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The Gwendolyn S. and Colbert I. King Endowed Chair in Public Policy was established by government and business leader Gwendolyn S. King and her husband, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Colbert I. King. Established in 2008 with the Kings' \$1 million donation to Howard University, the chair is intended to encourage highly accomplished individuals to come to Howard and share their experiences with current students. The Kings, both Howard alumni, inaugurated the chair to reflect their years in public service and the media.

## **Holders of the Gwendolyn S. and Colbert I. King Chair**

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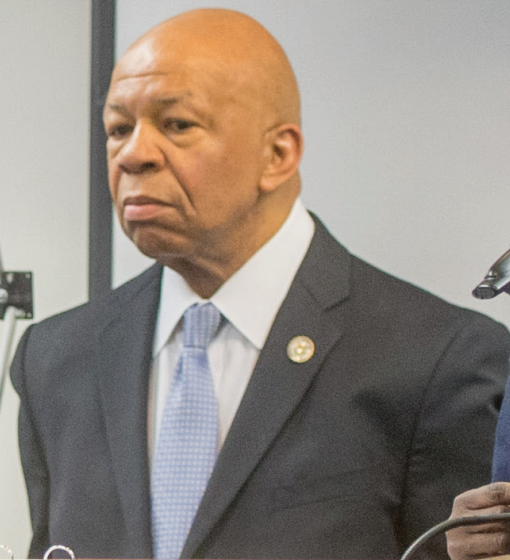
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# Gwendolyn S. King

## (B.A. '62)



Gwendolyn S. King is an American businesswoman who was born in East Orange, New Jersey. She graduated from Howard University in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in French and Education, and from 1972 to 1974 did graduate work at George Washington University. Mrs. King was a French, English and reading teacher from 1962 to 1971. She joined the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in 1971 as a management intern, and by the time she left that organization in 1976, she achieved the position of Senior Health Desk Officer. From 1976 to 1978, she was Director, Division of Consumer Complaints, for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1978, she became Senior Legislative Assistant to Sen. John Heinz of Pennsylvania. From 1979 to 1986, she worked as Director of then- Pennsylvania Governor Dick Thornburgh's Washington, D.C., office. From 1986 to 1988, she served in the White House as Deputy Assistant to President Reagan, and Director for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. In 1988, she joined Gogol & Associates, Inc., as its Executive Vice President, a position she held until 1989 when she was appointed Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. She resigned as Commissioner in 1992 to take a Senior Vice President position with the Philadelphia Electric Company. She then served as the Director of the Monsanto Company, Marsh & McLennan Companies and Lockheed Martin Corporation. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for both Lockheed Martin Corporation and Monsanto Company. She is married to Colbert I. King, and they have three children: Robert, Stephen and Allison.



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# Colbert I. King

## (B.A. '61)



Colbert I. “Colby” King is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for The Washington Post who specializes in urban and national affairs. He was born in Washington, D.C., and is a newspaper columnist. Mr. King earned his Bachelor of Arts in Government from Howard University in 1961. Before joining the Post’s Editorial Board in 1990, he worked for the State Department, serving at the U.S. Embassy in Bonn, Germany; in the U.S. Senate, where he helped draft home-rule legislation for the District of Columbia; and at the World Bank, where he was U.S. Executive Director. He was appointed Deputy Editorial Page Editor of The Post in 2000, and served in that capacity until 2007. Mr. King was a regular panelist on the public-affairs program “Inside Washington” on ABC-TV and a regular commentator on WTOP Radio, where he was awarded the 2005 Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcasters Association’s award for outstanding editorial commentary. In 2003, he won the Pulitzer Prize in commentary “for his against-the-grain columns that speak to people in power with ferocity and wisdom.” He is married to Gwendolyn S. King, and they have three children: Robert, Stephen and Allison.















# Richard D. Parsons

## 2008-2011

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Richard D. “Dick” Parsons Esq., J.D., has been Interim Chief Executive of Los Angeles Clippers, Inc., since May 2014. He is a founder of R&R Venture Partners. He has served as a Senior Advisor of Providence Equity Partners LLC since his appointment in September 2009. He is also the Co-chief Operating Officer of TWE at American Television and Communications Corporation and AOL Time Warner.

He has also served on a panel of economic advisors who counseled President Barack Obama. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Hawaii and received a J.D. degree from Union University Albany Law School in New York. He served as the CEO of Dime Bank, CEO and Chairman of Time Warner and Chairman of Citigroup and developed a reputation for managing crises. He is married to Laura Ann Bush, and they have three adult children: Gregory, Leslie and Rebecca.

**Format of Lecture Series:** Richard Parsons entitled his series “Conversations on Leadership.” During these sessions, students and University affiliates had the opportunity to learn the theories of leadership, the skills and traits associated with great leaders and to develop a frame of reference for analyzing and evaluating the effectiveness of various leaders’ actions in different contexts.





