The Environmental Policy Institute’s Lecture Series was named in 2009 in honor of South Carolina State graduate, civil rights stalwart, and trusted aide of Congressman James E. Clyburn, Isaac W. Williams. “Ike” was a vigilant ambassador for his alma mater. His passion for providing opportunities for students, especially minorities, and creating policies that improve the quality of life for all people were unparalleled.

The Environmental Policy Institute (EPI), which is housed at the James E. Clyburn University Transportation Center, was established through a grant provided by the U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) in 2005. The EPI develops programs addressing economic development in South Carolina’s rural communities, and focuses on research, and activities addressing the transportation of nuclear sources. In addition, the EPI provides research, outreach, training, education and technical assistance through a series of made-for-television dialogue and community leader’s institutes. Since the inception of the EPI, the Medical University of South Carolina’s Office of Public Information and Community Outreach, Department of Library Sciences and Informatics has partnered with South Carolina State University to develop and produce several EPI programs.

The EPI supports the strategic mission and goals of the NNSA, enhances South Carolina State University’s program of applied research, policy analysis, and assists the NNSA in cultivating the next generation of national security science and technology leaders.

The EPI focuses on the following six (6) program components:

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2. Curriculum Development
3. Scholarships
4. Student Internships
5. Faculty/Staff Professional Development
6. Outreach

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SOUTH CAROLINA’S HUMAN AND NATURAL ASSETS
Growing our Rural Economies

April 30, 2012
Santee Conference Center
1737 Bass Drive, Santee, SC 29142
Conference Purpose

This conference seeks to initiate a statewide dialogue which leads to the development of a comprehensive, sustainable economic development plan for rural communities and wise stewardship of the South Carolina’s land and water for future generations. By bringing together a diversity of key stakeholders, this dialogue will address how we can capitalize on South Carolina’s human and natural resources in order to improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Registration

There is limited capacity for this event. Pre-registration is required by April 25, 2012. To register for the conference visit the Environmental Policy Institute website at:

http://www.scsu.edu/forms/epi

Agenda — April 30, 2012

8:30-9:00 am  Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:00 am  Welcome
Dr. Reinhardt Brown
Director, Environmental Policy Institute
Dr. Rita J. Teal
Acting President, South Carolina State University (SCSU)
Dr. Raymond Greenberg
President, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)
Congressman James E. Clyburn
Assistant Democratic Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
Keynote Speaker
Tom Viltsack (invited)
Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture

10:00-10:45 am  Presentation: State of the Rural Economy
Introduction of Speaker
Tammie Hoy: Regional Community Development Manager, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
Rick Kaglic — Regional Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

10:45-12:15 pm  Panel: Key Stakeholders in Rural Economic Development
Moderated by Patrick Woodie
Vice President for Rural Development Programs, North Carolina Rural Center
- Environment/Conservation: Charles Lane — Chairman, ACE Basin Task Force
- Community Development: Bernie Mazyck — President & CEO, South Carolina Association of Community Development Corporations
- Housing: Michelle Mapp — Executive Director, Lowcountry Housing Trust
- Agriculture/Farming: Jack Shuler — President, Palmetto AgriBusiness Council
- Forestry: Gene Kodama — State Forester, South Carolina Forestry Commission
- Tourism: Michelle McCollum — President & CEO, South Carolina National Heritage Corridor

Audience Q&A

12:15-12:45 pm  Break/Lunch Buffet
12:45-1:15 pm  Lunch Speaker
1:15-2:45 pm  Panel: Importance of Sustainable & Healthy Communities in Rural Economic Development
Moderated by Gregg Robinson
Executive Director, Orangeburg County Development Commission
- Rural Power: Lindsey Smith — Rural Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina
- Rural Water Systems: Johnnie Wright — Chairman of the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency
- Rural Health: Dr. David Garr — Associate Dean for Community Medicine, MUSC; Executive Director, SC AHEC
- Food Hubs: Lisa Tursky — Director of Sustainable Agriculture, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League
- Rural Broadband: Ted Creech — Director of External Affairs, AT&T South Carolina
- SC Rural Infrastructure Fund: Rep. Bill Clyburn — South Carolina House of Representatives (D-Aiken)

Audience Q&A

2:45-4:15 pm  Panel: Higher Education’s Role in Rural Economic Development
Moderated by Dr. David Rivers
Director for Public Involvement and Community Outreach, MUSC
- Emerson Gower — Executive in Residence, Francis Marion University
- Delbert Foster — 1890 Extension Administrator, SCSU
- Dr. Steve Meadows — Interim CEO, Clemson Cooperative Extension Service
- Susan Pretulak — Vice President for Economic and Workforce Competiveness, SC Technical Colleges, ReadySC workforce training program
- Dr. Pat Layton — Professor, Undergraduate Educational Enhancement Strategy at Clemson University

Audience Q&A

4:15-4:30 pm  Presentation: Where is All This Working Now? The Sewee Summit
Noel Thorn — Consultant, Gaylord & Dorothy Donnelley Foundation

4:30 pm  Closing Remarks