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INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

JERE W. MOREHEAD

President
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LECTURE

JOAN T.A. GABEL

President
University of Minnesota

**Fulfilling Higher Education's
Social Contract and Value Proposition**

M. LOUISE MCBEE

Louise McBee was a native of Strawberry Plains, Tennessee. She earned a B.S. from East Tennessee State College in 1946, an M.A. from Columbia University in 1951, and a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1961. Dr. McBee's career began as a high school teacher in Marion, Virginia and continued at East Tennessee State, where she served as dean of women.

Beginning in 1963, she held several posts at UGA, including dean of women, associate dean of students, dean of students, assistant vice president for instruction, and associate and senior associate vice president for academic affairs, and acting vice president for academic affairs.

Throughout her tenure at the university, Dr. McBee won the high regard of students, faculty, alumni, and friends of the institution for her openness, candor, and integrity, as well as for her consummate skill as a university administrator.

She retired in 1988 and embraced that phase of her life with vigor, serving in the Georgia General Assembly for six terms, including service as chair of the Higher Education Committee.

In recognition of her outstanding career, she received the Abraham Baldwin Award from the UGA Alumni Association and the Blue Key Service Award for distinguished service to the university and state in 1988. The University System of Georgia Board of Regents bestowed the Elridge McMillan Lifetime Achievement Award on McBee in 2006. In 2014, she received the inaugural President's Medal, and in 2018 her portrait was hung in the Administration Building for her many contributions to UGA.

In March 2021, Dr. McBee passed away, but her lifelong commitment to higher education continues in a transformational bequest to the UGA Foundation and the Institute of Higher Education. The newly established McBee Endowment for Excellence and Engagement will elevate the McBee Professorship to a Distinguished Professorship, will endow this lecture series, will create the McBee Scholars program to support outstanding graduate students in the McBee Institute, and will enable future initiatives befitting her legacy and strong belief in the important work of the university.

On September 29, 2021, the University Cabinet voted to name the Louise McBee Institute of Higher Education in her honor.



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GEORGIA**

McBee Institute of Higher Education

**LOUISE MCBEE
LECTURE**

given by

JOAN T.A. GABEL

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JOAN T.A. GABEL

Joan T.A. Gabel is the 17th president of the University of Minnesota, overseeing the nation's 6th largest university, including over 68,000 students, 27,000 faculty/staff, and an overall \$4.2 billion budget.

She stewarded the University's new systemwide strategic plan, MPact 2025, emphasizing student success, innovation, equity, and fiscal stewardship. Under her leadership, the University surpassed \$1 billion in annual research expenditures; elevated into the top one percent of patent-producing universities; achieved a record-setting year in private philanthropy; advanced transformational partnerships, including NXT GEN MED, a ground-breaking collaboration with the Mayo Clinic and Google; deepened the work to build a more equitable and just community; and initiated an innovative approach to keep students, faculty, and staff safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to her tenure at Minnesota, Gabel served as executive vice president and provost at the University of South Carolina (UofSC), where she launched dynamic programs, increasing enrollment and alternative revenue streams. Under her leadership, UofSC emerged as a national leader through the creation of "arenas of excellence," which promote opportunities for students to experience interdisciplinary study, research, and pathways to career opportunities in information technology and the health sciences.

She also previously served as dean of the University of Missouri's Robert J. Trulaske, Sr. College of Business, where she established nationally recognized learning opportunities and was recognized as a "shining star" in business school administration by *The Wall Street Journal*.

Gabel's academic interests include legal and ethical issues in business and governance, and her research has been published in both scholarly and professional journals, receiving numerous awards and citations. She has been recognized as a Fulbright Scholar and has served as editor in chief of the *American Business Law Journal* and the *Journal of Legal Studies in Business*.

She is a proud 1993 alumna of the UGA Law School.

PREVIOUS LOUISE MCBEE LECTURES

1989: Patricia A. Graham, Dean, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University
Collaborating for Children and Schools: The Role of Higher Education

1990: K. Patricia Cross, Elizabeth and Edward Conner Professor of Higher Education, University of California, Berkeley
College Teaching: What Do We Know About It?