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# Richard D. Parsons

## (King Chair 2008-2011)

**Theme:** King Chair Holder Richard Parsons' theme was "Conversations on Leadership." The eight-week lecture series featured some of the nation's top CEOs and executives who explored what it means to be a leader. The series took place from Feb. 9-April 13.



### **Richard D. Parsons**

*Chairman, Citibank*

**Date:** Feb. 9, 2011

**Topic:** Conversations on Leadership

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### **Ted Chin**

*Former Chairman and Chief Strategic Officer;*

*Ted Chin & Company, Inc.*

**Date:** Feb. 6, 2011

**Topic:** Conversations on Leadership

Ted Chin was a Vice President at Publicis, a French advertising and communications company, before founding his own company in 1974. Ted Chin & Co.'s clients were domestic and international companies, including Fortune 500 firms. After selling his company in 2007, he became Senior Advisor to several former client companies. More recently, he became an advisor to Teton Advisors, an affiliate of the investment firm Gabelli & Co.



**Ursula Burns**

*Chairman, Xerox*

**Date: February 23, 2011**

**Topic: Conversations on Leadership**

Ursula Burns joined Xerox Corporation in 1980 as a mechanical engineering summer intern and later assumed roles in Product Development and Planning. From 1992 through 2000, she led several business teams. In 2000, she was named Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategic Services, heading up manufacturing and supply chain operations. She then took on the broader role of leading Xerox's global research as well as Product Development, Marketing and Delivery departments. In April 2007, she was named President of Xerox Co., expanding her leadership to also include the company's IT organization, corporate strategy, human resources, corporate marketing and global accounts. She was named Chief Executive Officer in July 2009 and assumed her role of Chairman of the company on May 20, 2010. She has also served as a board member of the Rochester Business Alliance, American Express, Boston Scientific Corporation and the University of Rochester. She was appointed by President Barack Obama to help lead the White House national program on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and was named Vice Chair of the President's Export Council.



**Valerie B. Jarrett**

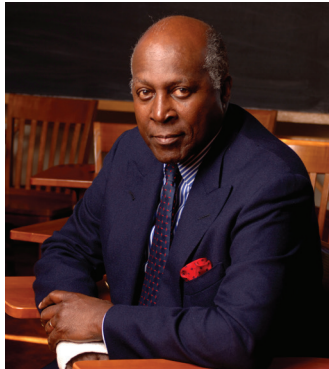
*Senior Advisor and Assistant to President Barack Obama for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement, White House*

**Date: March 3, 2011**

**Topic: Conversations on Leadership**

Valerie Jarrett served as co-chair of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team and Senior Advisor to President Obama's presidential campaign. Prior to joining the Obama administration, she was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Habitat Company, a real estate development firm. She served for eight years in Chicago government as Deputy Corporation Counsel for Finance and Development, Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Richard M. Daley and Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development. Before her city government service, she practiced law with two private firms.





**Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Esq. (J.D. '60)**

*Senior Managing Director, Lazard Freres & Co., LLC*

**Date: March 9, 2011**

**Topic: Conversations on Leadership**

Vernon Jordan is a member of the Howard University Board of Trustees and an annual participant in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Speakers Series in Cramton Auditorium. Prior to joining Lazard Freres & Co., LLC, he was a senior executive partner with the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP, where he remains Senior Counsel. Jordan has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League, Inc.; Executive Director of the United Negro College Fund, Inc.; and Director of the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council. His corporate and other directorships include American Express Company, Ashbury Automotive Group, Inc., Lazard Ltd; Xerox Corporation and International Advisory Board of Barrick Gold.



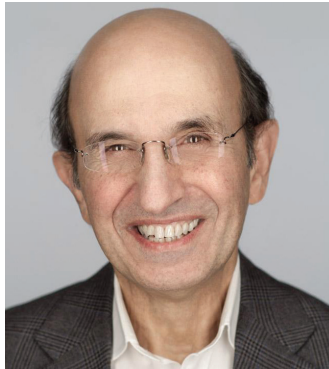
**Kenneth Chenault**

*Chairman, American Express*

**Date: March 23, 2011**

**Topic: Conversations on Leadership**

Kenneth Chenault is one of the first African Americans to become Chief Executive Officer of a Fortune 500 firm. He rose through the ranks of American Express, a \$19 billion company, at a time when employee diversity was a negligible concern. He was appointed Chief Operating Officer in 1997 and CEO in 2001. Before American Express, he was a management consultant with Bain & Co. and an attorney with Rogers & Wells. He serves on the boards of several other corporate and nonprofit organizations, including IBM, the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health and the National Center on Addiction & Substance Abuse at Columbia University.



