

Former Supermodel to Speak Tuesday at SWOSU

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Ann Simonton

Ann J. Simonton, a former supermodel who has appeared on the covers of *Sports Illustrated* and *Seventeen*, will talk on "Sex, Power and the Media" this Tuesday, November 13, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford as part of the university's Panorama series. Admission is free.

Simonton's presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center will confront the issues of corporate ownership, gender, violence, and sexual intimacy as well as address such issues as the impact of media images on the general public. She will also talk about the ways corporate-controlled media influence democracy and how the United States culture eroticizes inequality rather than mutuality and respect.

Simonton is the founder and director of MediaWatch, a nonprofit media literacy organization. She has written and produced media literacy videos that are used in schools and universities throughout North America. The goal is to inspire thousands to take a stance against media bias. Simonton has been arrested and jailed 11 times for her courageous, non-violent and often humorous protests.

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