

## Women and Politics: Transforming Public Leadership Program Schedule

**October 6, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.**

The Peace Center for the Performing Arts

**A Conversation: Hillary Rodham Clinton**, United States Senator, and  
**Deedee Corradini**, Former Mayor, Salt Lake City, and Former President, U.S. Conference of Mayors  
Introductions by **Susan Thomson Shi**, Furman University First Lady

**October 7, 2003**

*10:00-11:30 a.m.*

Daniel Recital Hall

### ***Women, Politics and the Media***

Roundtable Leader: Danielle Vinson, Associate Professor of Political Science,  
Furman University

Participants: Beth Padgett, The Greenville News

Nina Brook, The State

Fannie Flono, The Charlotte Observer

Lea Donosky, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

*1:30 - 3:45 p.m.*

Daniel Recital Hall

### ***Women and Politics in South Carolina***

#### ***Section One: Opening Doors***

Roundtable Leader: Marian Strobel, Professor of History, Furman University

Participants:

Harriet Keyserling, former member, S.C. House of Representatives

Pansy Ridgeway, former mayor, Manning, S.C.

Liz Patterson, former member, U.S. House of Representatives

Sarah Manly, former member S.C. House of Representatives

#### ***Section Two: South Carolina Today***

Roundtable Leader: Beth Traxler, Host of "The Informed Citizen" on GEN

Participants:

Jenny Sanford, Campaign Manager for S.C. Governor Mark Sanford

Lisa Van Riper, David Beasley's Administration, Professor

Laura Wolliver, Women's Studies Program, University of South Carolina

Gilda Cobb-Hunter, S.C. House of Representatives

*4:00 - 5:30 p.m.*

Daniel Recital Hall

### ***The Future of Women in Politics***

Roundtable Leader: Laura Wolliver, Women's Studies Program,  
University of South Carolina

Participants:

Jenna Dorn, Federal Transportation Administrator

Deedee Corradini, former mayor, Salt Lake City

Inez Tenenbaum, South Carolina Superintendent of Education

*8:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

McAlister Auditorium

### ***Closing Address***

Women and Politics at the Grassroots: A View from the Inside

#### **Marian Wright Edelman**

Founder, Children's Defense Fund

## **Women and Politics: Transforming Public Leadership 2003 Participants**

**Hillary Rodham Clinton**, Senator from New York, is the first First Lady elected to the United States Senate. Senator Clinton serves on the Senate Committees for Environment and Public Works; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; and was recently appointed to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

**Deedee Corradini**, currently president of Corradini and Company, served as mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah, from 1992-2000. Corradini also served as chair and chief executive officer of Bonneville Associates. She co-chaired the 2012 Site Selection Committee for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

**Susan Thomson Shi**, Furman University First Lady, is a member of Greenville's Alliance for Quality Education and the Community Planning Council of the United Way. She has chaired the Success by Six program and served on a state-wide evaluation team for the First Steps for School Readiness program.

**Danielle Vinson**, associate professor of political science at Furman University, is the author of the book *Local Media Coverage of Congress and Its Members* and has written articles on media and politics and campaign finance.

**Beth Padgett** is editorial page editor of *The Greenville News*, after having been deputy editorial page editor since September 1995. Previously, she was the editorial page editor of the *Greenville Piedmont* and a reporter for *The Greenville News*.

**Nina Brook** is an associate editor on the editorial page at *The State* newspaper. She writes about public education and higher education and helps oversee the Letters to the Editor section. Brook previously worked as former South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges' first press secretary.

**Fannie Flono** is an associate editor for *The Charlotte Observer*, where she has held a number of positions including political editor and city editor. In 1998-99, she was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University where she studied the impact of race and class on public school education.

**Lea Donosky** is Elections 2004 editor for the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution*, where she previously served as Sunday editor. She has covered the United States Congress, George H.W. Bush and Geraldine Ferraro and served as London-based correspondent for *Newsweek*.

**Marian Elizabeth Strobel**, William Montgomery Burnett Professor of History and chair of the History Department professor of history at Furman University, is currently researching changing gender roles in American colleges and universities during World War II.

**Harriet Keyserling** represented Beaufort County in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1977-93, specializing in the areas of education, the environment and nuclear waste. She served Governor Richard W. Riley as an advisor on energy issues, and from 1979-82 was a member of Congress' Advisory Panel on Nuclear Waste Disposal.

**Pansy Ridgeway** served as mayor of Manning, S.C., from 1970-96. She was the third woman elected mayor in South Carolina and was the first woman elected president of the South Carolina Municipal Association.

**Liz Patterson** served as United States Representative from South Carolina's 4th District from 1987-93 and as a member of the South Carolina State Senate from 1979-86.

Sarah Manly served in the South Carolina House of Representatives for two terms after many years as a physics teacher and member of the Greenville County School Board. On the House Agricultural Committee, she played a major role in getting significant environmental bills passed.

**Beth Traxler**, associate dean at Greenville Technical College, hosts the show, "The Informed Citizen," on the Greenville Educational Network. She served as project director for United States Department of Education Title VIA Grants for the S.C. International Education Consortium.

**Jenny Sanford** managed her husband Mark's winning South Carolina gubernatorial campaign in 2002, as well as his previous successful congressional campaigns. A former investment banker, Sanford has helped to form a family company whose long-term goal is to raise funds for cancer research.

**Lisa Van Riper** was executive director of the Putting Families First Foundation under former South Carolina Governor David Beasley. She served as executive director of the Greenville YWCA.

**Laura R. Woliver** is professor of government and international studies and interim director of the Women's Studies Program at the University of South Carolina. She has published two books, *The Political Geographies of Pregnancy* (2002), and *From Outrage to Action: The Politics of Grass-Roots Dissent* (1993).

**Gilda Cobb-Hunter** represents the 66th district in the South Carolina State House of Representatives, where she has served since 1992. She has served as the national committeewoman for the Democratic National Committee.

**Jennifer L. Dorn**, administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, served as assistant secretary for policy at the Department of Labor under President George H.W. Bush and was the associate deputy secretary of transportation at DOT in the administration of President Ronald Reagan.

**Inez Tenenbaum** is in her second term as South Carolina's fifteenth State Superintendent of Education. A former school teacher and an attorney, she served as director of research for the Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee of the South Carolina House of Representatives.

**Marian Wright Edelman**, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans for her entire professional career. Un