A background photograph showing a group of people in a professional setting, with several pairs of hands visible in the foreground, clapping. The image is slightly blurred, focusing on the motion of the clapping.

# ROGER W. JONES AWARD

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## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Recognizing **federal career executives**  
for excellence in organizational development and  
commitment to effective continuity in government.

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I am pleased to invite your nominations for the 2013 Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership, presented by the School of Public Affairs at American University. For more than 35 years, the Roger W. Jones Award has annually recognized two federal career executives, members of the Senior Executive Service, who have demonstrated superior leadership in achieving their agency's mission and developing future managers. The selected recipients each receive a \$2,500 cash award and will be honored in a special ceremony at American University in the fall of 2013.

A public servant of great distinction, Roger W. Jones served as a career executive and ultimately as a presidential appointee in a public service career that spanned six decades. He exemplified a high standard of effective management, resulting in organizational accomplishments and more highly skilled administrative staff in the agencies he served.

Among the many public service awards for government employees, the Roger W. Jones Award is unique in that it provides an opportunity for presidentially appointed leaders to honor exemplary career executives in their agencies. Since 1978, more than 600 career executives from a range of federal departments and agencies have enjoyed the honor of being nominated for the Roger W. Jones Award. By nominating a career executive in your agency, you have an opportunity to tell the nominee and your executive colleagues how much you value their contributions to good government. This brochure provides information for submitting nominations this year and also identifies the distinguished members of the Selection Committee.

**The deadline for nominations is April 12, 2013.**

Thank you for taking the time to help us honor the senior federal executives whose career service constitutes the core of our government's administrative departments and agencies. I look forward to receiving your nominations for the 2013 Roger W. Jones Award.

Sincerely,

*Barbara S. Romzek*

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Dean, School of Public Affairs  
American University



## About the Award

Since 1978, American University's School of Public Affairs has honored more than 70 federal career executives in SES positions for their exceptional public service and dedication to the work and goals of government. Each year a distinguished panel selects two individuals for their demonstrated capabilities in these areas:

- superior leadership with outstanding organizational achievement
- a strong commitment to effective continuity of government by promoting career development of future federal managers and executives

The annual award ceremony is held in the fall on AU's campus. Each recipient receives a cash prize of \$2,500. The award is named for Roger W. Jones (1908-1993), who was instrumental in the career advancement of two generations of public servants and the professional development of public administrators. Jones's career in public service spanned six decades. Among the honors he received for his extraordinary leadership are the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service, the Stockberger Award, and the National Civil Service Award.

Photo: Bob Tobias, Key Executive Leadership Programs director; David M. Walker, chair of RJA Selection Committee and founder, president, and CEO of the Comeback America Initiative; Barbara S. Romzek, SPA dean; Thomas L. Mesenbourg Jr., 2012 awardee and acting director, U.S. Census Bureau; David M. Wennergren, 2012 awardee and assistant deputy CMO, Department of Defense; Mark Doms, undersecretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs; Mickey Edwards, former congressman and keynote speaker; Elizabeth McGrath, deputy CMO, Department of Defense



## Nomination Procedure

**WHO MAY MAKE NOMINATIONS:** Presidential and other administration appointees

**WHO MAY BE NOMINATED:** Career executives who are SES members and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities

If you wish to submit a nomination, please provide

- a brief biographical sketch, including employment and significant awards
- an example of the nominee's organizational achievements, with detailed description of the accomplishment, its significance, and the executive's role
- an explanation, supported by examples, of the nominee's commitment to effective continuity of government
- a signed letter of recommendation from the agency head or other appropriate administration appointee

**The deadline for nominations is April 12, 2013. For more information, please visit [spa.american.edu](http://spa.american.edu). Nominations may be submitted at [american.edu/spa/rogerjones](http://american.edu/spa/rogerjones), by email (MS Word or PDF), or by mail.**

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Photo: Aaron S. Williams, Roger Jones keynote speaker and then-director of the Peace Corps

