

RUTH J. SIMMONS
PRESIDENT *EMERITA*, BROWN UNIVERSITY

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

BROWN UNIVERSITY, President *Emerita* and
Professor of Comparative Literature and Africana Studies, 2012-2014

BROWN UNIVERSITY, President, July 2001 - 2012

SMITH COLLEGE. President, July 1995 - June 2001.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. Vice Provost, January 1992 - July 1995.

SPELMAN COLLEGE. Provost, January 1990 - December 1991.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. Associate Dean of the Faculty, 1986-1990; Assistant
Dean of the Faculty, 1986-87; Acting Director, Afro-American Studies, 1985-87; Director of
Studies, Butler College, 1983-85.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. Associate Dean of the Graduate
School, 1982-83; Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, 1979-82.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE. Acting Director of
International Programs and Visiting Associate Professor of Pan-African Studies, 1978-79;
Administrative Coordinator, NEH Liberal Studies Project, 1977-78.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS. Assistant Dean of the College of Liberal Arts
1975-76; Assistant Professor of French, 1973-76.

RADCLIFFE COLLEGE. Admissions Officer (part-time while a graduate student),
1970-72.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. Instructor in French (while enrolled as a
graduate student), 1968-69.

LANGUAGE SERVICES DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. Interpreter,
1968-69.

EDUCATION

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Ph.D.; A.M. | Harvard University | 1973; 1970 |
| | Romance Languages and Literatures | |
| | George Washington University | 1968-69 |
| | Université de Lyon | 1967-68 |
| B.A. | Dillard University | 1967 |

Wellesley College (visiting junior)
Universidad Internacional, Saltillo

1965-66
Summer, 1965

SELECTED ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

- Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics, June 2015
- Over Forty Honorary Degrees, including the following:
 - University of Oxford, 2015
 - Georgia Institute of Technology, 2013
 - Brown University, 2012
 - University of Oklahoma, 2012
 - Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, 2012
 - The American College of Greece, 2008
 - Morehouse College, 2006
 - Spelman College, 2007
 - University of Toronto, 2004
 - Jewish Theological Seminary,
 - Ewha Women's University, Korea, 2002
 - Harvard University, 2002
 - Columbia University, 2002
 - NYU, 2001
 - University of Pennsylvania, 2001
 - Dartmouth College, 1997
 - Princeton University, 1996
 - Dillard University, 1996
 - Howard University, 1996

AWARDS/HONORS

- Named a 'chevalier' in the French Legion of Honor. May, 2013
- Susan Colver Rosenberger Medal, Brown University, May 2011
- Keynote Speaker, United Nations General Assembly, Special Commemorative Meeting, March. 2011
- American Foreign Policy Association Medal, May 2010
- Ellis Island Medal of Honor, May 2010
- BET Honors Award, January 16, 2010
- A *Glamour* magazine Woman of the Year, 2007
- Named one of *U.S. News & World Report's* top U. S. leaders, 2007
- President's Medal, Emory University, 2006
- Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal, 2004
- Chairman's Award, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, 2004
- ROBIE Humanitarian Award, the Jackie Robinson Foundation, 2004

- Ms. Magazine Woman of the Year, 2002.
- Drum Major for Justice Award, SCLC/W.O.M.E.N. Inc., 2002
- Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal, 2002
- Named America's "best college president" by *Time* magazine, 2001
- President's Award, United Negro College Fund, March 2001.
- Teachers College Medal for Distinguished Service, Columbia University, 1999
- National Urban League Achievement Award, November 1998.
- Centennial Medal, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1997.
- Member, American Philosophical Society, 1997.
- A *Glamour* Magazine Woman of the Year, 1996.
- An NBC Nightly News Most Inspiring Woman, August 1996.
- A CBS Woman of the Year, January 1996.
- Fulbright Scholar, Université de Lyon, France, 1967-68.
- Danforth Fellow, 1967-73.
- Summa cum laude*, Dillard University, 1967.

MEMBERSHIPS IN HONORARY SOCIETIES

- chevalier*, French Legion of Honor
- Alfalfa Club, Washington, D.C.
- Council on Foreign Relations
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- American Philosophical Society
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Massachusetts Historical Society

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS / PAPERS

"America's Relationship with the World: How Can Languages Help?" *The French Review*, March 2004, pp. 682-689.

Foreword, *Meridians*: (Inaugural Issue), Autumn 2000.

"My Mother's Daughter: Lessons I Learned in Civility and Authenticity."
Texas Journal of Ideas, History and Culture, Fall/Winter 1998.

"Passion, Generosity, and the Academy." *Meridians*, Volume 3 Number 1, pp. 42-49.

