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## THE GALLAGHER DIALOGUES

AN EVENING WITH **GOVERNOR CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN**

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# AGENDA

**6:00** **Registration**

**6:30** **Welcome: Jill Tolles**  
Phil Satre, Guinn Center Board Chair  
Executive Director, Guinn Center

**6:45** **Dialogue**  
Governor Christine Todd Whitman  
John Valery White, Moderator

**7:35** **Networking**

**8:30** **Adjourn**

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# WELCOME

How do we find truth in an era of misinformation?

Is it possible to have civil discourse today?

Can we bridge partisan divides to find solutions  
to our most pressing issues?

Questions like these inspired the Gallagher Dialogues in honor of Guinn Center co-founder Tom Gallagher, who was passionate about promoting democracy, bipartisanship, and the exchange of ideas. Governor Christine Todd Whitman's experience successfully working across the aisle, insight into the challenges of this highly charged political climate, and commitment to upholding democracy are sure to inform and stimulate dialogue.

Abundant thanks to our sponsors, board, advisory council, staff, friends, media, The Blueprint Collaborative, and The JGS Group for all the hard work that went into this evening's program.

We heartily welcome you to our Inaugural Gallagher Dialogue and hope this will be the first of many evenings filled with stimulating dialogue from the stage and robust conversation with other guests and our presenters afterward.

Welcome!

**Jill Tolles**

*Executive Director*

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# GOVERNOR CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN



## *President, The Whitman Strategy Group*

Christine Todd Whitman is the President of The Whitman Strategy Group (WSG), a consulting firm that specializes in energy and environmental issues. WSG offers a comprehensive set of solutions to problems facing businesses, organizations, and governments; they have been at the forefront of helping leading companies find innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

Governor Whitman served in the cabinet of President George W. Bush as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from January of 2001 until June of 2003. She was the 50th Governor of the State of New Jersey, serving as its first woman governor from 1994 until 2001.

As Governor, Christine Whitman earned praise from both Republicans and Democrats for her commitment to preserve a record amount of New Jersey land as permanent green space. As EPA Administrator, she promoted common-sense environmental improvements such as watershed-based water protection policies. During her tenure, the Agency was successful in passing and implementing landmark brownfields legislation to promote the redevelopment and reuse of “brownfields”, previously contaminated industrial sites.

Governor Whitman also serves a number of non-profit organizations including as Chairman of the American Security Project, Vice-Chairman of the Trustees of the Eisenhower Fellowships, and Trustee of the National World War II Museum. She is co-chair of the States United Democracy Center, the Forward Party, the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative Leadership Council, the Aspen Institute K12 Climate Action Task Force, and the National Institute for Civil Discourse. She is a member of the National Advisory Committee for the Presidential Climate Action Project, she is a founding member of the Climate Leadership Council, and she serves on the Meridian Institute Board.

During the 2020 election cycle, she served as Chair of Republicans and Independents for Biden, and as one of the Advisory Board members for the Voter Protection Project. In 2018, Governor Whitman was the recipient of the Panetta Institute's Jefferson-Lincoln Award for her dedication to the key principles of the American democracy and the ideals of the nation. Governor Whitman was awarded The Eisenhower Medal for Leadership and Service in 2017. Governor Whitman holds a BA from Wheaton College in Norton, MA, and was married for 41 years to the late John R. Whitman. She has two children and seven grandchildren.

# JOHN VALERY WHITE, MODERATOR



*Ralph Denton Professor of Law*

*University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

**William S. Boyd School of Law**

John Valery White is the Ralph Denton Professor of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) William S. Boyd School of Law.

After a decade as Dean of the Boyd School of Law, Executive Vice President and Provost of UNLV, and Acting Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education, Professor White returned to the faculty. His current scholarly focus is on the role of civil and human rights law in addressing the demographic consequences of globalization.

He earned his BA from Southern University and his JD from Yale Law School, where he was a Notes and Topics editor for the Yale Law Journal. Professor White began his academic career at Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center as an assistant professor of law, ultimately becoming the J. Dawson Gasquet Memorial Professor of Law while teaching and publishing on civil and human rights law.

