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**Creating Community:
The Role of Religious
Beliefs and Traditions
in a Civil Society**

 THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009
1:00—7:00 PM
ILLINOIS & IOWA ROOMS
IOWA MEMORIAL UNION**

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Creating Community—Intersection of faith, politics and civil society



Jean Lloyd-Jones, legislator, feminist, and peace activist, was born on October 14, 1929. She attended the University of New Mexico from 1946 to 1949 and received a B.S. in English from Northwestern University in 1951. In 1951 she married Richard Lloyd-Jones from Mason City, Iowa, and moved with him to Iowa City when he joined the faculty of The University of Iowa Department of English. In 1971 she received an M.A. in history from The University of Iowa.



Jean Lloyd-Jones has been active in local and national civic and political organizations. She has twice held the position of president of the Iowa City United Nations Association. Lloyd-Jones served as president of the Iowa City League of Women Voters and was president of the Iowa League of Women Voters. She was appointed to the state planning committee of Iowa 2000, and served as program coordinator for Iowa 2000. Lloyd-Jones chaired the Iowa International Women's Year Meeting and was elected as a delegate to the National Women's Conference in Houston, Texas the same year. She was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Government Ethics. In the 1970s, Lloyd-Jones was very active in the effort to pass the Equal Rights Amendment.

Lloyd-Jones has filled paid positions in the state Democratic party, worked as party precinct committeeperson, and was on the staffs of various political campaigns. In 1976 Lloyd-Jones undertook her first (unsuccessful) campaign for State Legislature, and in 1978 she again ran, this time successfully. Lloyd-Jones served as State Representative from 1978 until 1989 and as a State Senator from 1989 until 1994.

In 1985 Lloyd-Jones accepted the post of president of the newly-formed Iowa Peace Institute, based in Grinnell, Iowa. She served in that capacity until 1991.

Agenda

1:00—1:40 PM **Keynote Address**
Jean Lloyd-Jones

Creating Community: The Role of Religious Beliefs and Traditions in a Civil Society

1:45—2:45 PM **Planner Panel—**
“Faith, Politics & Civil Society”

Members of the planning committee discuss the intersections of religion, politics and civil society

2:45—3:00 PM **Break**

3:00—3:55 PM **“Life as We Live It”**

Area religious leaders discuss projects that respond to civility and respect in a civil community

4:00—5:00 PM **Student Panel—**
“What is the Meaning of Civil Society”

Students of various religions talk about civility and respect as a student at the University of Iowa and living in the Iowa City community.

5:05—5:45 PM **Good Will Reception—**
Sam Becker—Guest Speaker

How has the atmosphere on campus evolved over time and how have the campus and community responded?

5:45—7:00 PM **Town/Gown**
Community Discussion

“What represents a Civil Society?”
Remember the “Respectful Communities” series of conversations? Tonight’s conversation will continue discussions of strategies for creating and maintaining a living, learning and working environment that will be inclusive, understanding and civil.

Project Goals:

- Create a dialogue about the intersections of faith, politics and a civil society.
- Evaluate the current status of civil society in our campus/community by bringing people together to discuss challenges, successes, share our collective experiences and identify opportunities to promote social justice, civic engagement and service.
- Strengthen partnerships as we discuss ways to celebrate what we do and create new and imaginative ways to advance the University and Iowa City as a model for a sustainable civil society.

We’re excited about this venture to explore the intersections of faith, politics and civil society from the view of faith organizations. We believe everyone has the right to feel safe both on our campus and in our community and everyone deserves to be treated fairly and respectfully. We invite the campus and community to join presenters in a dialogue to share perspectives, question assumptions and acknowledge the power of the tensions of faith and religion in building community.

