

**Gwendolyn G. Simmons**

Gwendolyn G. Simmons taught economics and sociology at Allen University and later at South Carolina State University, retiring with the birth of her first child.

Born in Hampton, Virginia, Gwen earned her Bachelors in Economics and Sociology from Virginia Union, and a Masters in same at Mount Holyoke.

Gwen has been active with many charitable groups in the Mon Valley over the years, including the Mon Valley United Way, where she served as President, the Mon Valley YMCA, the Monongahela Area Revitalization Initiative, Southwestern PA Human Services, and the Board of Trustees of California University of PA. She was also the President of the Washington County Historical Society and is a member of the NAACP.



Gwen and her husband, retired Federal Court Judge Paul Simmons, reside in Monongahela and are members of the Foundation's *Family of Founders*.

