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Inaugural “Workplace Summit” at 2019 Watermark Conference for Women Silicon Valley Convenes Leaders on Creating Workplaces that Work for All
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SAN JOSE, CA – The 2019 [Watermark Conference for Women Silicon Valley](#) has announced a powerful lineup of experts for its [Inaugural Workplace Summit](#) to provide practical, real-world tools that create positive workplace environments. This Summit in the heart of Silicon Valley will help lead a national cultural shift to include and empower all individuals.

Addressing challenges including communication, trust and equity will be: [Celeste Headlee](#), an award-winning journalist and author; [Amy E. Gallo](#), *Harvard Business Review* editor and writer; [Rachel Thomas](#), president and co-founder of Lean In; [Lori Nishiura Mackenzie](#), executive director of the Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford University; and [Brad Johnson](#) and [David Smith](#), co-authors of *Athena Rising, How and Why Men Should Mentor Women*,

The Workplace Summit will be held at the San Jose Convention Center on Thursday, February 21, 2019, the eve of the 5th annual Watermark Conference for Women Silicon Valley—the West Coast’s largest gathering of women. A limited number of tickets for the Workplace Summit, which is designed for those at the manager level and above, are still available. More information can be found at watermarkconferenceforwomen.org/summit/.

Attendees of all genders from some of the nation’s top corporations and industries will come away from this interactive half-day event with actionable tools to create meaningful change.

“The Workplace Summit will offer the opportunity to help build workplace cultures that truly value diversity and inclusion,” said Stacey Clark Ohara, global head of diversity and inclusion and the *Juniper Networks Foundation Fund* with *Juniper Networks*. “We recognize that these values have become imperative in the quest to attract and retain the best talent and to empower all employees.”

The 5th annual [Watermark Conference for Women Silicon Valley](#), which is sold out, will feature keynote speakers including tennis champion [Serena Williams](#), legendary activist [Gloria Steinem](#), and best-selling author [Brené Brown](#). The Watermark Conference for

Women Silicon Valley is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is part of the largest nationwide network of conferences for women. The Watermark, Massachusetts, Texas, and Pennsylvania Conferences for Women attract an estimated 40,000 women and men a year.

ABOUT THE WATERMARK CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN SILICON VALLEY

With more than 6,500 attendees, the Watermark Conference for Women Silicon Valley offers a day of inspiration and networking, in addition to its powerful lineup of speakers who are influential champions for women. Named a “Top 100” event in the San Francisco Bay Area by BizBash for its “buzz, innovation, and prominence,” the Conference offers speakers on topics including gender equity and inclusion, pay parity, and social media strategy.

While the Feb. 22, 2019 Conference is sold out, the Conference and sponsor Target are offering a chance for a handful of women with inspiring stories to attend the Conference and be recognized on the mainstage as part of the [Celebration of Women’s Stories](#). Women can apply by sharing their stories at <https://www.watermarkconferenceforwomen.org/storytellers/>. Each winner also will receive a free pair of tickets at a reserved table for the keynote sessions and a \$500 gift card from Target.

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ABOUT WATERMARK

Watermark is the leading community of top women executives, emerging executives and entrepreneurs in the San Francisco Bay Area whose mission is to increase the number of women in leadership positions. Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Watermark connects, develops and advocates for the advancement of women in the workplace by offering regular leadership development programs and networking opportunities and promoting gender diversity and equality initiatives. Watermark supports girls’ leadership programs, as well, to help build a well-qualified workforce for the future.

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