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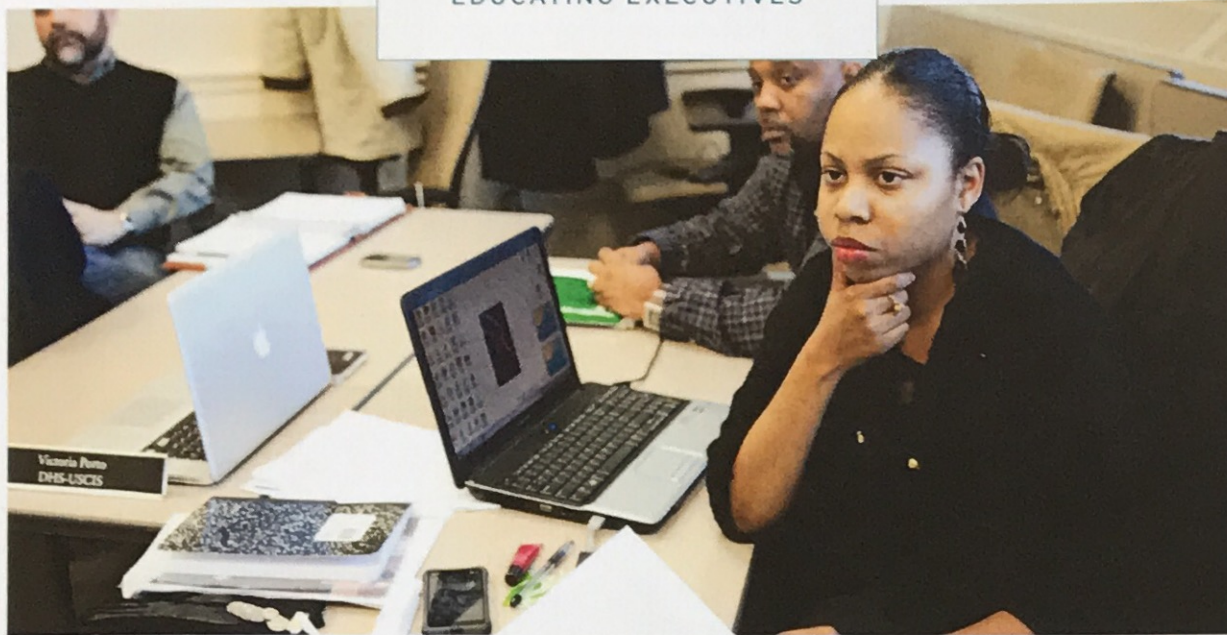
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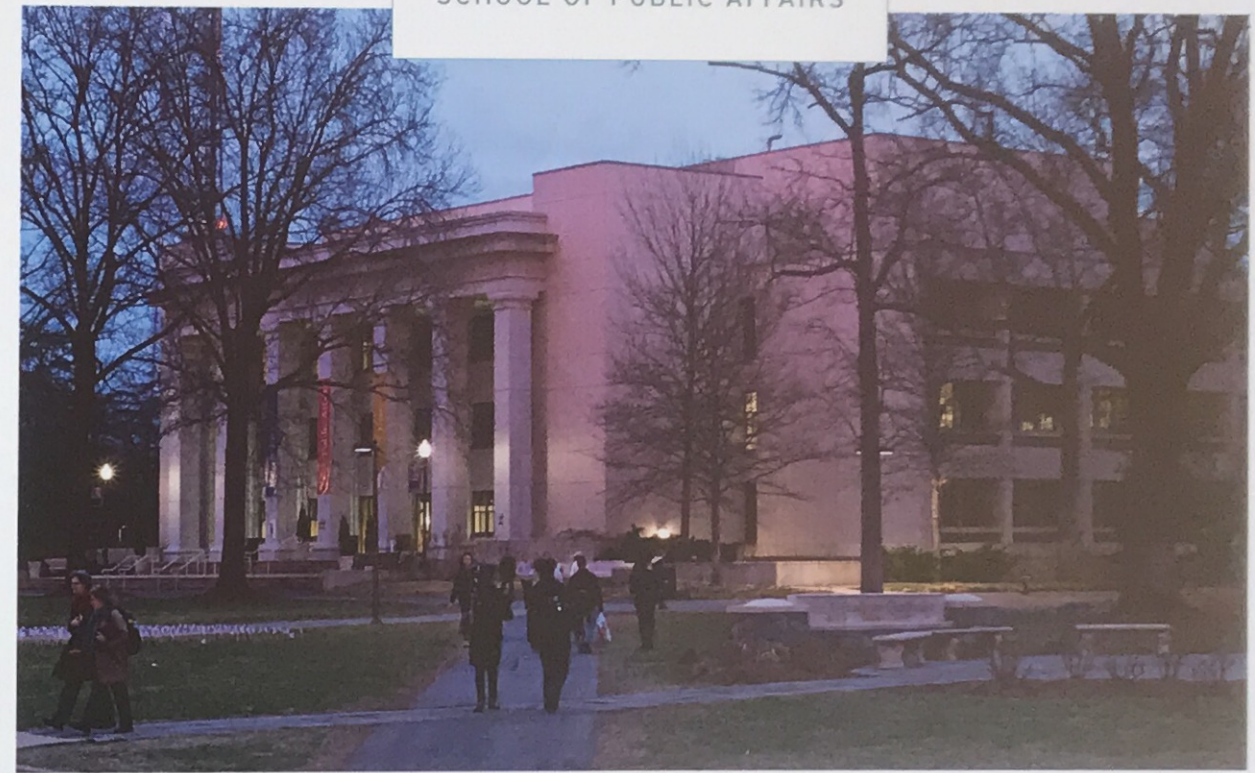
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## About the School of Public Affairs

Nearly eight decades ago, AU's School of Public Affairs was established to prepare leaders for careers in public service. It began as a program to train federal managers in the techniques they'd need to make President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal a success.

Now ranked among the country's top public affairs schools, SPA is home to influential research centers and institutes in the fields of political science, public administration, public policy, organization development, and justice. It is the only school of its kind with three accredited graduate degrees. SPA faculty and alumni are active in global policy legislation, advocacy, and the nonprofit and private sectors, continuing the school's legacy of commitment to the principles of service.

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**Above:** Ward Circle Building  
**Right:** In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt pledged his support for the School of Public Affairs.