

2008

Fall Forums in Georgia

Working Title for Fall Forums: Georgia Deliberations: What Policy Decisions Today Can Get Us To A Better Tomorrow?

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Jill Severn, Head of Access and Outreach, Richard B. Russell Library, University of Georgia, proposed that we seek a working title for the forums in Georgia during the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Debates in the Fall. Here is her posting to planners, March 18th:



What's in a Name?

Hi all,

Could we come up with an overarching title for our fall forums in Atlanta, Athens, Tifton, and Albany sites that expresses the encompassing statewide extent of the project--something like "Georgia Speaks" or "Georgia Voices: Public Issues Forums," or my favorite, "Georgia Matters: State-wide Dialogues on Key Issues"? I also think presenting these forums as a group endeavor will get more media attention across the state than individual efforts and will reduce duplication of effort. Of course, collaborative efforts to market the events certainly doesn't preclude each cosponsor from marketing their events to specifically. All I'm really asking is that at least we develop a sexier, more descriptive title and that we all agree to use the title in

our publicity materials and that we list other sponsors in all materials. Also, I will be happy to arrange for all of the forums to have a foothold on our Web site with directions, relevant logistical info for each site, an overarching calendar for the events, and a comprehensive listing of participants and relevant links. I appreciate your candid thoughts.

Thanks, Jill

Dr. Jay Hakes, Director of the Carter Library and Museum, encouraged us to work toward an encompassing title that would reflect a commitment to our future, to our children and grandchildren.



At this time we are working with the title for all Forums in the State-Georgia Deliberations: What policy decisions today can get us to a better tomorrow?

This remains a working title, but we all agreed that in our forums we almost always hear people who are concerned about what our legacy for future generations will be.

Disclaimer: This newsletter is put together to inform planners of the Fall Forums in Georgia of events and activities past, present, and future related to these endeavors. I take full responsibility for the contents. If there are errors, please notify me, and I'll include corrections in the next issue.

Margaret Holt

Kettering Foundation, President **David Mathews** (left), speaking with U.S. Representative, **Tim Murphy** (PA), following a "Coming to Judgment" Session on Paying for Healthcare at George Washington U, Media Center, March 6, 2008.



Dates for National Issues Forums, September and October

Individuals at all of our sites for forums near the dates of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Debates continue to plan the calendar.

In addition to the **May 10th** date for an introduction to the Paying for Healthcare Issue at the Carter Library (see article below), the dates for the forum on this issue and the Energy issue at the Carter Library have been established.



September 17th will be the date for the Paying for Healthcare Forum, and **October 1st**

the Forum on Energy will occur. There will also be a forum at the Carter Library on **October 8th**. The forum topic will be announced in the near future.

As forums are established in the Athens, Tifton, and Albany areas, Jill Severn at the Richard B. Russell Library will post the dates and times at the Library's website.

Meeting to Plans Forums in the Tifton/Albany area Held

UGA Russell Library's **Sheryl Vogt, Jill Severn** and NIF moderator, **Margaret Holt**, traveled to the Agrirama in Tifton, Georgia on March 14 to meet with individuals for planning fall forums in Tifton and Albany. These are the folks who participated with us in the meeting:

***Kelly Ann Frizzell** (UGA

student, journalist, friend of Susan Guo)

Christine Tibbetts, Tibetts Communication

Eunice Mixon, Community Leader

Syd Blackmar, Community Leader

Lorenzo Williams, Plight Inc.

Keith Rucker, Tift County

Extension Agent

Sean Utley, Director Tifton Campus Moultrie Technical School and representing **Albany State University**:

Dr. Veronica Adams-Cooper and

Dr. Babafemi Elufiende

(See photos on page 3)

May 10, 2008, Paying for Health Care National Issues Forum Introduced at the Carter Library

A program to introduce the National Issues Forum on Paying For Health Care will be held from 10-noon, at the Jimmy Carter Library Museum and Library on Saturday, May 10th.

The issue in brief can be downloaded at the National Issues Forum website,

www.nifi.org

This program is free and open to the public. For more information contact Margaret Holt at agkefalas@charter.net or **Tony Clark** at tony.clark@nara.gov

This date is also the opening of a new exhibit "AView

UGA Students and Faculty who have indicated their willingness to serve as moderators and touchpoints for some of the forums in the Fall include:

Dr. Sharon Gibson

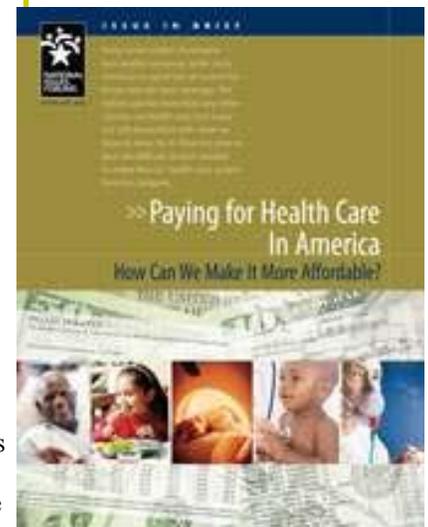
Ms. Kristen Tullos

Mr. Kevin Chang

Ms. Susan Guo

Ms. Jill Severn

Dr. Margaret Holt





Coming to Judgment

Margaret Holt and **Jill Severn** attended a two-day program at the Georgia Washington Media Center in Washington DC, March 5 and 6, “an event on the importance of public thinking about two critical issues facing our country: the Energy Problem and Paying for Health Care in America.” **Mr. Frank Sesno**, GWU Professor and CNN representative, served as moderator. Carter Library and Museum Director, **Dr. Jay Hakes** was part of the panel on the Energy Problem. This program was sponsored by the Kettering Foundation, National Issues Forum Institute, and Public Agenda Foundation.

On the afternoon of March 6th, Holt, Severn and Hakes, were all participants in a program at the National Archives on the topic “Presidential Libraries and National Issues Forums Initiatives” **Dr. Allen Weinstein**, Archivist of the United States offered his welcome and support for the programs we are all planning in the Fall. Margaret, **Taylor Willingham**, and **Michael D’Innocenzo** provided examples of what is happening at the Carter, Johnson, and Franklin Roosevelt Libraries. **Bob Daley** and **Diane Eisenberg**, Kettering Foundation associates, addressed, “the big picture,” “details”, “publicity”, and “partnerships.” **Sharon Fawcett**, Director of Presidential Libraries, provided the welcome and closing remarks.

George Washington University, Moderator, **Frank Sesno** (right) speaks with **Rep. Tim Murphy** (PA), March 6th following a session on Coming to Judgment concerning the National Issues Forum topic, Paying for Healthcare.



Agenda from the Meeting in Tifton, at the Agrirama on March 14th

Welcome and Introductions: Jill Severn

Introduction to the National Issues Forums: Jill Severn and Margaret Holt

Mini Forum: Making Ends Meet: How Can We Help Working Americans?

Lunch

Planning for Fall Forums:

Number of Forums

Choosing Topics in Addition to Paying for Healthcare

Dates

Locations

Publicity

Questions

Wrap– Up

Photos from the Agrirama Meeting in Tifton, Georgia

