Dr. Linda Renee Baker (Women’s History Month Kick Off Event)
Leadership and Public Service Lecture
Monday, February 23 @ 3:30 PM - SIU Student Center Ballroom

Dr. Baker joined the Institute in 2003 after stepping down as the director of Illinois’ largest state agency, the Department of Human Services, a post she held for three years. Her focus at the Institute is to expand access to high-quality health care in partnership with the SIU School of Medicine and helping minorities and people with disabilities realize their full potential.

Pizza and Politics with Illinois State Rep. Terri Bryant
Monday, March 16 @ 4:00 PM - Paul Simon Institute Lobby
Please RSVP by noon on March 16 to Carol Greenlee at 618-453-4078 or online at http://tinyurl.com/pizza-politics-terri-bryant

Republican Terri Bryant was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in November 2014, taking the seat held by U.S. Congressman Mike Bost. Rep. Bryant represents the 115th District which encompasses all or parts of the following counties: Jackson, Jefferson, Perry, Union, and Washington. Bryant retired from the Department of Corrections in 2014 after 20 years of service.

Texas State Sen. Wendy Davis
Monday, March 23 @ 6:00 PM - SIU Student Center Ballrooms

Wendy Davis is an attorney, author, former Texas state senator, former city councilperson and the 2014 Texas Democratic gubernatorial nominee. Her public service career as an elected official spans three decades. Wendy is widely recognized as a leader on women’s healthcare policy, and is best known for her historic 13 hour filibuster in the Texas Senate to kill a legislative effort that would have dramatically reduced women’s access to abortion care services in her state.