KEYNOTE SPEAKER
DR. JULIANNE MALVEAUX

Dr. Julianne Malveaux is President Emeritus of Bennett College for Women. Recognized for her progressive and insightful observations, she is also an economist, author, and commentator and has been described by Dr. Cornel West as "the most iconoclastic public intellectual in the country." Dr. Malveaux's contributions to the public dialogue on issues such as race, culture, gender, and their economic impacts are shaping public opinion in 21st-century America.


Well known for appearances on national network programs, Dr. Malveaux is a charismatic and popular guest on a variety of shows and appears regularly on CNN and BET, as well as on Howard University's television show, Evening Exchange. She has appeared on PBS's To the Contrary, ABC's Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher, and Fox News Channel's The O'Reilly Factor, as well as on such stations as C-SPAN, MSNBC, and CNBC. She has also hosted talk radio programs in Washington, San Francisco, and New York.

In addition to her columns and media appearances, Dr. Malveaux is an accomplished author and editor. Her academic work is included in numerous papers, studies, and publications. She is the editor of Voices of Vision: African American Women on the Issues; co-editor of Slipping Through the Cracks: The Status of Black Women; and co-editor of The Paradox of Loyalty: An African American Response to the War on Terrorism. She is the author of two anthologies: Sex, Lies, and Stereotypes: Perspectives of a Mad Economist and Wall Street, Main Street, and the Side Street: A Mad Economist Takes a Stroll. She is also co-author of Unfinished Business: A Democrat and a Republican Take on the 10 Most Important Issues Women Face and has most recently authored Surviving and Thriving: 365 Facts in Black Economic History, which features 365 historical facts and 52 archival black-and-white photos celebrating the economic successes of blacks in the United States.

A committed activist and civic leader, Dr. Malveaux serves on the boards of the Economic Policy Institute; the Recreation Wish List Committee of Washington, DC; and the Liberian Education Trust.

Dr. Malveaux received her BA and MA degrees in economics from Boston College and earned a PhD in economics from MIT. A native San Franciscan, she is the founder/thought leader of Last Word Productions, Inc., a multimedia production company headquartered in Washington, DC.