



**The National Council for Research on Women  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Conference 2007**

**Critical Challenges, Real Solutions: How Women Can Change Our  
World**

**Thursday May 31, 2007– Saturday June 2, 2007  
Spelman College  
Atlanta, Georgia**

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~ THURSDAY, May 31st ~  
2:00 p.m.  
REGISTRATION

~ THURSDAY, May 31st ~  
3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
WELCOME

Johnnella Butler, Provost, Spelman College

**INTRODUCTION**

Linda Basch, President, National Council for Research on Women  
Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Founding Director of the Women's Research and Resource Center, and  
the  
Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women's Studies, Spelman College

~ THURSDAY, May 31st ~  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
PLENARY

***Gearing up for 2008: Acting on Women's Agendas***

*Women leaders and activists will discuss the difference women's leadership can make in furthering progressive agendas. Panelists will highlight key challenges in electing the "right" candidates and developing a full range of support bases.*

**Panelists:**

- Jehmu Greene, Political Consultant and Former President of Rock the Vote
- Terri McCullough, Chief of Staff, Office of Representative Nancy Pelosi
- Gael Murphy, Executive Committee, CODEPINK
- Ritu Sharma, Co Founder & President, Women's Edge Coalition
- Marie Wilson, President, The White House Project\*

~ THURSDAY, May 31st ~  
6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
RECEPTION

~ THURSDAY, May 31st ~  
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
DINNER

Entertainment: Pearl Cleage, Spelman College

≈ FRIDAY, June 1st ≈  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
PLENARY

***What Matters to Women: Turning Research into Action***

*Building on policy priorities identified in the Council's 2006 pre-election poll, panelists will look more deeply at the issues identified, like healthcare, violence and security – and explore critical issues that were missing, for example, tax policy and immigration. How can women leaders, activists, and scholars deepen our understanding of these issues, move them front and center to national agendas, and make them a significant focus of political platforms and campaigns?*

**Panelists:**

- Linda Burnham, Executive Director, Women of Color Resource Center
- Stephanie Davis, Policy Advisor on Women's Issues, City of Atlanta
- Bonnie Thornton Dill, Founding Director, Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity, University of Maryland\*
- Meizhu Lui, Executive Director, United for a Fair Economy
- Linda Basch, President, National Council for Research on Women (Moderator)

≈ FRIDAY, June 1st ≈  
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Small Group Discussions: Further exploration of issues and insights emerging from the opening Plenary**

**Introduction: The View from Washington**

Eleanor Smeal, President, Feminist Majority Foundation\*

**Addressing Women's Priorities at the State Level**

Discussion Leader:

Representative "Able" Mable Thomas, House District 55, Georgia

**Getting out the Vote**

Discussion Leader:

-Jehmu Greene, Political Consultant and Former President, Rock the Vote

**Working Across Research and Policy Divides**

Discussion Leader:

-Eleanor Smeal, President, Feminist Majority Foundation\*

**Lessons from the Michigan and California Ballot Initiatives**

Discussion Leader:

-Sue Kaufmann, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor\*

**Immigration as a National Policy Issue**

Discussion Leader:

-Dina Refki, Center for Women in Government and Civil Society, SUNY Albany\*

**Addressing Critical Health Disparities**

Discussion Leader:

-Stacie Geller, Director, Center for Research on Women and Gender, National Center of Excellence in Women's Health, University of Illinois at Chicago\*

≈ FRIDAY, June 1st ≈

12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**NETWORKING LUNCHEON**

**Dessert Panel: Student Activism and Leadership at Spelman and Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

*Cynthia Spence, Director, UNCF/Mellon Programs*

*Associate Professor, Spelman College*

*Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Founding Director,*

*Women's Research and Resource Center, Spelman College\**

*Laura Rahman Filmmaker, Spelman College*

*Film Screening: "A Journey Shared"*

≈ FRIDAY, June 1st ≈

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**The Interface of Research and Action**

**Concurrent Sessions**

**Corporate Women Leading Social Change**

-Pinney L. Allen, Partner, Alston and Bird, LLP

-Ilene H. Lang, President, Catalyst

-Annalisa Jenkins, VP, Full Development, Pharmaceutical Research Institute, Bristol Myers Squibb

-Elizabeth K. Blake, Senior VP, Advocacy, Gov't Affairs & General Counsel, Habitat for Humanity

-Jane Smith, LEADS, Spelman College (Moderator)

**Young Women as Voters and Activists**

-Jehmu Greene, Political Consultant and Former President of Rock the Vote

-Naisha Bradley, Women in Public Policy Program, Harvard University\*

-Moya Z. Bailey, PhD Candidate, Emory University

-Erin Vilardi, Program Manager, White House Project\* (Moderator)

**Women, Development, and Security**

-Aaronette White, Asst Professor, African American Studies, Women's Studies, Pennsylvania State University

-Chris Cuomo, Director, Institute for Women's Studies, University of Georgia

-Theresa Lund, Research Manager, Women in Public Policy Program, Harvard University\* (Moderator)

**Research and Grassroots Activism**

-Bonnie Bazata, Associate Director, Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, Saint Mary's College\* (Moderator)

-Pei Yao Chen, Research Analyst, Girls Incorporated\*

-Meizhu Lui, Executive Director, United for a Fair Economy

**Faith, Feminism, and Academe: A panel sponsored by the Sister Fund**

-Amy Caiazza, Politics, Religion, and Women's Public Vision, Institute for Women's Policy Research\*

-Daisy Khan, Executive Director, American Society for the Advancement of Muslims

-Katharine Henderson, Executive Vice President, Auburn Theological Seminary

-Kanyere Eaton, Executive Director /Lilyane Glamben, Deputy Director, Sister Fund