He directed LSU Law's summer program in Lyon, France, and was a distinguished visiting professor at the University of Insubria in Como, Italy, where he explored the role of civil rights law and multicultural theories in response to globalism.

He is widely published, having contributed to multiple books and written articles dealing with human rights, civil rights, and discrimination. Professor White has served as a guest lecturer, panelist, and speaker both nationally and internationally and is a member of the American Law Institute, the Council on Foreign Relations, and serves in leadership positions across many non-profit foundations and boards.



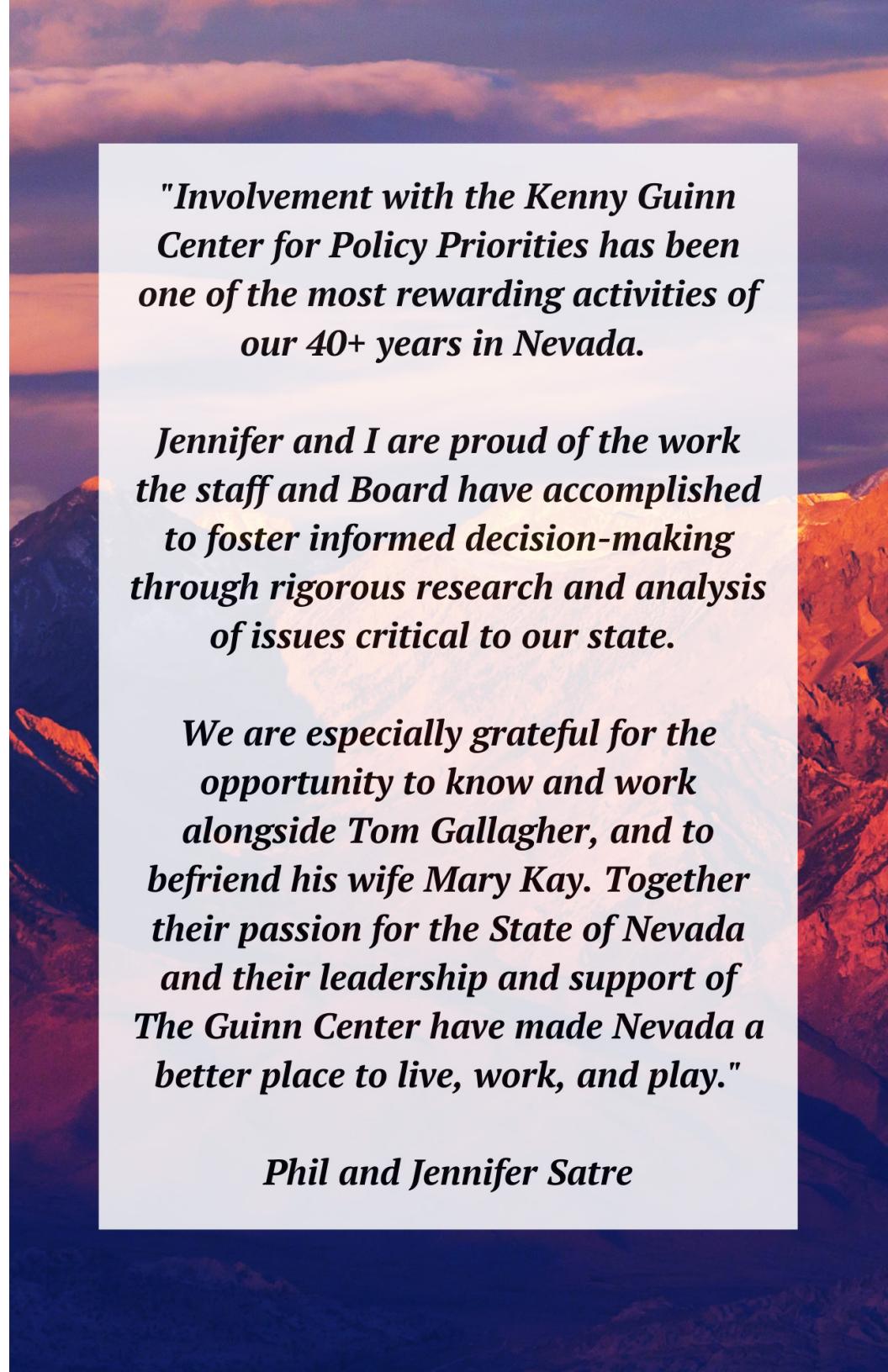
**The Kenny Guinn Center for Policy Priorities is Nevada's only statewide independent, data-driven, nonpartisan policy center addressing key challenges faced by policymakers in Nevada.**