**Joel Klein**

*Former Chancellor, New York City Schools*

**Date: March 30, 2011**

**Topic: Conversations on Leadership**

As former Chancellor of New York City schools, Joel Klein was responsible for 1,600 schools with 1.1 million students, 136,000 employees and a \$21 billion operating budget. He was formerly Chairman and CEO of Bertelsmann, Inc., and Chief U.S. Liaison Officer to Bertelsmann AG, an international media company. He has been Assistant Attorney General in charge of the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, Acting Assistant Attorney General and the Antitrust Division's principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, as well as Deputy Counsel to President Bill Clinton. He has served as the Chairman of the Board of the Green Door, a pioneer community-based treatment program for mentally ill residents of the District of Columbia, and as Treasurer of the World Federation for Mental Health. He has also served on the board of several non-profit organizations, including the National Symphony Orchestra Association



**Lonnie G. Bunch**

*Historian, Author, Curator and Educator,  
Smithsonian National Museum*

**Date: April 6, 2011**

**Topic: Conversations on Leadership**

Lonnie Bunch is the founding director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. He was previously President of the Chicago Historical Society, where he led the museum through a reorganization and capital campaign. He has spent nearly 30 years in the museum field, and is one of the nation's leading figures in the cultural/historical community. He has held several positions at the Smithsonian. As the National Museum of American History's Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs, he oversaw the curatorial and collections management staff of nearly 200, in addition to leading the curatorial team that developed the major permanent exhibition "American Presidency: A Glorious Burden." He was an Education Specialist at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, where he developed multi-cultural instructional programs and researched and wrote the history of African Americans in aviation.







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# Elaine R. Jones (B.A. '65)

## 2012-2013

Elaine R. Jones was born in Norfolk, Virginia. She graduated with honors from Howard University in Political Science and joined the Peace Corps, becoming one of the first African Americans to serve in Turkey. She then became the first African-American woman to enroll and subsequently graduate in 1970 from University of Virginia School of Law. She then joined the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF). In 1975, she was named Special Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, William T. Coleman, Jr. In 1977, she returned to LDF, where she originated the position of Legislative Advocate. In that capacity she earned a reputation as a skillful negotiator and an ardent voice for those shut out of the economic, political and social mainstream. She holds 13 honorary degrees and the Jefferson Medal of Freedom, the highest honor awarded by the University of Virginia, which does not award honorary degrees. She is a prominent civil rights attorney and activists.

Format of Lecture Series: The 2012-2013 series was entitled "Civic Equality in the 21st Century: the Political Process, Education, Economic Power and Individual Rights." These pre- and post-election discussions addressed voter suppression initiatives and the minority vote. The spring seminars also addressed the prison system, education, individual rights and coalition building.



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# Elaine R. Jones (B.A. '65)

## (King Chair 2012-2013)

**Theme:** The 2012-2013 series was titled “Civic Equality in the 21st Century: the Political Process, Education, Economic Power and Individual Rights.”



**Barbara R. Arnwine**

*President and Executive Director of The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*

**Date:** Oct. 24, 2012

**Topic:** State Restrictions on the Right to Vote and the Struggles to Ensure an Inclusive Electorate.

Since 1989, Barbara Arnwine has been internationally renowned for civil, human and women's rights activism. She continues to champion civil rights issues nationally and internationally in the area of housing, fair lending, community development, employment, voting education and environmental justice. In addition, she is also involved in critical matters such as immigrant rights, judicial diversity and sentencing and healthcare disparities. Her awards include the National Bar Association's Gertrude E. Rush Award in 2011 and the Washington, D.C., Freedom Sisters Award in 2009. In 2011, she received the prestigious Gruber International Justice Prize, and in 2008 she was selected as a Rockwood Institute Leadership Fellow.

**Marian Wright Edelman**

*Founder & President, Children's Defense Fund*

**Date:** Nov. 14, 2012

**Topic:** Civic Equality in the 21st Century: the Political Process, Education, Economic Power and Individual Rights



Under Marian Wright Edelman's leadership, the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) has become the nation's strongest voice for children and families. The Children's Defense Fund Leave No Child Behind mission is: "To ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities." A graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, she began her career in the mid-'60s, when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People's Campaign that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., began organizing before his death. She founded the Washington Research



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Project, a public interest law firm and the parent body of the Children's Defense Fund. For two years, she served as the Director of the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University, and in 1973, began CDF. She was on the Board of Trustees of Spelman College, serving as Chair from 1976 to 1987, and was the first woman elected by Yale alumni to the Yale University Corporation, on which she served from 1971 to 1977. She has received more than 100 honorary degrees and many awards, including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, and a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship. In 2000, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



**Rev. Janet Wol**

*National Program Coordinator & Director of Nonviolent Organizing, Children's Defense Fund*

**Date: Nov. 14, 2012**

**Topic: Civic Equality in the 21st Century: the Political Process, Education, Economic Power and Individual Rights**

Rev. Janet Wolf is the Director of the Children's Defense Fund Haley Farm and Nonviolent Organizing. She previously served as Faculty Chair and Professor at American Baptist College in Nashville, a historically Black college and home to many national civil rights leaders. Rev. Wolf served as pastor of rural and urban United Methodist Church congregations for 12 years. As Director of Public Policy and Community Outreach with Religious Leaders for a More Just and Compassionate Drug Policy, she worked with a national interfaith coalition on harm reduction, alternatives to incarceration and restorative justice. She is the author of "To See and To Be Seen," a chapter in *I Was in Prison: United Methodist Perspectives on Prison Ministry*. For 12 years, she also served as a community organizer around poverty rights. She graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School.



