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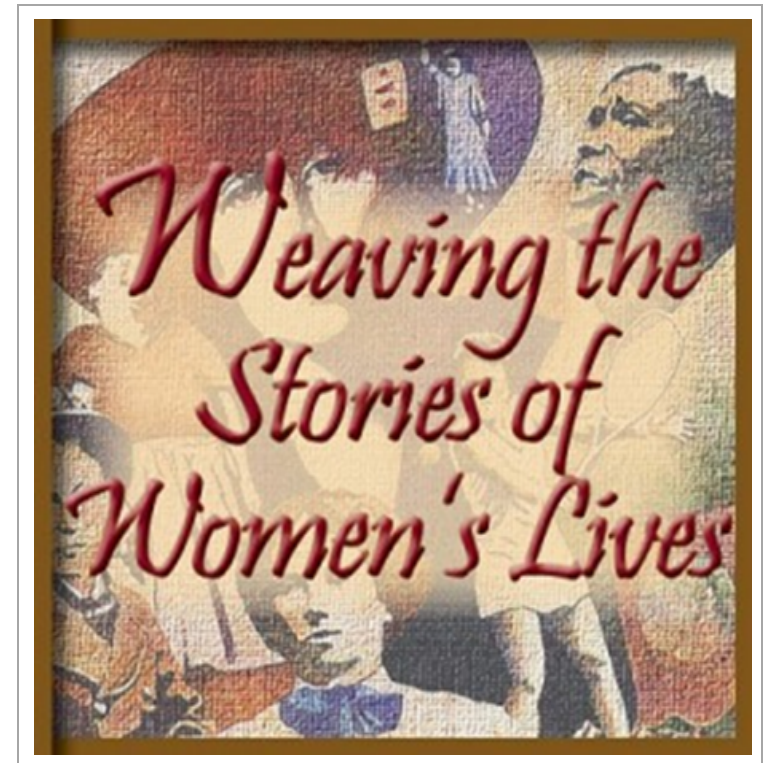
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**John A. Logan College Presents**



Keynote Presentation By:  
Sheila Simon

Wednesday, March 25, 2015  
Conference Center, JALC

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Community Colleges and the Diversity & Inclusion Office.

# AGENDA

Welcome

“Still I Rise” by Maya Angelo      Performance by Dr. Marilyn Toliver  
Early Childhood Education Faculty  
John A. Logan College

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker      Dr. Michael Dreith  
President, John A. Logan College

“Weaving the Stories of Women’s Lives”      Ms. Shelia Simon  
Former Lt. Governor of Illinois

Introduction of the 2015 AAWCC Scholarship Award Recipients  
Ms. Susan May  
President, American Association of Women in  
Community Colleges (AAWCC)  
John A. Logan College Chapter

Closing



## Keynote Speaker: Sheila Simon

Shelia J. Simon was the 46<sup>th</sup> Lt. Governor of Illinois, from 2011 to 2015, and the second woman to hold the office of Lt. Governor. In 2014, she was the Democratic nominee for the Illinois State Comptroller and just fell short of victory, losing to Republican incumbent the late Judy Baar Topinka. She served as a member of Carbondale City Council from 2003 till 2007 and she made an unsuccessful run for mayor of Carbondale in 2007.

Sheila Simon’s parents both served as elected officials in Illinois. Her father was the former U.S. Senator, Paul Simon, and her mother, Jeanne Simon also served as the Illinois State Representative. Sheila is the wife of one of our very own faculty here at Logan, Perry Knop. Together they have two lovely daughters. Simon has been in the band “Loose Gravel” for over 10 years and she plays the banjo and bassoon.

Sheila Simon received her Bachelor’s degree from Wittenberg University and a Juris Doctorate at Georgetown University Law Center. Following law school, she worked as staff attorney at a legal aid clinic called Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation from 1987 to 1992, providing legal services to indigent clients. She was an associate at the firm of O’Neil and Colvin in Carbondale from 1992 to 1994 and then served as Jackson County assistant State’s Attorney from 1994 to 1998, where she prosecuted DUIs and domestic battery cases. She was a professor of law at the Southern Illinois University School of Law from 1998 to 2011. In addition to her clinical teaching, she also taught lawyering skills and family law. Along with several other attorneys and with the support of SIU Law Faculty, she helped to inaugurate the Southern Illinois University’s Law School Domestic Violence Clinic in 1998.

Some of the initiatives that Simon worked on are: working to end domestic violence, advocating for better education, protecting the future of military bases in Illinois, championing the needs of rural and river communities and pushing for stronger state ethics.