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1000 Thank You's to You

Amazing. One year ago, [No Excuses: 9 Ways Women Can Change How We Think About Power](#) launched.

Thanks to your support, it stayed on Amazon.com's top leadership and feminist theory lists for almost 9 months.

I've been privileged to speak with thousands of you in bookstores, living rooms, conferences, book fairs, on TV, and anywhere else you'd let me vent my passion for helping women embrace their "power to" and assume their fair share of leadership roles.



Now, No Excuses has evolved to include [workshops](#) and a shiny new ["Ask Leadership Expert Gloria Feldt"](#) column on BlogHer Career. Lots more to come, so stay tuned.

Meanwhile, if you'd like a free signed bookplate for your copy or for a gift copy for someone else, drop me an [e-mail](#) with your name, full address, and to whom you'd like me to inscribe it, and I'll mail it to you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Columbus OH
 10/12 @ 12noon
 Speech/Panel
[Columbus Metropolitan Club \(CMC\)](#)
 Athletic Club of Columbus

Columbus OH
 10/12 @ 6:30pm
 Keynote Speaker
[New Directions Career Center Event](#)
 Hilton Columbus at Eaton

New York NY
 10/13 @ 6pm
 All-Star Panelist
[3PlusInternational Event](#)
 Roger Smith Hotel

New York NY
 10/17 @ 5:15pm

And come to the [9 Ways Blog](#) to read inspiring stories of women using their "power to." Join the conversation and share your story too.

1 Elephant Story

This story was such a gift to me, the perfect metaphor for *No Excuses*. Here it is again as a thank you gift to you:

It's said that when a baby elephant is being trained, she is tied to a post almost immediately after birth.

During the first few weeks of life, she attempts to break free of her restraints, but she's not strong enough. So she comes to believe she can't get away from what is holding her back even after she has grown large and plenty powerful to uproot the post. Even as an adult, she remains tied to the post due to an internally motivated behavior that is no longer rooted in external reality.

I particularly love the story because I first heard it from Reinette Senum, a successful businesswoman, progressive elected official who helps other women succeed, and environmental visionary. She exemplifies the transformation we're seeking in our ideas about power and leadership.

Listen to Reinette and me talk about women, power, and leadership on this [Bioneers Radio Podcast here](#).

Let's face it: it's hard to change a culture while you're living in it. Yet if women want to embrace our power effectively and in ethical ways, we must get that baby elephant thinking out of our brains and throw off the shackles of learned behavior that no longer serves us. Then we must dare to change other dysfunctional paradigms. To redefine power so we all have a place at the table of life and leadership. To be brave enough and bold enough to lead society toward a saner way of work, civic engagement, and personal relationships.

I feel certain in my deepest heart that this is women's moment. We have the power in our hands if we are wise enough to see it and courageous enough to use it. The locks that kept us out for so long are off; we are strong enough to break free of past tethers. Unlimited possibilities beckon to create a more equitable and healthier world for both men and women. But it's up to us to lead ourselves and our sisters through the threshold. No excuses this time. That is my mission. Will you to join me?

8 New Events: You are Invited (and please forward this to your friends)

Jennifer Brunner, former OH Secretary of State and founder of [Courage PAC](#) wrote: "When disagreement is suppressed, peaceful forms of conflict that are fundamental to democracy suffer, and freedom is lost. In democracy peaceful dialog and free expression allow conflicts of words to win over bullying and violence."

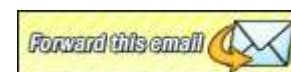
At the prestigious Columbus (OH) Metropolitan Club Power, I'll facilitate a panel on the effects of such power inequality with Julie Moorhead, Executive Director of Sales, Thirty-One Gifts, Mary B. Relloto, Founder and Owner, Dames Bond LLC, and Antoinette Wilson, Principal and CEO, Triumph Communications, Inc.

Book Talk & Signing
[Financial Women's Association of New York](#)
WNYC Green Space

Columbia SC
10/20 @ 5:30pm
Featured Speaker
[We Believe Anita Hill 20th Anniversary Party](#)

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10/21 @ 12noon
Panelist
[SCWLA's 2011 Conference - Women Lawyers and Leadership](#)
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The New Directions Career Center does great work to help women achieve economic self-sufficiency. Come support them. This open-to-the-public event keynote topic is my favorite: No Excuses!

Columbus OH
10/12 @ 6:30pm
[New Directions Career Center Event](#)
 Hilton Columbus at Eaton



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[Your copy](#) of *No Excuses*

I'll barely make it back to NYC in time for this panel and mini-mentoring evening with the savvy women of 3PlusInternational. But I wouldn't to miss it and I urge you to come if you're in NY. The name comes from the idea that when there are three women at a leadership table, the dynamics start to change.

New York NY
10/13 @ 6pm
[3PlusInternational Event](#)
 Roger Smith Hotel



Also for NY friends, the Financial Women's Association of New York is hosting me for a book talk and signing.

New York NY
10/17 @ 5:15pm
[Financial Women's Association of New York](#)
 WNYC Green Space



Can you believe it's been 20 years since Anita Hill challenged now-Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas? Back then we didn't have a name for sexual harassment; today, we have laws against it and movements arising to stop it in its tracks everywhere. I'm not easily humbled, but that's the word for how I feel about participating in these two events honoring Anita Hill:

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[We Believe Anita Hill 20th Anniversary Party](#)



Columbia SC
10/21 @ 12noon
Panelist (with Victoria Pynchon, Gloria Steinem, Jamia Wilson, and Shelby Knox)
[SCWLA's 2011 Conference - Women Lawyers and Leadership](#)
 "What's Next for Working Women?"



I love talking with college students. On 11/3 the Old Dominion University Women's Center will sponsor a *No Excuses* lecture and booksigning, open to the town as well as campus. The next day, I get to conduct a Power Tools workshop for student leaders.

Norfolk, VA
 11/3 @ 7pm
Women's Institute for Leadership Development
 Old Dominion University Women's Center - Webb
 University Center
 11/4/11
9 Ways Power Tools Leadership Workshop
(by registration only)



Power to you!



Gloria



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