Barbara Smith is an American feminist who has played a significant role in building and sustaining Black Feminism in the United States since the early 1970s. She has been active as an innovative critic, teacher, lecturer, author, independent scholar, and publisher of Black feminist thought. Ms. Smith will discuss the connections between her decades of grassroots organizing for racial, social, and economic justice and her current position as an elected official representing a predominately African American district in Albany, New York.

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