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Conference of Gender, Globalization and Governance To Address Issues Involving Women's Rights, Advocacy

AUSTIN – The opportunities and challenges for the modern women's rights movement when adapting to rapid globalization will be focus of the Conference on Gender, Globalization and Governance hosted by the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs on April 12-13 at the University of Texas at Austin.

The conference will feature Ambassador Arvonne S. Fraser, former U.S. Representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; Dr. Irene Tinker, co-founder of the International Center for Research on Women; and Texas' own Frances Tarlton "Sissy" Farenthold, former member of the Texas House of Representatives and co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus. Each will share her experiences in the international women's movement and address the question, "Women's Human Rights Activism: Where Did We Start, Where Should We Go?"

Additional panels at the conference will consider the respective roles of global governance, national governments, and non-state actors in crafting gender policies; violence against women; the challenges confronting the feminization of migration; the circumstances of women in the "informal" labor market, the gendered nature of the HIV/AIDS crisis, and gendering governance.

For a complete list of panelists, conference agenda and registration information, please visit www.utexas.edu/lbj/genderglobalization. Registration is free and the public is encouraged to attend.