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There is no cost for this Blackville Institute. Participants are expected to take this information to their communities.

The registration deadline is July 20, 2011.

Yes  No -- I plan to attend the reception on July 29.

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# Blackville Community Leaders Institute

July 29-30, 2011

Clemson University Edisto Research  
and Education Center  
(Experiment Station) Auditorium  
64 Research Road  
Blackville, SC 29817



Friday, July 29, 2011

# Agenda

5 pm **Introduction**  
Clemson University Edisto Research and Education Center Auditorium  
**Dr. John D. Mueller**, Resident Director and Field Crops Pathologist, Clemson University Edisto Research and Education Center, Blackville, SC  
**The Honorable Michael Beasley**, Mayor, Blackville, SC  
**Dr. David E. Rivers**, Assistant Professor and Director, Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO), Department of Library Science & Informatics, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Charleston, SC  
**Ms. Melinda Downing**, Environmental Justice Program Manager, Legacy Management, US DOE, Washington, DC  
**Ms. Helen Belencan**, Deputy Assistant Manager, Office of Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship, Savannah River Site, US DOE, Aiken, SC  
**Mr. Fred Dohse**, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, SRNS, LLC, Aiken, SC  
**Dr. Reinhardt G. Brown**, Director for Environmental Policy Institute, James E. Clyburn Transportation Research and Conference Center, South Carolina State University (SCSU), Orangeburg, SC

## Session I. The Role of Government

5:15 pm This session focuses on the intergovernmental relationship between federal, state and local governments.  
**Moderator: Dr. Reinhardt G. Brown**, SCSU, Orangeburg, SC  
**Ms. Sheryl Good**, Environmental Specialist, Office of Special Programs, Office of the Regional Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Region 4, Atlanta, GA  
**Ms. Tabatha Corley**, Program Manager, Environmental Quality Control Office, Region 5, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), Aiken, SC  
**Mr. Ian Kaiser**, Town Administrator, Blackville, SC

## 6:15 pm Keynote Address

**Mr. Anton J. Gunn**, Regional Director, Region IV, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Atlanta, GA

## 6:45 pm Reception

*(Invited)*  
**Moderator: Dr. David E. Rivers**, MUSC, Charleston, SC  
**Ms. Melinda Downing**, US DOE, Washington, DC  
**Ms. Rene Ann Tewkesbury Brown**, Midlands Director, Senator Lindsey O. Graham's Office, Columbia, SC, *✓*  
**Hon. C. Bradley Hutto**, SC Senator, District 40, Orangeburg, SC, *✓*  
**Hon. Lonnie Hosey**, SC State Representative, District 91, Barnwell, SC  
**Mr. Fred Dohse**, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, SRNS, LLC, Aiken, SC  
**Hon. Michael Beasley**, Mayor, Blackville, SC  
**Hon. Vivian T. Alston**, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilwoman, Town of Blackville, SC  
**Hon. Steve Jowers, Sr.**, Councilman, Town of Blackville, SC  
**Hon. David F. Kenner**, Barnwell County Councilman, Barnwell, SC  
**Dr. Sabra C. Slaughter**, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, MUSC, Charleston, SC  
**Dr. Reinhardt G. Brown**, SCSU, Orangeburg, SC

Saturday, July 30, 2011

8:30 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast**  
Clemson University Edisto Research and Education Center Auditorium

9 am **Opening & Welcoming Remarks**  
**Dr. John D. Mueller**, Clemson University Edisto Research and Education Center, Blackville, SC  
**Dr. David E. Rivers**, MUSC, Charleston, SC  
**Ms. Melinda Downing**, US DOE, Washington, DC  
**Mr. Fred Dohse**, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, SRNS, LLC, Aiken, SC  
**Dr. Reinhardt G. Brown**, SCSU, Orangeburg, SC

## Session II. Youth Issues

9:15 am This session focuses on the challenges experienced by youth in the community and the development of resources needed to meet these challenges.  
**Moderator: Ms. Evelyn Coker**, Executive Director of Blackville Community Development Corporation, President of Barnwell County Arts Council, Chairperson of Barnwell 19 School Board of Trustees, Blackville, SC  
**Dr. Teresa L. Pope**, Superintendent, Barnwell#19 School District, Blackville-Hilda Public Schools, Blackville, SC  
**Ms. Jetezeya Dennis**, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Carolina, Barnwell, SC  
**Ms. Brenda C. Hughes**, Guidance Counselor, Macedonia Elementary School, Blackville, SC  
**Miss Raven Woods**, Blackville City Youth Council President, Blackville-Hilda High School Student, Blackville, SC

10:30 am BREAK

## Session III. Rural Economic Development, Housing, Transportation

10:45 am This session focuses on creating a plan to stimulate the retention, expansion and attraction of businesses/economic development to the community.  
**Moderator: Dr. David E. Rivers**, MUSC, Charleston, SC  
**Ms. Vernita F. Dore**, State Director, US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Columbia, SC  
**Mr. Larry Knightner**, South Carolina Field Office Director, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Columbia, SC  
**Mr. Dalton Tresvant**, Midlands Area Director, Office of Congressman James E. Clyburn, Columbia, SC  
**Mr. Danny R. Black**, President and CEO, Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance, Barnwell, SC  
**Ms. Lisa Firmender**, Executive Director, Generations Unlimited, Barnwell, SC

## Session IV. Health Disparities/Health Issues

12 pm This session focuses on health disparities, especially the combined effects of diabetes, hypertension and obesity known as the metabolic syndrome.  
**Moderator: Dr. Sabra C. Slaughter**, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, MUSC, Charleston, SC  
**Ms. Sally Blake**, Nurse Practitioner, Blackville Medical Center, Blackville, SC

**Dr. Marvella E. Ford**, Associate Director of Cancer Disparities Program, Associate Professor of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics, and Epidemiology, MUSC, Charleston, SC  
**Dr. Daniel T. Lackland**, Professor of Epidemiology, Department of Neurosciences and Department of Medicine, MUSC, Charleston, SC  
**Ms. Jeannette Jordan**, Owner, J&J Health Consultants, Goose Creek, SC

## Session V. Wrap-Up and Evaluation

1 pm **Ms. Latecia M. Abraham**, Program Coordinator, PICO, MUSC, Charleston, SC

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## Session VI. Information Fair

*Representatives of federal, state and local agencies will be invited to bring resources and information and set up an information "booth" (partial listing below).*

**Axis-1 Center of Barnwell**  
**Barnwell County Arts Council**  
**Blackville Community Development Corporation**  
**Blackville Downtown Development Council**  
**Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Carolina**  
**Denmark Technical College**  
**Garden Club**  
**Generations Unlimited**  
**God's Acre Healing Springs**  
**Hands on Health-SC**  
**Lower Savannah Council of Governments**  
**Mennonite Community**  
**Voorhees College**

Progress requires informed and active leaders. The purpose of this Institute is to reinforce this principle and to emphasize the unique relationship between environmental protection, human health, environmental justice and economic development as an essential part of community development.

**Sponsored by:** Medical University of South Carolina, SE VIEW - DOD, South Carolina State University, US Department of Energy, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Town of Blackville and Lower Savannah Council of Governments

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