-Lynn Szwaja, Program Director for Theology, Henry Luce Foundation (Moderator)

**Violence Against Women as a Cultural and Legal Issue**

-Jean Douglas, Executive Director, Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence

-Lisa McClain, Program Director, Gender Studies Program, Boise State University\* (Moderator)

-Dina Refki, Center for Women in Government and Civil Society, SUNY Albany\*

**The Female Face of HIV/AIDS**

- Patricia Antoniello, Associate Professor & Coordinator, Women's Studies Program, Brooklyn College
- Dr. Carla Stokes, President, HOTGIRLS Inc.
- Dr. Hazel Dean, Director of Health Disparities, CDC's National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention

**Where is the Cutting Edge of Feminist Scholarship**

- Felicity Schaeffer-Grabiel, Assistant Professor, Feminist Studies, UC Santa Cruz
- Layli Phillips, Assistant Professor, Georgia State University
- Sandra Morgen, Professor, Women's Studies, Pennsylvania State University
- Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Founding Director of the Women's Research and Resource Center, Spelman College\* (Moderator)

**⌘ FRIDAY, June 1st ⌘**

**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**PLENARY**

***Women Leaders Speak Truth to Global Power***

*UN Officials, activists, and researchers will discuss the critical issues confronting women on the global landscape, the difference it makes to have women in positions of power, and the pivotal sites for women's organizing. Are there central galvanizing issues, or are issues and efforts more regionalized – even fragmented?*

**Panelists:**

- Patricia McFadden, Scholar and Activist, Cosby Chair in the Social Sciences, Spelman College\*
- Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Professor, Women's Studies, Syracuse University
- Rosina Wiltshire, UNDP Resident Representative/UN Coordinator, Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean
- M. Babati Kuumba, Associate Professor of Women's Studies/Associate Director of the Women's Research and Resource Center, Spelman College\* (Moderator)

**⌘ FRIDAY, June 1st ⌘**

**6:30 p.m. –8:30 p.m.**

**RECEPTION AND DINNER**

**The Milestone Project**

**Celebrating 25 Years, Honoring our Founders**

**The Women's Research and Resource Center**

**The National Council for Research on Women**

**⌘ FRIDAY, June 1st ⌘**

**8:30 p.m. – 10:00pm**

**ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING**

☞ **SATURDAY, June 2** ☞  
(NCRW MEMBER CENTERS' DAY)  
**8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**  
**“RESEARCH-ACTION” GROUP BREAKFAST MEETINGS**

**Economic Security and Justice**

**Women and Poverty**

**Discussion Group Leader:**

-Sandra Morgen, Professor, Women's Studies, Pennsylvania State University

**Women and Science**

**Advancement across employment sectors: academic, industry, and government**

**Discussion Group Leaders:**

-Veronica Arreola, CRWG, National Center of Excellence in Women's Health, University of Illinois at Chicago\*

-Dr. Olivia Scriven, Women's Research and Resource Center, Spelman College\*

**Women and Politics**

**Women Shaping Political Agendas and Actions**

**Discussion Group Leader:**

-Dina Refki, Center for Women in Government and Civil Society, SUNY Albany\*

**Women and Health**

**Shaping Women's Health Agendas**

**Discussion Group Leader:**

-Stacie Geller, Director, CRWG, National Center of Excellence in Women's Health, University of Illinois at Chicago\*

**Girls**

**Encouraging Feminist Leadership within Institutions**

**Discussion Group Leaders:**

-Pei Yao Chen, Research Analyst, Girls Incorporated\*

-Heather Johnston Nicholson, Director of Research, National Resource Center, Girls Incorporated

**Women in Higher Education**

**Networking to Sustain Diversity**

**Discussion Group Leaders:**

-Ines Hernandez-Avila, Director, Chicana-Latina Research Center, UC Davis\*

-Donna Shavlik, Principal, The Timberline Group

-Caryn McTighe Musil, Vice President, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Global Initiatives, AAC&U\*

**Human Security**

**Discussion Group Leader:**

-Linda Basch, President, National Council for Research on Women

☞ SATURDAY, June 2 ☞  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
**WORKSHOPS/DISCUSSIONS**  
*Media Training II*  
(choose one of five)

**A. Making Research Accessible: Writing for Magazines**

**Facilitator:**

-Katherine Spillar, Executive Editor, Ms. Magazine

**B. Op-Ed Master Class: Shaping Debate**

-Vivienne Heston-Demirel, Director of Communications, National Council for Research on Women

**C. Hands-On Filmmaking**

**Facilitators:**

-Ayoka Chenzira, Former Cosby Chair, Fine Arts, & Director of Digital Moving Salon, Spelman College\*

-Laura Rahman, Filmmaker, Spelman College

**D. Funding Feminist Research and Activism**

**Discussion Leader:**

-Deborah J. Richardson, CEO, Atlanta Women's Foundation

**E. Making It Pop: Translating Your Ideas for Trade**

**Facilitator:**

Deborah Siegel, Author/Consultant, Fellow, Woodhull Institute

**Saturday, June 2, 12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**  
**LUNCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING – NCRW MEMBER CENTERS ONLY**

**Saturday, June 2, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**PLENARY**

***The Difference Difference Makes: Building and Sustaining Racial and Generational Diversity in Research Networks and Women's Studies***

**Panelists:**

-Peggy Antrobus, *Founding Member, DAWN*

-Johnnella Butler, *Provost, Spelman College\**

-Caryn McTighe Musil, *Vice President, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Global Initiatives, AAC&U\**

-Bridget Harris Tsemo, *Coordinator, NWSA Women of Color Leadership Project*

-Linda Basch, *President, National Council for Research on Women\* (Moderator)*

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