**Jalaya Liles Dunn**

*Director of Youth Leadership & Development, Children's Defense Fund*

**Date: April 17, 2013**

**Topic: Don't Go it Alone: Engaging and Organizing Communities for Social Change.**

Jalaya Dunn is the Director of Youth Leadership and Development for the Children's Defense Fund (CDF). As the Director of the Youth Leadership & Development program, she is responsible for helping to train and prepare the next generation of leaders and child advocates. Her work experience has been in education and community development, where she designs programs and curriculums for children, youth and adults. She is a graduate of Spelman College and also has a master's degree from the University of North Carolina. She has served as a CDF Freedom School student and college intern, an Ella Baker Trainer and a CDF staff member in Bennettsville, S.C., her hometown.









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# James L. Hudson

## 2013-2014

James L. Hudson serves as Chairman of the JAH Development Company. He has been Vice Chairman at The National Capital Revitalization Corp. since June 2004. He was Senior Partner at Hudson, Leftwich & Davenport, where he served as Special Legislative Counsel for Detroit, New Orleans, Oakland and Kansas City. He provided legal and executive department support on criminal and economic development plans. In addition, he served as Principal City Liaison with the U.S. Congress and the U.S. departments of Housing and Urban Development, Labor and Transportation from 1970 to 1982. He served as a Director of The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He was a Research Fellow at the Urban Institute where he researched housing management and ownership and evaluated housing systems. He practiced law, specializing in all aspects of municipal government while a member of the firm Rhyne & Rhyne. He served on the District of Columbia Tax Revision Commission, as Chairman of Delta Bluff and is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College and a Juris Doctor from Boston University School of Law.

Format of lecture series: James L. Hudson led a monthly lecture series of interrelated programs that focused on the global accomplishment and the political impact of the recession. The event was kicked off on Thursday, Sept. 26, by Richard McCormack, Ph.D., a Senior Advisor to the Center for Strategic and International Studies and former Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs.



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# James L. Hudson

## (King Chair 2012-2013)

**Theme:** James L. Hudson held monthly lecture series, September through April, on interrelated programs that focused on the global accomplishment and political impact of the recession.



### **Richard McCormack**

*Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic & International Studies*

**Date:** Sept. 26, 2013

**Topic:** Monetary and Fiscal Policy in the Economic Crisis: The View From the United States

Richard McCormack, a former Executive Vice Chairman of Bank of America, first joined the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in May 2004 as a Senior Advisor. He was recruited by Merrill Lynch two years later after testifying before the Senate Banking Committee, warning about the potential dangers inherent in credit derivatives, the developing U.S. housing bubble, massive trade deficits and other vulnerabilities in the U.S. and global economies. Three years later, Ambassador McCormack was promoted to Executive Vice Chairman of Bank of America, which merged with Merrill Lynch. He received his Ph.D. magna cum laude from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland and his B.A. from Georgetown University.



### **Dr. Erik Berglof**

*Chief Economist and Special Adviser, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development*

**Date:** Oct. 10, 2013

**Topic:** The Continuing Impact of the 2007 Financial Crisis in Europe and the Eurozone

Erik Berglof is the Chief Economist and Special Adviser to the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). He is a widely published and internationally respected specialist in the field of transition economics, as well as financial contracting, corporate governance, financial development and European Union (EU) reform. As an expert on policy-related issues in transition economies, he has regularly provided advice to national governments and international institutions, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). He was the founder and President of the Centre



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for Economic and Financial Research (CEFIR) in Moscow. Currently, he is Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., Board Member and Research Fellow of the European Corporate Governance Institute, Board Member of the New Economic School in Moscow, Board Member of the Institute for New Economic Thinking in New York and Trustee of the Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation. In 2013 he was awarded the Leontief Medal “for contributions to economic reform.”



**Peter M. Rouse**

*Counselor to President Barack H. Obama, White House*

**Date: Nov. 14, 2013**

**Topic: Presidential Decision Making**

Peter Rouse is an American political consultant who served as interim White House Chief of Staff to President Barack Obama. He has spent years on Capitol Hill and became known as the ‘101st senator’ during his tenure as Chief of Staff to Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle. When Sen. Daschle lost his seat in 2004, Rouse was persuaded to stay in Congress as Chief of Staff to then-freshman Sen. Barack Obama. He followed President Obama to the White House as a Senior Advisor in 2008, and became Interim Chief of Staff there for several months, following the departure of Rahm Emanuel in October 2010, and subsequent appointment of William M. Daley the following January. He remained with the White House until late 2013 as Counselor to the President.