We maintain a statewide presence, with offices in Reno and Las Vegas, and we are currently Affiliated with the University of Nevada, Reno.

Founded in 2014 by a group of Nevadans who sought to advance new policy choices based on sound research, sensible and pragmatic thinking, and bold ideas, the Center is named after the late-Governor Kenny Guinn.

The Guinn Center fosters informed decision-making through rigorous research and reliable processes to address complex challenges as they uniquely affect Nevada. The Guinn Center monitors critical policy issues facing Nevada and provides timely and constructive guidance/feedback that informs statewide, federal, and local government decision-makers and shapes the public debate.

Our research team is trained in academic and practitioner research methodologies. We compile and analyze global data sets using qualitative and quantitative methods, design surveys and analyze survey results, and evaluate and assess programs and policies.



*"Involvement with the Kenny Guinn Center for Policy Priorities has been one of the most rewarding activities of our 40+ years in Nevada.*

*Jennifer and I are proud of the work the staff and Board have accomplished to foster informed decision-making through rigorous research and analysis of issues critical to our state.*

*We are especially grateful for the opportunity to know and work alongside Tom Gallagher, and to befriend his wife Mary Kay. Together their passion for the State of Nevada and their leadership and support of The Guinn Center have made Nevada a better place to live, work, and play."*

*Phil and Jennifer Satre*



# TOM GALLAGHER

Tom Gallagher gave back to Nevada like few other individuals ever have. Lawyer, gaming executive, mentor, philanthropist—Tom Gallagher stood as a giant among givers in the history of the Silver State.

Tom was forever passionate in promoting democracy, bipartisanship and the free exchange of ideas. Policy oriented, Tom Gallagher believed that like-minded individuals from both the north and the south should join in forming a think tank that would address Nevada's pressing statewide issues with objective analysis and free of political bias.

Out of his vision, Tom co-founded the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities, named after former Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn who embodied those ideals. The inaugural Gallagher Dialogues which you are enjoying this evening was made possible by a generous gift of Tom's beloved wife, Mary Kay. Because of his family's shared commitment to Nevada's future, Tom's legacy is embodied in our program tonight.

**We are less without Tom Gallagher.  
Nevada is so much better because of him.**

# THE GIFT OF A GREAT NEVADAN

*“Tom Gallagher was far taller in life than his six feet plus inches. From the time he moved to Nevada he was out to make a difference in the life of the state and its citizens. When he saw a need or a gap, Tom stepped into leadership to address it. He was among the kindest and most generous Nevadans I have ever known.”*

*- Jill Derby, Guinn Center colleague*

*“From the outset of the founding of the Guinn Center, Tom Gallagher was dedicated to the premise that the State of Nevada would benefit greatly from an independent, nonpartisan policy research institute...and supported and supported it with his intellect, his financial resources, and his broad statewide connections. It was Tom who suggested that the institute should be named in honor of former Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn.”*

*-Phil Satre, Guinn Center Chairman*



# Glad to be part of the *dialogue*

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Christine Todd Whitman

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in memory of Kenny Guinn & Tom Gallagher  
for their inspiration and leadership"

- Don and Dee Snyder

In honor of our friend and community leader,  
Tom Gallagher

With appreciation to the Guinn Center  
for creating this wonderful lecture  
series in his honor!

