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Shirley Corriher’s presentations are full of fun and fascinating information. Many of you have seen her on Alton Brown’s TV show, Good Eats. She holds audiences spellbound while she acts out everything from proteins to starch. Shirley will talk about some of the things that she thinks are important in good teaching and then open the floor for questions.

Shirley has taught from Vancouver to Sicily, has written an internationally syndicated column – Los Angeles Times Syndicate and Tribune Media Services (1996-2011), and is an award-winning author. Her book, CookWise, earned the James Beard Award for Best Reference and Technique Book of 1997 and has sold more than 500,000 copies. Her book, BakeWise, also won the James Beard Award. Real Simple magazine lists CookWise as one of the 50 great books that will change your life, and Cooking Light magazine lists BakeWise as one of the 100 best cookbooks of the past 25 years.

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