**Dr. Piotr Karasinski, Ph.D.**

*Senior Advisor, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development*

**Date: Dec. 2, 2013**

**Topic: From Physics to Finance**

Dr. Piotr Karasinski is a pioneering quantitative analyst, best known for the Black– Karasinski short rate model, which he co-developed with the late Fischer Black. His contributions to quantitative finance include models for interest rates, equity and hybrid products and random volatility. He is currently Senior Advisor at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He is on the editorial board of the journal *Quantitative Finance*. Previously, he held a number of positions at leading firms in New York and London, including: Managing Director at HSBC, Director and Head Derivatives Research at Citibank, MD at Chemical Bank, Director at Deutsche Bank and Vice President at Goldman Sachs. He studied physics at Warsaw University (MSc 1978) and earned his Ph.D. at Yale University (1984).





**The Honorable Ian Solomon**

*Vice President, Global Engagement Date: Jan. 16, 2014*

**Topic: Keeping Up with the Future: The Innovation Imperative for Global Institutions**

Ian Solomon joined the University of Chicago in June 2013 as the Vice President for Global Engagement. In this role, he supports a growing number of international programs and partnerships, overseas centers and campuses, research collaborations and global education opportunities. He came to Chicago from the World Bank Group, where he served as U.S. Executive Director from 2010 to 2013. Prior to that, he worked as Senior Advisor to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, and also served as Legislative Counsel to Sen. Barack Obama. He was previously Associate Dean at Yale Law School, where he also earned his J.D. He is originally from New York City, and earned his A.B. magna cum laude from Harvard University. He has traveled extensively in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America, and has also lived in South Africa. He is the recipient of numerous awards and designations, and in 2012 was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.



**Wanda Felton**

*Vice President, Export-Import Bank of U.S.*

**Date: April 17, 2014**

**Topic: America Export Competitiveness: Why it Matters**

Wanda Felton serves as a First Vice President and Vice Chairman at Export- Import Bank of the United States. She has served as Managing Director at Helix Associates Ltd. (a division of Jefferies Inc.) since November 2006. She works closely with North Americanbased general partners and investors in the placing of Helix's products. She focuses on developing Helix's North American activities from Jefferies' headquarters. She has more than 13 years of experience in private equity fundraising in the U.S. offices of Credit Suisse and Hamilton Lane, among others. She founded Map Capital Advisors, an advisor to private equity firms, and was formerly a director based in New York for the fund placement team of Credit Suisse. She was also a Managing Director at Hamilton Lane, an alternative investment consultant. Previously, she was a Vice President of Investor Relations at Alex. Brown & Sons Inc., and began her career as an Associate at Citicorp. She received an MBA from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania.





**Ambassador William E. Kennard**

*Former U.S. Ambassador, European Union*

**Date: April 24, 2014**

**Topic: A New Vision for a New Transatlantic Partnership**

William E. “Bill” Kennard, J.D., has been a Senior Advisor to Grain Capital since October 2013. He focuses on investment opportunities in the telecommunications sector, including global opportunities. Since November 2013, he has been a Co-Founder and Chairman of Velocitas Partners LLC. He served as the U.S. Ambassador to the European Union from November 2009 to August 2013. He made reinvigorating the U.S. - EU economic relationship and eliminating regulatory barriers his top priorities and worked actively to promote transatlantic trade and investment and to eliminate regulatory barriers to commerce. He is a former Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. He has received honorary degrees from Howard University, Gallaudet University and Long Island University. Ambassador Kennard graduated with a B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, from Stanford University and received his law degree and J.D. from Yale Law School.





