

New Strategies *for* Southern Progress

Chapel Hill, N.C.

February 24-25, 2005

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005

6:30-7:30 pm **Welcoming Reception** (Chancellors Ballroom)

7:30-9:00 pm Introduction to Opening Keynote Conversation

- John Podesta, President and CEO, Center for American Progress

Opening Keynote Conversation

Moderator: Hodding Carter III, President and CEO, Knight Foundation; former Editor and Publisher, Delta Democrat Times, Greenville, MS (MS)

- Howard Lee, Chair of the North Carolina State Board of Education; former Mayor, Chapel Hill, NC; former North Carolina State Senator (NC)
- David Pryor, Dean of the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service, Little Rock, AR; former Governor and Senator of Arkansas (AR)
- William Winter, former Governor of Mississippi (MS)
- *Invited:* Elaine Jones, Director-Counsel Emeritus, NAACP Legal Fund (VA)

Friday, Feb. 25, 2005

8:00-8:30 am Breakfast (Hill Ballroom)

8:30-8:50 am **Welcome**

- John Podesta, President and CEO, Center for American Progress (DC)
- Ferrel Guillory, Director of the Program on Southern Politics, Media, and Public Life at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (NC)

8:50-9:00 am Break

9:00-10:30 am Introduction to “Mind of the South”

- Andy Brack, President, Center for a Better South (SC)

Mind of the South: Understanding Public Attitudes

Moderator: David Beattie, Hamilton Beattie & Staff (FL)

- Dr. Susan Howell, Director, Survey Research Center, University of New Orleans (LA)
- Ruy Teixeira, Joint Fellow, Center for American Progress and The Century Foundation (DC)

- Pope “Mac” McCorkle, Principal, McCorkle Policy Consulting (NC)
- Dave “Mudcat” Saunders, Rural Political Consultant; Partner, Rural Renaissance (VA)

10:30-10:45 am **Remarks by Governor Mike Easley (NC)**, introduced by Ferrel Guillory

10:45-12:15 pm **Rethinking Tax Policy**

Moderator: Cassandra Butts, Senior Vice President and Coordinator for Economic Policy, Center for American Progress (NC)

- Iris Lav, Deputy Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (DC)
- Robert Ebel, Senior Fellow, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center (DC)
- Tom Ross, Executive Director, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation; Chairman, Commission on Modernizing State Finances (NC)
- Robert “Sid” McAnnally, Partner, Harris, Caddell & Shanks (AL)
- Frank Shafroth, Professor, George Mason University; Columnist, State Tax Notes; Director of Inter-Governmental Relations for Arlington County (VA)

12:15-12:50 pm Lunch

12:50-2:00 pm Introduction to “Keynote: Perspectives on Governance”

- Alys Campaigne, Senior Vice President for External Affairs, Center for American Progress (MD)

Keynote: Perspectives on Governance

- State Senator Sam Zamarripa (GA)
- Congressman Kendrick B. Meek (FL)

2:00-2:15 pm Break

2:15-3:45 pm **Rethinking the Role of the Faith Community**

Moderator: Melody Barnes, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress (VA)

- Congressman David Price (NC)
- Rev. James Evans, Auburn First Baptist Church, and Columnist for the Birmingham Post-Herald (AL)

- Rev. Dr. Daphne Wiggins, Assistant Pastor of Union Baptist Church, Author of *Righteous Content: Black Women's Perspectives of Church and Faith*; formerly Assistant Professor of Congregational Studies, Duke Divinity School, Assistant Professor of Religion, Texas Christian University (NC)
- Rev. Maria Teresa Palmer, founding pastor of Iglesia Unida De Cristo (United Church of Christ); Member, North Carolina Board of Education; Principal, David D. Jones Elementary School (NC)

3:45-4:00 pm Break

4:00-5:30 pm **The Changing Face of the South: Rethinking Culture, Community, and Politics**

Moderator: John Simpkins, Associate Director, The Richard Riley Institute, Furman University (SC)

- Larry Griffin, Professor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (NC)
- Jim Clinton, Executive Director, Southern Growth Policies Board (NC)
- State Representative Joyce Elliott (AR)
- Mayor Raul Martinez (Hialeah, FL)

5:30-5:45 pm Break

5:45-6:30 pm **Closing Remarks**

6:30-7:30 pm **Reception** (Old Well Room)

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005

9:00 am **Building a Better South: Center for a Better South Organizational Meeting**
(Alumni Room)

Throughout the conference, participants are encouraged to engage in informal conversations over ways of overcoming old barriers and advancing the quality of life for everyone in the region. On the morning after the official proceedings, former Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes and Andy Brack, president of the Center for a Better South, will host a discussion on the formation of the Center and invite attendees to join them.