Living and Laughing by the Chopsticks-Fork Principle

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With delight and good humor Cathy Bao Bean encourages people to realize and understand (and laugh about!) how we are all at least bi-cultural (by ethnicity, gender, etc.) in a way that shatters stereotypes but explains the generalizations. Bao Bean will present the lecture through personal stories about ordinary events that raise extraordinary cultural questions. The cultural questions will focus on if people can fail or succeed simultaneously in two cultures and what difference it makes to your brain whether English or Chinese was or was not your first language.

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