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*Gailya Paliga - President, NC National Organization for Women*  
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## **Special Thanks**

*Anne Boyle, Wake Forest University  
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department  
The Honorable Carla Cunningham, NC Representative  
Primary Sponsor ERA Bill H166 in 2015 session  
WorkPlace Options, Raleigh, NC*  
*Jessica Neuwirth, President and Director, National ERA Coalition*  
*Bettina Hager, DC Director, National ERA Coalition*  
*Roberta Francis, Founding Chair, ERA Task Force  
National Council of Women's Organizations*

## **ERA-NC ALLIANCE**

*A Non-Partisan, Lead Organization of the  
National ERA Coalition*

## **LEAD ORGANIZATIONS**

*American Association of University Women of NC  
Democratic Women of NC  
League of Women Voters of NC  
NC 4 ERA  
NC Business & Professional Women  
NC National Organization for Women  
North Carolina Women United  
Ratify ERA-NC  
Women's Forum of NC*

*The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is a proposed amendment  
to the United States Constitution that would expressly prohibit  
discrimination on the basis of sex.*

**Interested in joining us? [www.era-nc.org](http://www.era-nc.org)**

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## **Commissioning Program**

**Equal Pay Day**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

**3:30 – 5:30 pm**

**Wake Forest University**

**DeTamble Auditorium**

**(Tribble Hall)**

**Winston-Salem, NC**

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department



# **ERA-NC Alliance**

## **Commissioning Program**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

### **News Conference**

**2:30 – 3:00 pm**

Roberta Madden, Co-Director of Ratify ERA-NC

Dr. E. Faye Williams, National President and CEO of the  
National Congress of Black Women

The Honorable Floyd B. McKissick, Jr., NC Senator

Gailya Paliga, President of NC National Organization for Women

### **Interviews**

**3:00 – 3:30 pm**

### **Panel Discussion**

**3:30 – 4:30 pm**

#### Panelists

Dr. E. Faye Williams, National President and CEO of the  
National Congress of Black Women

Gailya Paliga, President of NC National Organization for Women

Marena Groll, Founder of NC 4 ERA

Dr. Michael Pisapia, Wake Forest University  
Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs

#### Moderator

Audrey Muck, President of Triad National Organization for Women

### **Reception**

**4:30 – 5:30 pm**

Available for purchase at reception, signed copies of  
ERA Coalition President Jessica Neuwirth's new book, *"Equal Means Equal:  
Why the Time for an Equal Rights Amendment Is Now"*

## **Featured Guests**

Dr. E. Faye Williams - Williams is National President and CEO of the National Congress of Black Women and former Counsel to the U.S. Congress District of Columbia Sub-Committee on the Judiciary and Education. She is a former Professor of International Law at Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, LA. She previously served as Legislative Counsel and Chief of Staff for a District of Columbia Council member.



NC Senator Floyd B. McKissick, Jr. (D) - McKissick represents District 20 in the NC Senate. He was first appointed to the chamber in April 2007. He has been a partner at McKissick and McKissick since 1990. He is a former member of the Durham City Council and Durham City Board of Adjustment. McKissick was the primary sponsor of ERA bill S184 in the 2015 session.



Gailya Paliga - Paliga is President of NC National Organization for Women (NOW). She was first elected as President in 2009. She has served on the NC NOW Board of Directors and the NC NOW PAC for many years and previously served on the NC Woman United Board. Paliga has past lives as a Computer Programmer and as an ESL teacher.



Dr. Michael Pisapia - Pisapia is a Wake Forest University Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs. His dissertation, *Public Education and the Role of Women in American Political Development, 1852-1979*, won the American Political Science Association's 2011 William Anderson Award, and is being revised into a book manuscript. He won a 2013 Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for scholarship on women and politics, in support of his research.