"Recognizing Moments of Learning." In *True to Ourselves*, edited by Nancy Neuman,
Jossey-Bass Inc., 1998, pp.16-23.

Preface, *Professorial Passions*, Smith College, 1997.

Haiti, A Study of the Educational System and Guide to U.S. Placement, World Education
Series, AACRAO, 1985.

"Aime Cesaire: Colonialism and the Poetics of Authenticity." *College Language*

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Association Journal, 73 (March 1976), pp. 382-88.

"La Poesie de David Diop." *Presence Africaine*, N.S.F., 73 (3e trimestre, 1970), pp. 91-96.

SELECTED MEDIA FEATURES / INTERVIEWS

Today Show appearance with Meredith Vieira regarding *Newsweek's* special issue on Women and Leadership, September 19, 2006.

"Lessons We Have Learned", *Newsweek Magazine* interview on Women and Leadership, September 2006.

"Doing It Right Matters," as told to Glenn Rifkin in the Boss Column, *New York Times*, February 5, 2006.

"Peculiar Institutions: Brown University looks at the slave traders in its past," by Frances Fitzgerald, *The New Yorker*, September 12, 2005, pp. 68-77.

"Head of the Class," by Katy Vine, *Texas Monthly*, February 2003, pp. 60-63.

"The Helping Hand," by Wallace Terry, *Parade Magazine*, December 22, 2002, pp. 4-5.

The Right Words at the Right Time, edited by Marlo Thomas, Atria Press, 2002, pp. 314-316.

Talking Leadership: Conversations with Powerful Women, edited by Mary Hartman, Rutgers University Press, 1999, pp. 237-255.

Singular Voices: Conversations with Americans Who Make a Difference, Barbaralee Diamonstein, Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 1997, pp. 111-125.

PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS

Selected Invited Lectures/Keynotes:

- Princeton University Wilson College, 2015
- Stanford University School of Medicine, May 2015
- London School of Economics Public Affairs Institute, 2015
- DeLange Conference, Rice University, 2014
- World Economic Forum at Davos, 2012 and 2002
- Brookings Institution Taubman Forum, 2010
- Washington Ideas Forum, 2009
- California Conference on Women, 2009
- California Institute of Technology, 2009
- Economic Club of Washington. 2008
- University of Guadalajara, 2007
- Cambridge University, 2007
- Chatauqua Institution, 2006
- Columbia University, 2007

- Temple Emanu-el Nasher Forum, Dallas, 2005
- International Institute of Madrid, 2005
- Harvard University Phi Beta Kappa Oration, 2003
- Harvard Medical School, 2003
- University of Notre Dame Faculty Convocation, 2003
- White House Millennium Evening, 1999
- Joint Session, Massachusetts Legislature, 1998
- 92nd Street Y, 1997
- MIT Sloan School, 1997

Selected Commencement Addresses:

- DePauw, 2015
- LBJ School, University of Texas, 2015
- Smith College, 2014
- University of Oklahoma, 2012
- University of Rochester, 2012
- Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, 2012
- American College of Greece, 2008
- Morehouse College, 2006
- Miami Dade College, 2006
- University of Vermont, 2005
- University of Toronto, 2004
- Jewish Theological Seminary, 2004
- Tougaloo College, 2004
- University of Southern California, 2003.
- George Washington University, 2002
- Washington University in St. Louis, 2002.

SELECTED BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- Board of Directors, Square, Inc. 2015-
- Board of Trustees, Rice University, 2014-
- Board of Trustees, Princeton University, 2012-
- Board of Directors, Chrysler, LLC, 2012-2014
- Board of Directors, FCAU, 2014-
- Board of Directors, Mondelez International, 2012 –

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Council of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture,
2010 -

President's Commission on White House Fellowships
2009 – 2014

Board of Trustees, Howard University, 2007 – 2010

Board of Directors, Alliance for Lupus Research, 2002– 2004

Board of Directors, The Goldman Sachs Group, 2000 –2010

Advisory Council, Bill & Melinda Gates Millennium Scholars Program,
1999–2001

Board of Directors, Texas Instruments, 1999 - Present

Board of Trustees, Carnegie Corporation of New York, 1999–2004

Board of Directors, Pfizer Inc., 1997-2007

Advisory Council, Center for African American Studies, Princeton University
1996–

Board of Directors, JSTOR, 1996 –1999

Board of Directors, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 1995–2001

Board of Trustees, Institute for Advanced Study, 1995–1998

Board of Trustees, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
1991– 1996

Committee to Visit the Department of Afro-American Studies
Harvard University
1991–1999