

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: David Gergen



Commentator, editor, teacher, public servant, best-selling author and adviser to U.S. Presidents for 30 years, David Gergen has been an active participant in American national life. He served as director of communications for President Reagan and held positions in the Nixon and Ford administrations. In 1993, he agreed to serve as counselor to President Clinton on both foreign policy and domestic affairs, then as special international adviser to the president and to Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

David Gergen currently serves as editor-at-large at *U.S. News & World Report*. He is host of *The World at Large* with David Gergen and appears as a regular analyst on ABC's *Nightline*. He is also a professor of public service at the John F. Kennedy School of Government and co-director of its Center for Public Leadership. This fall, he published a book, *Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership, Nixon to Clinton*.

Gergen, a native of Durham, North Carolina, is an honors graduate of Yale University (A.B., 1963) and the Harvard Law School (LL.B., 1967). He is a member of the D.C. Bar.

David Gergen has been married since 1967 to Anne Gergen of England. She is a family therapist, and they have two children, Christopher and Katherine. They live in McLean, Virginia and Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"It is not enough that we do our best; sometimes we have to do what is required."

– Winston Churchill

"The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew."

– Abraham Lincoln

HORIZONS MISSION:

To engage state legislators in a broader discussion of the social and economic issues facing our state in an effort to shape public policy that keeps Minnesota strong and prosperous.

HORIZONS HISTORY:

In the early 1970's, the Minnesota Legislature created the Horizons program - an issues conference or symposium - as a way to engage legislators in a broader, long-term discussion of critical issues facing our state. Horizons offers all 201 legislators a day to listen, learn, and reflect on the future of the state of Minnesota.

The focus of this year's program is leadership development. Blandin Foundation facilitators will share their expertise in this area and David Gergen, in his keynote address, will speak about the characteristics of successful leaders.



PROGRAM FACILITATORS:

Program design and facilitation provided by the Blandin Foundation

Since 1988, the Blandin Foundation has served more than 3,800 participants from 244 Minnesota communities in its nationally recognized Blandin Community Leadership Program (BCLP). The Foundation, which is focused on the economic viability of rural Minnesota communities, provides leadership development to cultivate a broad base of local leaders to work collaboratively to help build healthy communities.

The Foundation, founded in 1941, provides leadership development programs, provides grants, and brings research, people and organizations together to address problems and opportunities to strengthen rural Minnesota. At the end of 2001, the Foundation, reported combined net assets of \$377 million.

Today's facilitators are:

Bernadine Joselyn

Director of Public Policy and Engagement, spent nearly a decade working to promote economic and political transformation in Russia, including several years as a Foreign Service Officer at the American Embassy.

James F. Krile

Director of the Blandin Foundation Community Leadership Program since 1988. Former staff member in the Department of Rural Sociology at the University of Minnesota and director of the Community Development Institute, Center for the Study of Local Government at Saint John's University.

William P. Mease

Licensed psychologist and president of an international consulting firm, he is a senior design and training consultant for the Foundation.

Richard G. Savage

Private consultant and Foundation trainer, he specializes in individual and group performance and multicultural leadership.

Cindy J. Wilcox

Senior Foundation trainer with extensive domestic and international experience in community and economic development.

For information about the Blandin Foundation go to:

www.blandinfoundation.org



PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

- 12:30 p.m. Registration
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome by House Speaker Steve Sviggum and Senate Majority Leader John Hottinger
- 1:15 p.m. Opening Overview - Jim Krile, Director, Blandin Community Leadership Program
- 1:30 p.m. Who Are We?
Connecting with new and old colleagues
- 2:10 p.m. Introduction of David Gergen - Patrick Marx, Blandin Foundation
- 2:15 p.m. Keynote Address:
"Leadership: Making Good Decisions in Tough Times," David Gergen
- 2:50 p.m. Break
- 3:10 p.m. Question and Answer with David Gergen
- 3:30 p.m. So What?
How do Gergen's insights apply to us?
- 3:45 p.m. What's Next?
How can we use what we've learned?
- 4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks by Senate Minority Leader Dick Day and House Minority Leader Matt Entenza
- 5:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Reception follows with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages

A videostream of David Gergen's keynote address will be posted on the Legislature's website on the Horizons Conference page

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"The time is always right
to do what is right."
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

LEADERSHIP: Making Good Decisions in Tough Times



Wednesday, January 15, 2003
1:00-5:00 P.M.
followed by a reception

St. Paul Radisson Riverfront
11 East Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul, Minnesota