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# LESBIA HARFORD ORATION WITH GUEST SPEAKER ANTOINETTE LATTOUF



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Join VWL for our biennial **Lesbia Harford Oration**, which honours its namesake with a presentation by an eminent speaker on issues of importance to women. Lesbia was a champion of workers' rights and a pioneer of women in the legal profession. Lesbia wrote volumes of poetry, much of which articulated her concerns with the oppression of women and sexuality. This oration acknowledges our contemporaries who are contributing to our social fabric through their research, activism, questioning and their hard work in putting issues of equality on the agenda.

We are delighted to announce this year's speaker, **Antoinette Lattouf**. Antoinette is a media personality, diversity advocate, author, mum of two girls and terrible at reverse parking. The multi-award winning journalist is the co-founder of Media Diversity Australia — a not for profit organisation working towards increasing cultural and linguistic diversity in the media.

Antoinette has worked in television, online and radio at Network 10, SBS, ABC and triple j. She's been a guest commentator on ABC's Q&A, The Drum, Sky News, Network 10's The Project, SBS's Insight and The Feed. In 2022, Antoinette became a regular, permanent host of Listnr's daily news podcast 'The Briefing' after appearing as a guest since August last year.

Antoinette's first book 'How to Lose Friends and Influence White People' was published by Penguin Random House in May 2022. It is a witty and approachable anti-racism guide and an honest exploration of the modern manifestations of systemic racism in Australia today, and how we, as a collective, can take steps to make change. Providing practical tools, using warmth, humour, and research to share evidence-based solutions that can be used by anyone – from a seasoned advocate who is a person of colour, through to a suburban white teenager.

In 2019, Antoinette was named among AFR's 100 Women of Influence. In 2021 she was awarded a Women's Agenda Leadership Award and B&T Women in Media's Champion of Change. Antoinette regularly travels across Australia as a Master of Ceremonies and keynote speaker. she also recently delivered a TEDx talk in Sydney.

**DATE:** Thursday, 8 September 2022  
**TIME:** 7:15am for a prompt 7:30am start  
Concluding at 9am  
**COST:** VWL members: \$40.00 per ticket  
Non members: \$70.00 per ticket  
Breakfast and beverages included  
**LOCATION** Conversation Quarter, State  
Library Victoria, 328 Swanston St,  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
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