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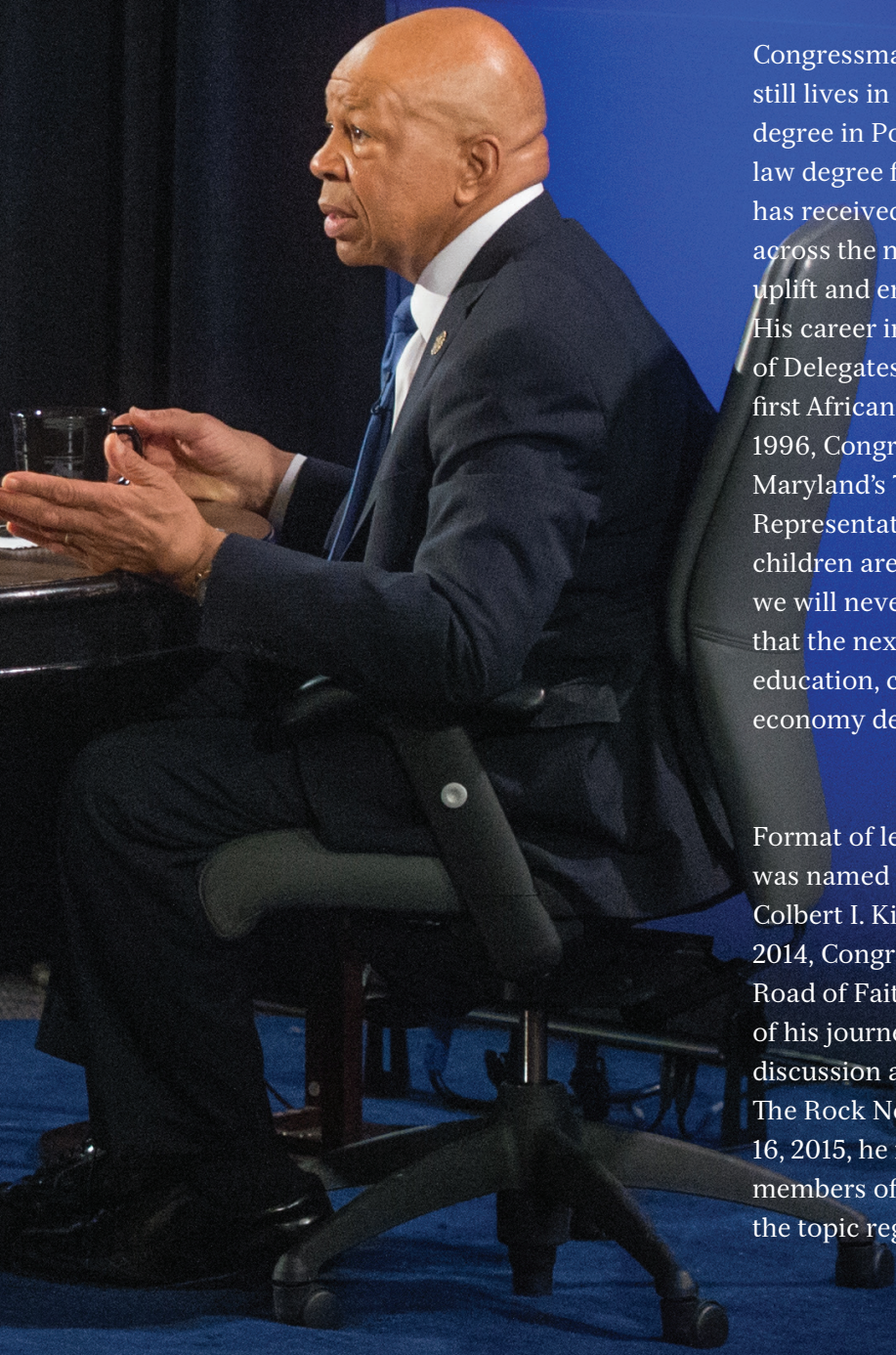
# Congressman Elijah E. Cummings

(B.A. '73)  
2014-2016



Congressman Elijah E. Cummings was born, raised and still lives in Baltimore Maryland. He received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Howard University and a law degree from University of Maryland School of Law. He has received 11 honorary doctoral degrees from universities across the nation. He has dedicated his life to service to uplift and empower the people he is sworn to represent. His career in public service began in the Maryland House of Delegates where he served for 14 years and became the first African American to be named Speaker Pro-Tem. Since 1996, Congressman Cummings has proudly represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Cummings often says, "Our children are the living messages that we send to a future we will never see." In that vein, he is committed to ensuring that the next generation has access to quality healthcare and education, clean air and water and a strong economy defined by fiscal responsibility.

Format of lecture series: Congressman Elijah E. Cummings was named as the fourth holder of the Gwendolyn S. and Colbert I. King Endowed Chair in Public Policy. On Nov. 24, 2014, Congressman Cummings presented "The Empowering Road of Faith and Education," an autobiographical account of his journey. As part of the event, he was also joined in discussion and Q&A session led by Rock Newman, host of The Rock Newman Show on WHUT-TV. On Thursday, April 16, 2015, he moderated two panels on "Protest to Policy" with members of Congress and individuals who are engaged with the topic regularly as activists or academics.

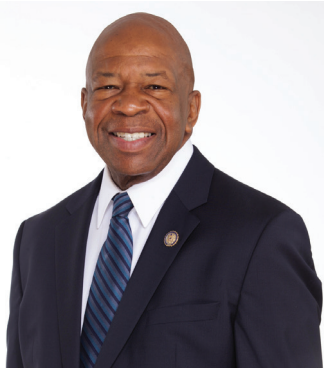




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# Congressman Elijah E. Cummings

## (King Chair 2014-2016)



### Lecture I: The Empowering Road of Faith and Education

Date: Nov. 24, 2014

**Event:** Congressman Cummings' first event as King chair was an autobiographical account of his journey. He sat down with host Rock Newman of The Rock Newman Show, featured on WHUT-TV, and discussed the topic of "Empowering Road of Faith and Education." Congressman Cummings noted, "You don't have a right not to be the best that you can be, because so many people have paid the price." Congressman Cummings encouraged all participants to "seize the moment" and to "go out there and get blessed, so that you can be a blessing."

