



# PATHWAYS TO EMPOWERMENT:

## *Women and the Economy in the Developing World*

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

6:00 pm

### **Doré Commons**

James A. Baker III Hall  
Rice University

The Women and Human Rights in the Middle East Program at Rice University's Baker Institute, CARE, and the City of Houston Office of International Communities are hosting a panel discussion to highlight the crucial role of women in promoting economic development and innovation worldwide, with a special focus on the Middle East. This panel discussion — featuring community leaders, policymakers and scholars — will shed light on the economic challenges facing women and propose concrete policy recommendations for empowering women to build safe, just and economically vibrant societies. The event also aims at informing the public about the importance of foreign aid in combating global poverty and promoting women's rights.

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### *Featured Speaker*

#### **The Honorable Annise Parker**

Mayor of Houston

### *Panelists*

#### **David Ray**

Head of Policy and Advocacy, CARE USA; and Managing Director, CARE Action Now

#### **Marwa Shalaby, Ph.D.**

Director, Women and Human Rights in the Middle East Program, Rice University's Baker Institute

#### **Cristal Montañez Baylor**

Executive Director, Hashoo Foundation USA

#### **Rogelio Garcia-Contreras, Ph.D.**

Director, Social Entrepreneurship Program, and Associate Professor, Center for International Studies, University of St. Thomas

### *Moderator*

#### **Terence O'Neill**

Division Manager, City of Houston Office of International Communities

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*—Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton*

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