



“Off the Bench and Into the Game: Democracy Isn’t a Spectator Sport”

A public lecture by Rebecca W. Rimel

President & CEO of The Pew Charitable Trusts

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Seaborg Room

Faculty Club, UC Berkeley

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public. A hosted reception follows the lecture.

While the number of problems facing the U.S. continues to mount, Americans’ civic engagement remains at an all-time low. Experts predict a large turnout for the 2004 presidential election, but will that be enough to re-engage our citizenry in the rights and responsibilities that distinguish the U.S. and make it a symbol of freedom and opportunity throughout the world? How do we advance the issues that affect the long-term health of America while our citizenry remains apathetic? Rebecca Rimel will address these concerns and outline how philanthropy can make a difference.

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Rebecca W. Rimel is president and chief executive officer of The Pew Charitable Trusts, one of the nation’s leading public charities. With approximately \$4.1 billion in dedicated assets, in 2003 The Trusts committed more than \$143 million to 151 nonprofit organizations.

Rimel joined The Pew Charitable Trusts in 1983 as health program manager. She became executive director in 1988 and accepted her current position in 1994. In her position as president, Rimel has helped make The Pew Charitable Trusts one of the most innovative and influential nonprofit organizations in the United States. During her 15 years at the helm, The Trusts have become known for their entrepreneurial and results-based initiatives in the public interest.

Prior to joining The Trusts, Rimel built an exemplary career in health care, specifically in the field of nursing. From 1981 through 1983, she was assistant professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Virginia Hospital and served as head nurse of the medical center’s emergency department.

Rimel received a bachelor of science degree, with distinction, from the University of Virginia School of Nursing (1973), and earned a master of business administration from James Madison University in 1983.

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