### Lecture II: From Protest to Policy: Bipartisan Criminal Justice Reform

Date: April 16, 2015

#### Panel I: Members of Congress



**Sen. Rand Paul, M.D.** (R-Kentucky) - Sen. Rand Paul, M.D., is one of the nation's leading advocates for liberty. Elected to the U.S. Senate in 2010, Sen. Paul has proven to be an outspoken champion for constitutional liberties and fiscal responsibility. As a fierce advocate against government overreach, Sen. Paul has fought to return government to its limited, constitutional scope. The senator owned his own ophthalmology practice and performed eye surgery for 18 years. As a hard-working and dedicated physician—not a career politician—he came to Washington to shake things up and to make a difference. Sen. Paul has a "desire to diagnose problems and provide practical solutions whether it be in Bowling Green, Kentucky, or Washington D.C."

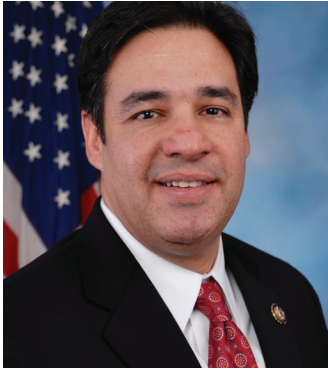


**Sen. Cory Booker** (D-New Jersey) - Sen. Cory Booker is connected to the people he serves and the challenges they face every day. Since being elected to the U.S. Senate in October 2013, Sen. Booker has been innovative, persistent and put partisanship aside, bringing people together to get things done for New Jersey. Sen. Booker has focused on creating new jobs, improving economic opportunity for all New Jerseyans, speeding the pace of Hurricane Sandy recovery and addressing the economic squeeze facing middle class families.





**Delegate Stacey Plaskett** (D-Virgin Islands) - Delegate Stacey Plaskett represents the at-large district of the U.S. Virgin Islands in the U. S. House of Representatives. She is an African-Caribbean attorney who has practiced law in New York, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands. She is best known for her understanding of economic development and public-private partnerships for growing the economy of developing areas. She is an active community advocate and political leader in the Virgin Islands.



**Congressman Raúl R. Labrador** (R-Idaho) - Representative Raúl Rafael Labrador was born in Carolina, Puerto Rico. He graduated from Brigham Young University and earned his law degree from the University of Washington. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010, upsetting favored candidates in the primary and general elections. In Congress, Congressman Labrador has stood for Idaho's values and for America's future. He has fought for tax reform, fiscal responsibility, regulatory restraint, increased domestic energy production, transparency in government and the protection of civil and religious liberties.

## Panel II: Academics and Activists



**Keri Blakinger**-Activist and Journalist, Ithaca Times - Keri Blakinger is a felon, journalist and activist. In 2010, she was arrested on drug charges while enrolled as a student at Cornell University. After being sentenced to 2.5 years of incarceration, she was released in 2012. She graduated from Cornell in 2014. She was hired as a staff member by the Ithaca Times that same year and has since been published in The Washington Post and Quartz. Her work as a regular contributor for Substance.com has been published by Salon, Business Insider and Alternet. Her writing focuses on prisons, activism and addiction in addition to local news. She now runs a writing program in the local county jail, is an active member of the Ithaca Prisoner Justice Network and speaks locally about prison reform.



**Vikrant P. Reddy**-Senior Research Fellow, Charles Koch Institute - Vikrant P. Reddy is a Senior Research Fellow at the Charles Koch Institute. He previously served as a Senior Policy Analyst in the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, where he helped to found the national Right On Crime Initiative in 2010. He has also worked as a Research Assistant at The Cato Institute, as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Gina M. Benavides of the Thirteenth Court of Appeals of Texas, and as an Attorney in private practice. Reddy graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. in Plan II Honors, Economics and History, and he earned his law degree at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and is an appointee to the Texas State Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.





**Lisa Crooms, Esq.** - Associate Dean and Professor, Howard University School of Law - Professor Lisa Crooms serves as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Howard University School of Law. She also teaches Constitutional Law, Gender and the Law, International Human Rights Law and Supreme Court Jurisprudence. She is an expert on Constitutional, Gender, and International Human Rights Law. She is a Fulbright Scholar, having researched the relationship between gender, violence and law in the construction of Jamaican post-independence national identity. In her most significant article, “The Future of the United States Commission on Civil Rights,” she argues for the expansion of the Commission to include Human Rights. Associate Dean Crooms has also participated in a distinguished panel testifying before the Congressional Black Caucus on Race in America.



**Elsie Scott, Ph.D.** - Director, Ronald Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center - Dr. Elsie Scott is the Founding Director of the Ronald E. Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center. She has made the Center a resource for leadership development, public policy research and analysis about African- Americans’ contributions to U.S. national and foreign policy and the role of African Americans in U.S. presidential and congressional politics. Between 2006 and 2012, she served as President and Chief Executive of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Previously, she served as the organization’s Vice President for Research and Programs. She organized the foundation’s annual legislative conferences, which attract more than 10,000 attendees each year. In addition, she successfully launched several foundation initiatives that sought to strengthen the influence of African Americans in public policy development.



