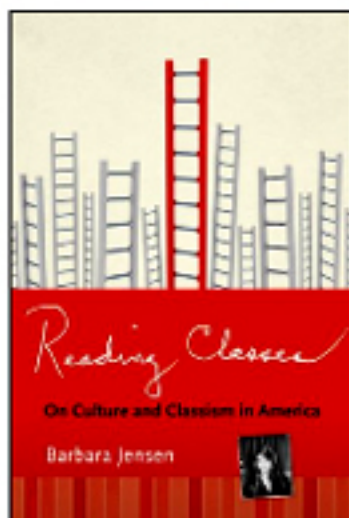


JAMAICA PLAIN FORUM



Crossing the Class Divide:

A Cross-over Author's Story

Tuesday January 15, 2013, 7pm

Free talk open to the public at First Church in Jamaica Plain, UU, 6 Eliot St, Jamaica Plain

New from Cornell University Press: [*Reading Classes: On Culture and Classism in America*](#) by Barbara Jensen

Barb Jensen knows what it's like to be a working-class kid disaffected from school because she was one. As a psychologist she has instilled pride and purpose in such kids.

Barb also knows the soul-deadening downsides of being a middle-class professional, because she grew up to become one. As a professor and a counselor, she has helped countless "cross-overs" and class-privileged people to keep their spirits alive.

As she spotlights classism in her new book [*Reading Classes*](#), Barb puts our society's pervasive disrespect for working-class culture into the context of the spiraling crisis of economic inequality. She is a rising national leader of the Working-Class Studies Association, and from her huge network she draws insights from labor studies, left economics, and working-class literature.

Barb is such a born story-teller-- funny, wise, and sometimes outrageous-- that listening to her will delight you.

Canned Food Drive

The JP Forum is collecting food for First Church's emergency food pantry.

Please bring non-perishable, canned food to help all Jamaica Plain neighbors have access to healthy food.



The First Church in Jamaica Plain, Unitarian Universalist

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Ideas into Action for Peace, Justice, and the Environment

Barb's book will be available for purchase at the JP Forum. You can also [buy it online](#) from Class Action's store.

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