

Part Three in a summer lecture series presented by  
The Riley Institute and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Furman



**SOUTH  
CAROLINAS**

**A Look at Disparities in Health**

**Tuesday, July 31, 2012**

Younts Conference Center

Furman University

Greenville, South Carolina



## Health stats

- South Carolina ranks 46th in the nation in the overall health of its citizens. (1)
- Two-thirds of adults in SC are overweight or obese, and that rate is rising. (2)
  - ▶ Obesity is linked to diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, cancer and arthritis. (2)
  - ▶ In SC, obesity-related health problems cost \$1.2 billion last year; they'll likely cost about \$5.3 billion in 2018. (2)
- About 19% of South Carolinians are uninsured, which includes 42% of Hispanics, 19% of blacks and 18% of whites. (3)
- Nearly 2/3 of the state's uninsured are employed. (3)
- \$1.3 billion in hospital costs went unpaid last year, contributing to higher costs for those who do pay for health care. (3)

1 SC Budget and Control Board

2 SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

3 SC Department of Insurance

## Program

- 6**     **Welcome**  
Don Gordon, *executive director, The Riley Institute at Furman*
- 6:05**   **Connections and Introductions**  
Mark Quinn, *director of public and member relations, Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina and former host of SCETV's Big Picture*
- 6:15**   **How Wealth Influences Well-Being:  
A Factor in Health Disparities**  
Lisa Waddell, *deputy commissioner for health services, SCDHEC*
- 6:40**   **Bridging the Health Care Gap**  
Roland Gardner, *CEO of Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services*
- 7:05**   Break and Refreshments
- 7:20**   **A Conversation with Dr. Waddell and Mr. Gardner**

## Who's Who

**Mark Quinn** is director of Public and Member Relations at The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina and has had a long career as a professional journalist in South Carolina. Quinn worked in television journalism for more than 16 years, 13 of which were spent in Columbia, South Carolina. For 11 years, he worked in various on-air capacities for one of the most successful NBC affiliates in the country, WIS-TV. In 2007 he began work with South Carolina Educational Television and is the former host of ETV and ETV Radio's weekly news and public affairs program, *The Big Picture* and *The Big Picture on the Radio*. Among the highlights of his tenure with SCETV was his on-site coverage of both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions of 2008 and the statewide gubernatorial, congressional, and constitutional officer debates in 2010.



**Don Gordon** has been the executive director of the Riley Institute at Furman since 1999. Prior to that, he served as chair of the Department of Political Science and director of Furman's award-winning study away programs in East and Southern Africa. Gordon's academic training is in African and Middle Eastern Politics, State and Local Government, Political Economy, and Methodology. His main academic focus is on the political economies of distressed areas. With his spouse April Gordon, professor of sociology, he is the author and editor of *Understanding Contemporary Africa* (now in its fourth edition), the nation's most frequently chosen text focused on contemporary Africa, and the principal text used by the US State Department in training political officers for Africa. Gordon is a graduate of the University of South Florida with masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Florida. A native of Tampa, he has been a resident of South Carolina since the early 70s. He resides in Rock Hill, Greenville, and Mt. Pleasant, and considers all of South Carolina to be home. While on leave from Furman, he has served as executive director and chief of staff of a congressional office (FL-5th) and counsel for the House Subcommittee on the City of the Banking and Urban Affairs Committee.



**Lisa Waddell** has served as deputy commissioner for Health Services for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) since 1999. Prior to becoming deputy commissioner, Waddell held several other leadership positions within DHEC and also served as deputy health director for the Richmond City Health Department in Richmond, Virginia.



In her current position, Waddell works with various local organizations and professionals on projects focused on addressing the local shortage of public health professionals, optimizing the opportunities presented with the Affordable Care Act, particularly around preventive and public health initiatives, and ensuring the provision of public health services in a time of stretched financial resources. She also plays an instrumental role in other statewide initiatives related to childhood obesity, decreasing infant mortality rates, reducing health disparities, addressing stroke systems of care, and cancer and tobacco prevention.

A preventive medicine and public health board-certified physician, Waddell received her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia, her medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia (currently known as Virginia Commonwealth University), and her master of public health degree with a concentration in health policy and administration from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health. She is also a graduate of the Centers for Disease Control's National Public Health Leadership Institute.

### **Roland Gardner**

As the CEO of Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc. for over thirty years, Roland Gardner is responsible to the Board of Directors for the overall operation of the corporation, including patient care, financial management, personnel management, facilities, long-range planning, public relations, and other matters of importance to the corporation. As a civil rights activist, Gardner has worked to play a significant role in influencing the hiring of and services to African Americans in the Beaufort community. He has served as board chair and president of the National Association of Community Health Centers



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(NACHC) and the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association, respectively. He currently serves as secretary of Community Health Centers/Community Health Advocates (CHAV), a nationally endorsed business development entity for NACHC based in Washington, D.C. He received his undergraduate degree from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro. He earned the master of science degree from Howard University and did additional studies in administration and management at the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill, the University of Alabama, and the Executive Development Program at Harvard University.

## Future Lectures and Discussions

### Aug. 7 **Two South Carolinas: Exploring Strategies for Change**

This roundtable discussion moderated by Mark Quinn includes the following state experts and leaders who have on-the-ground experience with the complexities of these intersecting issues:

Sue Berkowitz, director, Appleseed Legal Justice Center  
Renée Romberger, VP for Community Health Policy and Strategy,  
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System  
Montrio Belton, director, SC Office of School Transformation  
Lynn Bailey, consulting healthcare economist



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**The Riley Institute at Furman** is a non-partisan organization affiliated with the Department of Political Science at Furman. Named for former Governor of South Carolina and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, the institute engages students and citizens across South Carolina in the arenas of politics, public policy, and leadership.

Since its inauguration in 1999, the Riley Institute has developed a broad array of community leadership programs, symposia, and conferences designed to promote discussion and analysis of public policy issues. The institute also conducts research on education and other areas of public policy in South Carolina and nationally.

Through its promotion of engaged learning for students, leadership development, policy research, and conferences featuring internationally recognized speakers, the Riley Institute has established itself as an innovator in policy and public leadership. Learn more at [rileyinstitute.org](http://rileyinstitute.org).

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## Upcoming Riley Institute Events

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- Sept. 25**    **Jeffrey Brown, senior correspondent for *PBS Newshour*,**  
Younts Conference Center, Furman University
- Oct. 17**    **The annual Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSC**  
**Award for Excellence** given to an outstanding education  
initiative in South Carolina, held in Columbia, South Carolina
- Jan. 8**      **The annual Wilkins Legislative and Civic Awards Dinner**  
Columbia, South Carolina

## Events at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

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- Aug. 14**    **Registration begins for OLLI Fall Term**
- Sept. 17**    **Fall classes begin**
- Oct. 18**    **Dedication of the Herring Center for**  
**Continuing Education (4 p.m.)**