Daniel W. Hamilton



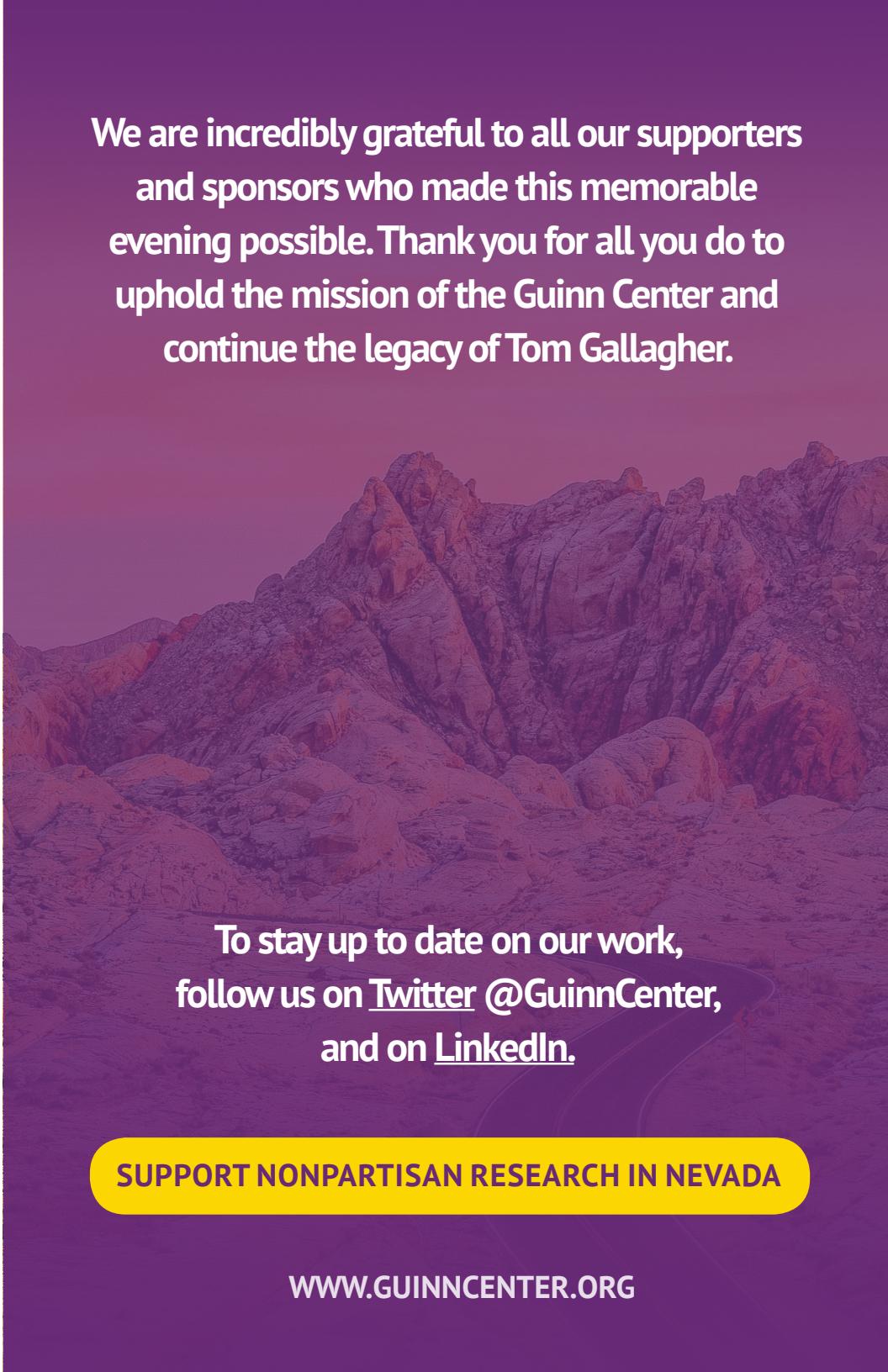
# THE POWER OF DIALOGUE

We applaud the Guinn Center for leading the way in facing Nevada's challenges through research and the exchange of ideas.



The Power of Good is Always On

We are incredibly grateful to all our supporters and sponsors who made this memorable evening possible. Thank you for all you do to uphold the mission of the Guinn Center and continue the legacy of Tom Gallagher.

A scenic view of a desert mountain range with red rock formations under a clear sky.

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