

An abstract painting with vibrant colors like blue, green, yellow, and purple, featuring expressive brushstrokes. A large, semi-transparent red brushstroke shape is overlaid on the right side of the image, serving as a background for the text.

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**11:00 AM** Reception

**12 NOON TO 1:30 PM** Conversations over Lunch

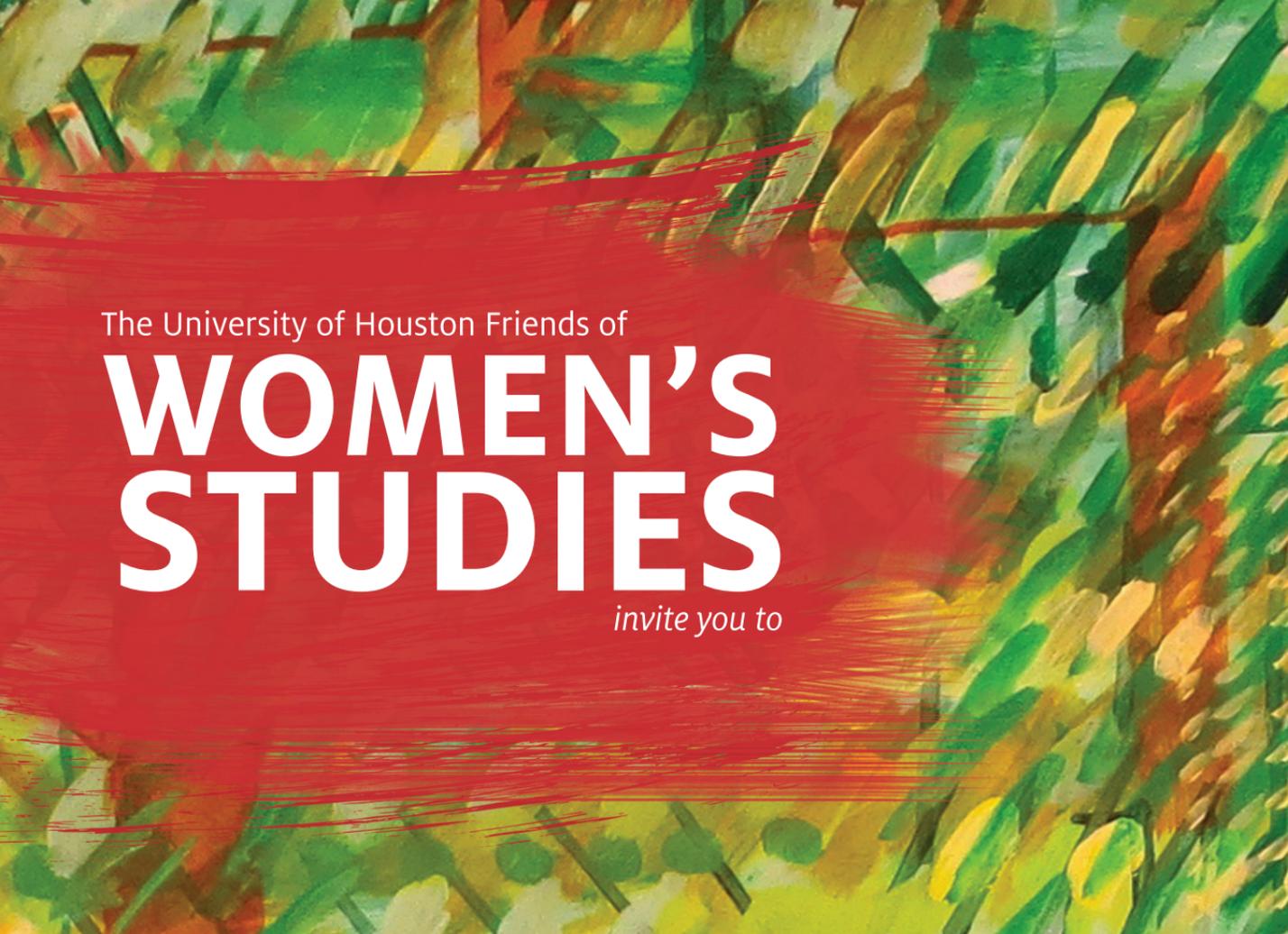
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