

Nona Willis Aronowitz Feminist author, activist and speaker



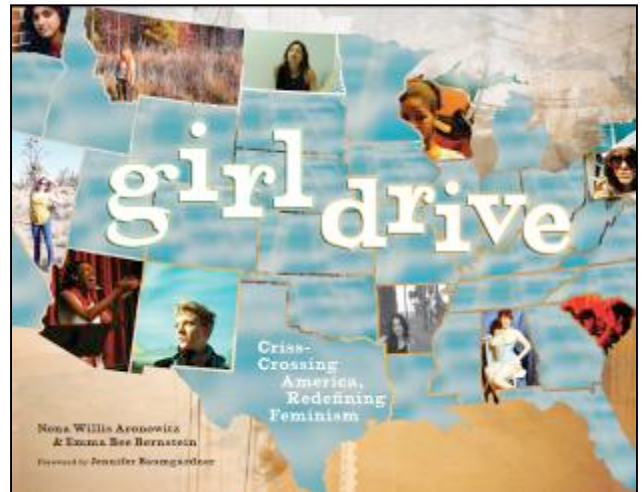
Nona is a 26-year-old writer, speaker, and radio producer with a fresh, nuanced take on feminism, youth culture, and the media. She has written for outlets like *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Nation*, *The Village Voice*, Salon, Slate, and *Bitch* magazine. She is co-author of *Girldrive: Criss-crossing America, Redefining Feminism*, and blogs at *Girl-drive.com*. *Girldrive* is based on a road trip that she and her photographer friend, Emma Bee Bernstein, took across the U.S., where they talked with hundreds of young women about their lives, ambitions, and views on feminism.

Girldrive: Feminism and Activism for Gen Y

This presentation takes a fun, visual, multimedia approach discussing feminism, young women, and the issues and activism that are important to them. Nona uses detailed personal stories of the women who appear in *Girldrive*, coupling their words with portraits and video footage of their interviews to spark conversation and illustrate overarching feminist themes. Nona discusses geographical differences, and how conservative, religious, and/or rural women relate to feminism.

Beyond Cosmo and Maxim: Sexism, Media and Feminist Consciousness

This presentation positions mainstream media both as a feminist gateway or “click moment” for young women—and as an essential tool for combating restrictive gender roles and dangerous stereotypes. Nona explains that progressive writers and everyday activists need to inhabit and consume the poppiest of pop culture, then critique its sexist, racist and classist messages. The talk is a multimedia presentation with video clips of commercial and TV shows; screen shots of articles and blogs; and magazine clippings.



“I have been organizing talks for 30-plus years, and yours ranks at the top in terms of the content, seriousness, and originality of what you delivered. It was empowering for students to hear someone close to their age talk about what lies in their own power to do.”

—**Professor Joyce Antler, Brandeis University**

“Nona’s presentation was inspiring and entertaining. I really enjoyed the discussion and gained a new understanding of feminism.”

—**Melissa Robinson, student, Sonoma State University**

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