



**Cultural Arts: The Dollars and Sense of It
April 3, 2008 Lunch Program
103 West**

SPEAKER BIOS

Program Moderator

BETSY BAKER-President of the Arts Leadership League of Georgia

Betsy C. Baker has a broad range of management experience spanning over 35 years in business, arts programming, fund development and communications. She has in-depth involvement in civic, cultural and arts organizations, and service in various capacities as president, treasurer, secretary, founder and active volunteer in over 20 Atlanta non-profit boards.

In 2005-2006 she acted as the Interim Executive Director for the Southern Arts Federation, a nine state arts organization, while searching for a permanent head. She then took on the responsibility of a major project with the National Endowment for the Arts, which included the publication of a book in 2006 with Random House publishing.

Under Governor Roy Barnes she served as the Executive Director of Georgia Council for the Arts, acting as the state department head of the agency whose mission is to encourage excellence in the arts and to work to make the arts available to all Georgians.

At present Ms. Baker is the President of The Arts Leadership League of Georgia (ALL-GA), a statewide arts advocacy group for the cultural industry in Georgia. Ms. Baker has a B.S., with honors, from Northwestern University, and an M.ED. from Emory University. She is married to David S. Baker, an attorney, and has three children and five grandchildren.

Panelists

JIM CLINTON-Executive Director of the Southern Growth Policies Board

Jim Clinton serves as executive director of Southern Growth Policies Board. Jim previously was president of the Louisiana Partnership for Technology and Innovation and president of Gulf South Research Institute.

Jim serves on the boards of directors for the Southern Arts Federation and the National Policy Consensus Initiative. He serves on advisory boards for the Trans-Atlantic Technology and Training Alliance and the Institute for Rural Journalism and Policy Issues. In 2007, Alabama Governor Bob Riley appointed Jim as a Special Advisor to the Executive Council of the Rural Alabama Action Commission. The commission works with state and local officials to recruit industries, engage local development groups and work with a broad range of citizens on economic development efforts and other activities to improve the quality of life in rural areas.

Federal Communications Chairman Kevin Martin has also appointed Jim to serve a two-year term as a member of the FCC's Consumer Advisory Committee. The committee is a federal advisory committee, and is developing recommendations for the digital television transition.

Jim is a frequent keynote speaker at the regional and national levels on a wide variety of topics involving economic opportunity. He is also an experienced facilitator on public and institutional issues. At Southern Growth Policies Board, he has led the effort to involve more Southerners in meaningful conversations on the future of the South. Southern Growth's listening and information gathering process now attracts the participation and feedback of more than 4,000 Southerners annually

DOUG SHIPMAN-Executive Director for Civil and Human Rights Partnership

Doug Shipman is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights Partnership (CCHR). The CCHR Partnership is leading the effort to build a new \$125M Center in Atlanta to tell the stories of the Civil Rights Movement, discuss current Human Rights issues and display historical artifacts including the Martin Luther King Jr. Papers.

Doug was most recently a Principal in the Atlanta office of the Boston Consulting Group. Doug has an extensive educational background in issues of race, ethnicity and gender including undergraduate and graduate studies in topics including the relationship between economics and poverty, the history of American minority groups and religion as applied in social movements including the American Civil Rights movement, the Indian independence movement and the Buddhist environmental movement in Southeast Asia. He has also served as a facilitator for discussion groups exploring racial understanding in Richmond, VA and Cambridge, MA. Doug has an MPP (Master of Public Policy) from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University with an emphasis on domestic politics; an MTS (Master of Theological Studies) from the Harvard Divinity School with an emphasis on religion in public situations and politics and a bachelor's degree with High Honors from Emory University with majors in Economics and Political Science.

PAULA WALLACE-President of the Savannah College of Art and Design

Paula S. Wallace is the president and co-founder of the Savannah College of Art and Design, founded in 1978. Since becoming president in 2000, she has led the college in unprecedented growth, making it one of the largest art and design colleges in the United States, with nearly 9,000 students. Wallace has established three new campuses during her administration: SCAD-Lacoste, the college's overseas campus in France; SCAD-eLearning, the college's award-winning distance learning program; and SCAD-Atlanta, the college's fast-paced urban campus.

Thanks to the college's growth under Wallace, SCAD was recently named by Kaplan/*Newsweek* as one of America's "25 Hottest Colleges" and the "Hottest for Studying Art." *DesignIntelligence* magazine recently named SCAD interior design program the #1 graduate program in the nation, and they've named the SCAD industrial design program in the top five nationally. Last fall, Kaplan named SCAD one of the "25 schools with an eye toward the future," and *Forbes Small Business Magazine* named SCAD one of "America's Best Colleges for Entrepreneurs."

Before becoming president, Wallace served as the college's academic dean and provost. She has authored children's and interior design books, is an award-winning designer and pianist, and manages the college's permanent art collection. Her latest book, *A House in the South*, published in 2006 and already in its second printing, has been tremendously successful and has received glowing reviews from several national publications, including *Town & Country*. Wallace earned a B.A. degree from Furman University, M.Ed. and Ed.S. degrees from Georgia State University, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws from Gonzaga University. When not leading SCAD, Wallace spends her time with her husband and four children.