The Environmental Policy Institute’s Lecture Series was named in 2009 in honor of South Carolina State graduate, civil rights stalwart, and trusted aide of Congressman James E. Clyburn, Isaac W. Williams. “Ike” was a vigilant ambassador for his alma mater. His passion for providing opportunities for students, especially minorities, and creating policies that improve the quality of life for all people were unparalleled.

The Environmental Policy Institute (EPI), which is housed at the James E. Clyburn University Transportation Center, was established through a grant provided by the U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) in 2005. The EPI develops programs addressing economic development in South Carolina’s rural communities, and focuses on research, and activities addressing the transportation of nuclear sources. In addition, the EPI provides research, outreach, training, education and technical assistance through a series of made-for-television dialogue and community leader’s institutes.

Since the inception of the EPI, the Medical University of South Carolina’s Office of Public Information and Community Outreach, Department of Library Sciences and Informatics has partnered with South Carolina State University to develop and produce several EPI programs. The EPI supports the strategic mission and goals of the NNSA, enhances South Carolina State University’s program of applied research, policy analysis, and assists the NNSA in cultivating the next generation of national security science and technology leaders.

The EPI focuses on the following six (6) program components:

1. Research
2. Curriculum Development
3. Scholarships
4. Student Internships
5. Faculty/Staff Professional Development
6. Outreach
Conference Purpose

This conference seeks to initiate a statewide dialogue which leads to the development of a comprehensive, sustainable economic development plan for rural communities and wise stewardship of the South Carolina's land and water for future generations. By bringing together a diversity of key stakeholders, this dialogue will address how we can capitalize on South Carolina’s human and natural resources in order to improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Registration

There is limited capacity for this event. Pre-registration is required by April 25, 2012. To register for the conference visit the Environmental Policy Institute website at:

http://www.scsu.edu/forms/epi