

# Breaking Trail A Climbing Life

by

**Arlene Blum**

Slide Lecture & Book Signing

**Free**

Friday March 5, 2010  
7:00 pm

Central Oregon Community College  
Pinckney Auditorium  
Pence Hall Building

"Arlene Blum's gripping and intensely personal narrative of her life among the enchantingly beautiful, but dangerous, high peaks is a profoundly encouraging story for all of us who battle to climb our own inner mountains."

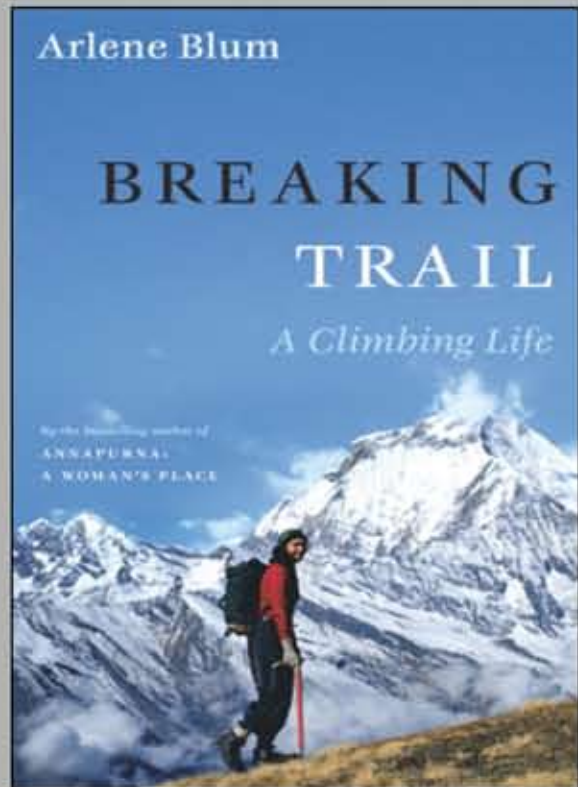
**Royal Robbins,**  
pioneering climber, business man,  
and writer

"Why we climb is never an easy question. Arlene searches her soul for her own motivations and in doing so tells with insightful and inspirational prose a story that spans her childhood, career as a scientist, and brings her to the roof of the world."

**Conrad Anker,**  
professional climber



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## Arlene Blum

has played a ground breaking role in women's mountaineering. She is best known for leading the 1st American, all-women ascent of Annapurna 1 - considered one of the world's most dangerous and difficult mountains.

Blum also led the first all-women team up Mt. McKinley and was the first American woman to attempt Mt. Everest. She has played a leading role in more than 20 mountain expeditions world-wide. Blum made the first traverse of the Great Himalaya Range of Bhutan, Nepal and India, and hiked the length of the European Alps with her baby daughter on her back.

*Annapurna: A Woman's Place*, written by Blum, has inspired tens of thousands of readers over the last 25 years.

*National Geographic Adventure* magazine has included it on a list of the "100 best adventure books of all time."

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