1991: Alexander W. Astin, Professor of Higher Education, Director, Higher Education Research Institute, University of California, Los Angeles
The Unrealized Potential of American Higher Education

1992: Paul K. Conkin, Distinguished Professor of History, Vanderbilt University
The Mature but Anxious University: Hungry, Captive, Politicized, and Deconstructed

1993: Judith Lanier, President, Partnership for New Education, Michigan State University
Finding Common Ground: The Real World and the University

1994: Hanna H. Gray, Former President, The University of Chicago
The Higher Learning in America: A Reconsideration

1995: James Downey, President, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
University as Trinity: Balancing Corporation, Collegium, and Community

1996: Katharine C. Lyall, President, The University of Wisconsin System
Once and Future Partners: The State and Its University

1997: C. Peter Magrath, President, NASULGC
The Universities of the 21st Century: Reform and Renewal

1998: Lee S. Shulman, President, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
Fostering a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

1999: Judith S. Eaton, President, Council for Higher Education Accreditation
Assuring the Quality of Accreditation

2000: Barbara A. Hedges, Athletic Director, University of Washington
The Value of Sport in Our Society

2001: Richard J. Light, Professor of Education and Public Policy, Harvard University
What Students, Faculty, and Administrators Can Do to Enrich the College Experience

2002: Geoffrey Thomas, President of Kellogg College, Oxford University
Who Should Call the Tune in Higher Education? Notes from a Small Island

2003: Karen A. Holbrook, President, The Ohio State University
Leading With Courage

2004: Carol Geary Schneider, President, Association of American Colleges and Universities
Liberal Education in an Era of Greater Expectations

2005: Maryann P. Feldman, Jeffrey S. Skoll Chair in Technical Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Professor of Business Economics, University of Toronto
Academic Entrepreneurs: University Culture, Social Learning, and Organizational Change

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2006: Nils Hasselmo, President, Association of American Universities
My Universities

2007: Patrick M. Callan, Founding President, National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education
American Higher Education: Public Purposes and Public Policies

2008: Molly Corbett Broad, President, American Council on Education
A Confluence of Challenging Trends

2009: Jamie P. Merisotis, President and CEO, Lumina Foundation
Three Critical Outcomes: Why Better Preparation for College, Improved Completion Rates, and Increased Higher Education Productivity are Essential to the Nation

2010: Nancy L. Zimpher, Chancellor, State University of New York
Educational Leadership in Tough Economic Times

2011: Robert Bruininks, President, University of Minnesota
Public Good: The Road to Renewal for American Higher Education

2012: John Thelin, University Research Professor, University of Kentucky
Academic Procession: Professors and Presidents from Past to Present

2013: Teresa A. Sullivan, President, University of Virginia
Great Expectations: Making Administrative Careers Attractive to Faculty

2014: Mary Sue Coleman, President Emerita, University of Michigan
Public Higher Education in the 21st Century: Can America Continue to Lead?

2016: Earl Lewis, President, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
America's Future Depends on the Educated: Why Learning is Crucial

2017: Charles T. Clotfelter, Z. Smith Reynolds Professor of Public Policy Studies, Duke University
Unequal Colleges in the Age of Disparity

2018: Michelle Asha Cooper, President, Institute of Higher Education Policy
A New Hope for a Better Tomorrow: Tackling Postsecondary Challenges Today

2019: Susan Herbst, President, University of Connecticut
Division, Incivility & Fear in American Political Culture: What Does It Mean for the Future of Higher Education?

Distinctiveness and distinction characterize the Louise McBee Lecture series. It is one of the few annual lectures in the United States that focuses solely on higher education. Launched in 1989, the series invites speakers to join conversations around the University of Georgia on key directions and themes in higher education. The McBee IHE website provides additional information on past lecturers and includes videos of recent lectures (ihe.uga.edu/louise-mcbee-lectures).