

**Lynne E. Ford**  
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Lynne E. Ford earned her B.A. degree from The Pennsylvania State University and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Maryland, College Park. Her teaching and research interests are in American politics with an emphasis on women and politics, elections and voting behavior, political psychology, and civic engagement. Her book, *Women and Politics: The Pursuit of Equality*, is now in its third edition. The *Encyclopedia of Women and American Politics*, published in 2008, was named one of the top twenty reference books by the New York Public Library in 2009. She recently joined the author team for *American Government & Politics Today*, due out in 2012 in its fifteenth edition.

Dr. Ford joined the Department of Political Science in 1991 and served as department chair from 2000 until 2008. She has led and been involved with a number of campus-wide initiatives including a major review of General Education, Faculty Compensation, the Identity of the College, First Year Experience, and The College Reads. She serves on the editorial board for two political science journals and has served in a variety of leadership capacities with the American Political Science Association and the Southern Political Science Association.