style programs for a Japanese company, she soon started making her own films. Her films are now in educational distribution and are shown at universities, museums, and arts venues throughout the world.

A frequent college and university speaker, she currently divides her time between New York City, where she serves on the board of Women Make Movies, and British Columbia where she writes and raises exotic Chinese chickens with her husband, artist Oliver Kellhammer.

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presents

a reading and dialog with
Ruth Ozeki
author of
All Over Creation

Wednesday, October 10, 2007
7:00 - 8:00 pm Public Presentation
8:00 - 8:30 pm Questions and Answers
8:30 - 9:30 pm Book Signing

Cal Poly Performing Arts Center – Harman Hall



As part of PREFACE: The Cal Poly Shared Reading Program, leading Asian American literary novelist and film maker Ruth Ozeki is coming to Cal Poly to read and talk about her bestselling novel, *All Over Creation*.