



May 2-3, 2010
Atlanta, Georgia

STENNIS CENTER

The Stennis Center for Public Service is a federal, legislative branch agency created by Congress in 1988 to promote and strengthen public service leadership in America. It is headquartered in Starkville, Mississippi, adjacent to Mississippi State University. Programs of the Stennis Center are funded through an endowment plus private contributions from foundations and corporations. The Stennis Center's mandate is to attract young people to careers in public service, to provide training for leaders in or likely to be in public service, and to offer training and development opportunities for senior congressional staff, Members of Congress, and other public service leaders. Products of the Stennis Center include conferences, seminars, special projects, and leadership development programs.

OVERVIEW

Southern Women in Public Service: Coming Together to Make a Difference conference brings together women from different backgrounds—Democrats and Republicans, stay-at-home mothers and business executives, community leaders, political novices and veterans—to promote women in public service leadership in the South. The goal is to improve the quality and character of government by tapping the talents of women currently serving in leadership positions and by opening doors for others interested in making a difference through public service. The conference was founded in 1991 under the leadership of Lindy Boggs, former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, who also served 17 years as a member of Congress from Louisiana.

HOST SITES

Arlington, VA - 2000

Asheville, NC - 1998

Atlanta, GA - 1993, 1995, 1999, 2004, 2010

Birmingham, AL - 1996

Charleston, SC - 2002

Jackson, MS - 1991

Lexington, KY - 1997

Little Rock, AR - 2003

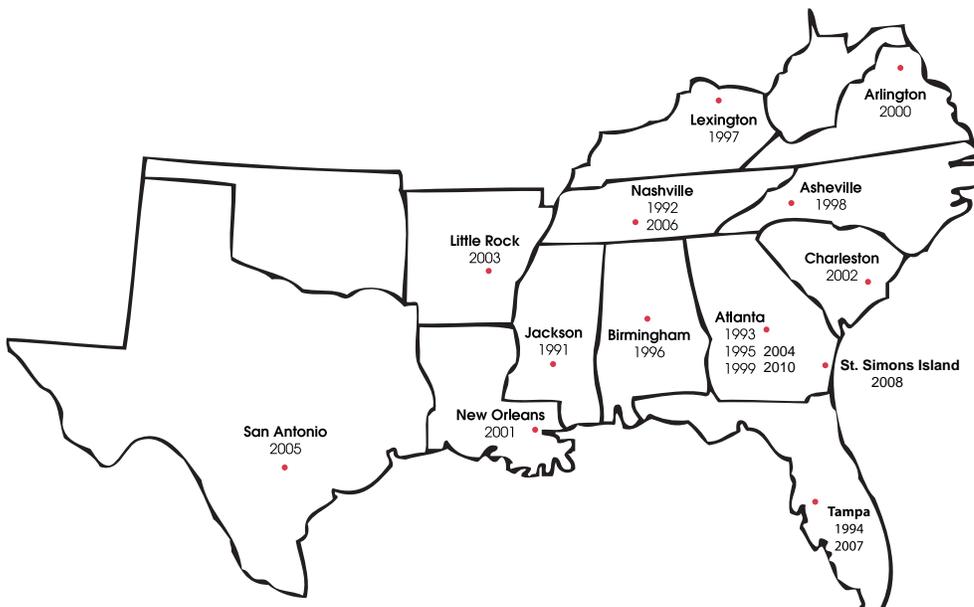
Nashville, TN - 1992, 2006

New Orleans, LA - 2001

San Antonio, TX - 2005

St. Simons Island, GA - 2008

Tampa, FL - 1994, 2007



FORMER SPEAKERS

First Ladies

Laura Bush, Rosalynn Carter, Hillary Rodham Clinton

Presidential Cabinet Members

Elaine L. Chao, Alexis Herman, Lynn Martin, Kay Coles James, Condoleezza Rice, Janet Reno

U.S. Senators

Elizabeth Dole (R-NC), Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Blanche Lincoln (D-AR)

