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NOW President Terry O’Neill to speak at Tulane University on Women, Jobs and Government Cuts

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At an event open to the public, National Organization of Women President Terry O’Neill will speak at her alma mater Tulane University on Monday, October 17 at 7pm in the Dixon Auditorium on the uptown campus. O’Neill’s talk at Tulane, titled "Women Need Jobs, Not Cuts" is a discussion of why cuts in Social Security, Medicare and family planning are disproportionately unfair to women.

Terry O’Neill (Tulane Law, Class of 1980) is an attorney, professor, and president of the National Organization for Women since June 2009. NOW is the largest organization of feminist activists in the United States. Since its founding in 1966, NOW’s goal has been to take action to bring about equality for all women. NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control and reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women; eradicate racism, sexism and homophobia; and promote equality and justice in our society.

O’Neill’s talk is co-sponsored by the Newcomb College Institute and Tulane Law School. NCI Executive Director Sally J. Kenney says that the topic of O’Neill’s talk couldn’t be more important for students or the community. “O’Neill's visit provides a rare opportunity for students to connect with a great woman leader who steers one of the few organizations working for public policy change on the broad spectrum of issues women face. Women have been disproportionately affected by the economic downturn, especially here in Louisiana, yet we hear little about the important gender and racial impacts of the current crisis.”

The event is something of a homecoming for the activist. O’Neill taught at Tulane University and at the University of California at Davis, where her courses included feminist legal theory, international women’s rights law, corporate law and legal ethics. A skilled political organizer, O’Neill worked on Hillary Clinton’s campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, Barack Obama’s presidential campaign, and the campaign leading to the election of Louisiana’s first woman U.S. senator, Mary Landrieu. She has also worked to elect women’s rights supporters to judgeships and to the Louisiana state legislature.

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