

Transition Palo Alto - Fourth Friday - April 26 - FREE

# Behind the Kitchen Door

with Saru Jayaraman

April 26

World Centric  
2121 Staunton Ct., PA  
7:30-9pm

Come at 7pm for  
"Intro to Transition"

## A sustainable food system must include sustainable labor practices

How do restaurant workers live on some of the lowest wages in America? And how do poor working conditions--discrimination, exploitation, and unsanitary kitchens--affect the meals that arrive at our restaurant tables?

In *Behind the Kitchen Door*, Saru Jayaraman sets out to answer these questions by following the lives of restaurant workers in nine major cities. Blending personal narrative and investigative journalism, *Behind the Kitchen Door* is a groundbreaking exploration of the political, economic, and moral implications of dining out. Jayaraman sets out a bold agenda to raise the living standards of the nation's second-largest private sector workforce--and ensure that dining out is a positive experience on both sides of the kitchen door.

Saru Jayaraman is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC-United) and the

Director of the Food Labor Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley.

After 9/11, together with displaced World Trade Center workers, she cofounded ROC in New York, which has organized restaurant workers to win workplace justice campaigns, conduct research and policy work, partner with responsible restaurants, and launch cooperatively-owned restaurants. ROC now has 9000 members in 19 cities nationwide.

The story of Saru and her co-founder's work founding ROC has been chronicled in *The Accidental American*.

Saru is a graduate of Yale Law School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She was profiled in the New York Times "Public Lives" section in 2005, and was named one of Crain's "40 Under 40" in 2008, 1010 Wins' "Newsmaker of the Year," and one of New York Magazine's "Influentials" of New York City.



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Friday April 26, World Centric, 2121 Staunton Ct, Palo Alto, 7:30pm

7:00p – 7:15pm: Welcome to Transition (for newcomers)

7:30p: Program

World Centric, 2121 Staunton Court, Palo Alto

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