U.S. Representatives

Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Corrine Brown (D-FL), Eva Clayton (D-NC), Geraldine Ferraro (D-NY), Tillie Fowler (R-FL), Kay Granger (R-TX), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Marilyn Lloyd (D-TN), Denise Majette (D-GA), Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (D-PA), Cynthia McKinney (D-GA), Sue Myrick (R-NC), Anne Northup (R-KY), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Karen Thurman (D-FL)

Governors

Kathleen Blanco, LA; Martha Layne Collins, KY; Madeleine M. Kunin, VT; Ann Richards, TX

Authors and Journalists

Maureen Bunyan, *President, MCB Communications, Inc.*; Dorothy Cantor, *Women in Power: The Secrets of Leadership*; Carole Leland, *Women of Influence*, *Women of Vision*; Cokie Roberts, *ABC News Correspondent*; Deborah Tannen, *You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation*; Carolyn Warner, *A Treasury of Women's Quotes*

Statewide Elected Officials

Lucy Baxley, *AL Lt. Gov.*; Beth Chapman, *State Auditor, AL*; Cathy Cox, *GA Secy. of State*; Jimmie Lou Fisher, *AR State Treas.*; Evelyn Gandy, *MS Lt. Gov.*; Heidi Heitkamp, *ND Atty. General*; Betty Ireland, *WV Secy. of State*; Crit Luallen, *Auditor of Public Accounts, KY*; Sandy Mortham, *FL Secy. of State*; Sharon Priest, *AR Secy. of State*; Linda Schrenko, *GA State Supt. of Schools*; Inez Tenenbaum, *SC Supt. of Education*; Mary Sue Terry, *VA Atty. General*; Amy Tuck, *MS Lt. Gov.*; Harriett Woods, *MO Lt. Gov.*

Judges

Marilyn Aboussie, *Chief Justice TX 3rd Court of Appeals*; Rosemary Barkett, *11th Circuit*; Martha Craig Daughtrey, *6th Circuit*; Mary Libby Payne, *MS Court of Appeals*; Lenore Prather, *MS Supreme Court Chief Justice*; Peggy Quince, *FL Supreme Court*; Andree Layton Roaf, *AR Court of Appeals*; Jean Toal, *SC Supreme Court Chief Justice*

Others

Unita Blackwell, *Civil Rights Pioneer*; Torie Clarke, *Former Chief Spokeswoman, Pentagon*; Johnetta Cole, *President of Spelman College*; Myrlie Evers-Williams, *Chair Emeritus, NAACP*; Anita Perez Ferguson, *President, National Women's Political Caucus*; Geraldine Ferraro, *U.S. Vice Presidential Candidate*; Shirley Franklin, *Mayor of Atlanta, GA*; Tipper Gore, *wife of Vice President*; Laura Liswood, *Women's Leadership Project*; Marie Wilson, *President, The White House Project*



LINDY BOGGS AWARD

The Lindy Boggs Award was established May 2, 1995, at the fifth annual **Southern Women in Public Service** conference in Atlanta. The award recognizes a woman from the South who has demonstrated the ideals of patriotism, courage, integrity, and leadership through public service that have characterized the life and career of Lindy Boggs.

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- 2008 - Jimmie Lou Fisher, State Treasurer, AR
- 2007 - Carrie Meek, U.S. Congresswoman, FL
- 2006 - Dolly Parton, Founder, Imagination Library
- 2005 - Lady Bird Johnson, First Lady
- 2004 - Dr. Condoleezza Rice, U.S. Secy. of State
- 2003 - Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney General
- 2002 - Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator, TX
- 2001 - Rosalynn Carter, First Lady
- 2000 - Martha Layne Collins, Governor, KY
- 1999 - Myrlie Evers-Williams, Chair Emeritus, NAACP
- 1998 - Evelyn Gandy, Lt. Governor, MS
- 1997 - Elizabeth Dole, U.S. Senator, NC
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