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Environmental Policy Institute Isaac W. Williams Lecture Series

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.

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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)
Opening Remarks & Introduction of Speaker
Congressman James E. Clyburn
 Assistant Democratic Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
Keynote Speaker
Tom Vilsack (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

- Hugh Weathers**
 South Carolina Agriculture Commissioner
- 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 Turansky** — 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