



Teachers of Government

Eight teachers from South Carolina participated in the 11th Annual [Teachers of Government](#) program in Washington, DC this summer. It was a “hot” time to be in D.C. both literally (100 degree weather) and figuratively (remember the debt ceiling confrontation!). A full schedule of professional development activities provided teachers with new knowledge and resources to enrich their classrooms. Highlights of the week included a session on teaching civil rights using media at the [Newseum](#), learning about the vast resources available for educators at the [Library of Congress](#) and [National Archives](#), and meetings with Secretary Riley and several members of the South Carolina Congressional delegation including Representative Trey Gowdy and Senator Lindsay Graham. For more information, visit our [website](#).



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Emerging Public Leader Recognized as an Annual Literary Leader

Sarah Katherine DeVenny’s [Emerging Public Leaders](#) (EPL) project garnered her the 2011 South Carolina Annual Literacy leader (ALL) award on September 13, 2011 in Columbia. The project promoted community collaboration and sustainable reading support in the family literacy arena. ALL was established in 2007 as a part of the University of South Carolina’s effort to improve literacy across South Carolina. Sarah Katherine is the youngest to ever receive this award. For more information, [click here](#) and [here](#).



WhatWorksSCsm

Dr. Ravitch will discuss her latest book, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice are Undermining Education*. This event is free and open to the public. The book, a passionate plea to preserve and renew public education, offers a radical change of heart from one of America’s best known education experts. Drawing on more than forty years of research and experience, she critiques today’s most popular ideas for restructuring schools, including privatization, standardized testing, punitive accountability, the proliferation of charter schools, and the drive to use a “business model” approach to improve schools. [Click here](#) for more information.

First Annual Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSCsm Award for Excellence

October 26, 2011

Presented by The Riley Institute and South Carolina Future Minds in conjunction with the South Carolina Board of Education, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and BB&T.

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Riley Papers, South Carolina Political Collections, University of South Carolina Libraries

Make plans to attend the first annual Dick and Tunky Riley *WhatWorksSC* Award for Excellence presentation and reception! This event is free and open to the public. Candidates were selected from initiatives now in the Riley Institute’s [WhatWorksSC](#) clearinghouse. \$10,000 will be awarded to the winning initiative and a reception will follow.

[WhatWorksSC](#) is continually seeking information about exemplary education initiatives and welcomes ongoing [nominations](#) for consideration for the clearinghouse and succeeding years’ awards. Nominations for next year’s Dick and Tunky Riley *WhatWorksSC* Award for Excellence close on May 1, 2012.

[Click here](#) for more information! Questions? Contact courtenay.williams@furman.edu.

“It is easier to grow strong children than to repair broken men.”
 Frederick Douglass

Upcoming CEPL Events

- October 4, 7 p.m.** Diane Ravitch at Younts Conference Center, Furman University
- October 26, 4:30 p.m.** First Annual Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSC Award for Excellence at SC Archives and History Building, Columbia

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