**Anthony Driver** - 2014-2015 Director of Political & External Affairs, Howard University Student Association  
Anthony Driver is a senior at Howard University, majoring in political science and minoring in history. He hails from the Southside of Chicago, where he hopes to return and begin a life of public service post-graduation. At just 21 years old, he has a plethora of experience in the fields of politics and community organizing. In the summer of 2014, he was selected as the first intern for the Chicago Mayor’s Office of Public Engagement. There, he was tasked with working directly with constituents and ensuring that the wants and needs of all Chicagoans were heard at the highest level of municipal government. At the local level, he has worked as an educational policy expert for the largest charter school network in Illinois, allowing him to help fix inequities between public and charter schools. Whether dealing with constituents in his hometown of Chicago or serving students from across the country, he maintains that his one and only goal is to better himself and the condition of his people.



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## Lecture I: A Conversation with Baltimore State's Attorney

Date: November 23, 2015



### **Marilyn J. Mosby, ESQ**

*State's Attorney for the Baltimore City*

Mosby served as Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City from 2005 to 2012. She became a litigator for Liberty Mutual Insurance in 2012. Mosby was sworn in to office on January 8, 2015. Soon after her first term in office had begun, Mosby announced restructuring of her office that was inspired by ideas from prosecutors' offices in New York, Los Angeles, and Atlanta. Deputy State's Attorney Janice Bledsoe was named to oversee the new division of "criminal intelligence. Mosby reestablished community liaison positions, which her predecessor had eliminated, to inform residents of developments in cases relevant to their neighborhood. Mosby also created the Policy and Legislative Affairs Unit, headed by Lisa Smith that would advocate for legislation to help keep residents safe and prosecute cases efficiently.

## Lecture II: Getting Yours and Giving Back: The Road to Entrepreneurial Success

Date: April 6, 2016



### **Alfred Liggins**

*Chief Executive Officer, Radio One, Inc.*

Mr. Alfred C. Liggins III founded Radio One Inc., and has been its President and Treasurer since 1989 and also serves as its Chief Executive Officer since 1997. Mr. Liggins served as President of TV One at Radio One Inc. He is responsible for the overall management and operating performance of Interactive One, including new business ventures, identifying acquisitions, managing an integrated business plan and attracting key talent. Mr. Liggins served as Acting Chief Operating Officer of Radio One Inc. since June 30, 2006. He joined Radio One in 1985 as an Account Manager at WOL-AM. Since 1987, he served as General Sales Manager and since 1988 General Manager of Radio One's Washington D.C. operations. He served as a Sales Executive of Light Records since 1984. Mr. Liggins serves as Chairman and Director of TV One LLC. He serves as Vice Chairman of The Apollo Theater Foundation, Inc. He serves as Director of The Apollo Theater Foundation, Inc. He has been a Director of Radio One Inc. since 1989. He served as Director of Ibiqity Digital Corporation. He is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business /Executive MBA Program from Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania in May 1995. Mr. Liggins Attended at University of California in Los Angeles and University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C.





**Gloria Mayfield Banks, Ph.D. (BA'78)**

*Speaker, Author, and Elite Executive National Sales Director*

A native of Detroit, Gloria Mayfield Banks began her professional career as a sales representative for IBM, later joining Stratus Technologies as a manufacturing marketing manager. A graduate of Howard University and Harvard Business School, she went on to become assistant director for admissions at HBS, where she traveled nationally and internationally to recruit students. Banks began to sell Mary Kay products. Within a year she set the company sales record; within a few more years, her business had grown to over \$24 million in retail sales with a sales group of over 6,000 consultants. Over her career with Mary Kay, Inc., Banks has broken company sales records, including largest personal team, largest unit, and largest national unit, while earning several cars, numerous trips, and jewelry. Her performance ranks as #3 in the United States and #1 for an African American.



**Laurence C. Morse, Ph.D (BA' 73)**

*Co-Founder/Managing Partner, Fairview Capital,  
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Dr. Laurence C. Morse, Ph.D. is Co-Founder and Managing Partner at Fairview Capital Partners Inc. Dr. Morse served as Principal of TSG Capital Group. He has been a Director of Webster Financial Corp. since January 2004. He serves as a Director of Webster Bank, N.A. He has been a Trustee of Harris Associates Investment Trust - Oakmark International Small Cap Fund since October 15, 2013. He serves as a Trustee of Institute Of International Education, Inc. He serves as a Director of Webster Business Credit Corporation. Mr. Morse is a member of the Board of Trustees of Harris Associates Investment Trust, a member of the Board of Trustees of Princeton University, and is a director of Princeton University Investment Company. He was chairman of the National Association of Investment Companies. Mr. Morse's entire career has been spent in the investment management field, including as the co-founder and Managing Partner of an investment management firm, which provides the Board with extensive knowledge of the capital markets and accounting issues. His experience has made him adept at performing rigorous risk assessments of managers and management teams, and assessing new technologies, products and services, business strategies, markets and industries. Mr. Morse received a B.A. in economics summa cum laude from Howard University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from Princeton University.















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