

Marjorie Margolies

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Marjorie Margolies is the founding President of Women’s Campaign International (WCI), a group that provides advocacy training for women throughout the world. During the past several years, WCI has conducted several successful trainings in the countries of Liberia, Tanzania, Venezuela, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Romania, Namibia, Malawi, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Colombia and Ethiopia among others. WCI’s work in these countries has yielded phenomenal successes, including doubling the number of women in parliaments and inspiring the creation of various women’s caucuses on local levels.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a CBS News Foundation Fellow at Columbia University, Marjorie began her career as a television journalist at WCAU-TV in Philadelphia. From 1971-1991, Marjorie was a journalist with NBC and its owned and operated stations both in New York and Washington, DC. She was a contributing correspondent to the *Today Show*, *Sunday Today*, *A Closer Look*, *CNBC*, and *Real Life with Jane Pauley*. Marjorie’s reporting has won numerous awards including five Emmys.

In 1992, Marjorie was the first woman ever elected to Congress from Pennsylvania in her own right. She was also the first Democrat since 1916 elected from Pennsylvania’s 13th district. During her term in the House, Marjorie was appointed to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, with subcommittee assignments on Oversight and Investigations and Telecommunications and Finance. In addition, she was a member of the Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Government Operations.

In 1995, Marjorie served as the Director of the United States delegation to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China.

Marjorie is currently teaching at the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. She teaches two courses: “Women Leaders in Emerging Democracies” based on her work with WCI and “Dealing with the Media” a course which analyzes the ways in which politics and the media interact. In the year 2000, Marjorie was a senior fellow at the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania as part of their Institute for Public Service. At Annenberg she also taught two classes, including her course on empowering women and one on the topic political conventions. In addition, as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Marjorie lectures at universities throughout the country twice a year.

Marjorie became the first unmarried U.S. citizen to adopt a foreign child. Lee Heh arrived from Korea in 1970 and was joined four years later by Holly from Vietnam. Marjorie chronicled their experiences in the 1976 best-seller, *They Came to Stay*, the first of four books she has authored. Her most recent book written in 1993, is entitled *A Woman’s Place . . . The Freshmen Women Who Changed the Face of Congress*.

She is the mother of a combined family of 11 children and, with the refugee families she has been sponsoring over the years, her household has taken care of 25 children in total.

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AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Winner of five Emmy Awards
- Columbia University, CBS New Foundation Fellow
- Annenberg School, Public Policy Center, Senior Fellow
- Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, Visiting Scholar Program, Senior Fellow

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

University of Pennsylvania Fels Institute of Government, Philadelphia, PA 1999-Present

Senior Lecturer

- Professor of 3 graduate level courses:
 - Empowering Women in Emerging Democracies (GAFL 560)
 - Dealing with the Media (GAFL 561)
 - Campaigns and Conventions (GAFL 562)
- Taught at both the Annenberg School and the Fels Institute of Government.
- Responsible for the weekly Distinguished Lecture Series, which brings high-level speakers to address the students.

Women's Campaign International, Philadelphia, PA

1998-Present

President

- WCI is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to increasing the participation of women in democratic processes and civil society worldwide. It provides training and skills building to help women overcome the political, social and economic obstacles that limit their involvement in government and representative bodies. The President serves as both the public face and the principal fundraiser for the organization, raising several million dollars from USAID, foundations and individuals.
- Also served as a trainer and conference panelist on topics of politics, leadership, and media in Haiti, partnering with Vital Voices; Bosnia in partnership with the Hunt Alternatives Foundation; Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Ghana in partnership with the International Finance Corporation and Browning LaFrankie and Malawi/ Tanzania/ Namibia/ Venezuela/ Uruguay and Romania for WCI trainings

Candidate for Lt. Governor of Pennsylvania

1998

- Won the primary, lost the general election

Women's Campaign Fund, Washington, D.C.

1996-1998

Director of Fundraising

- WCF is an organization that supports pro-choice candidates in both the Democratic and Republican parties. Women's Campaign Research Fund (WCRF) is the nonprofit, 501-c3 arm of WCF that trains women to run for office. The Director of Fundraising's principle role for the WCRF was to raise money for the organization. During my tenure we made significant progress in fundraising and increasing our fundraising base.

The United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, China 1995-1996

Director of the US Delegation

- For five months preceding the conference the US delegation negotiated a mandate for the conference, raised funds for conference activities and set an agenda. Following the conference the remainder of the year was devoted to developing programs through the Inter Agency Council at the White House to implement the suggestions of the conference's mandate and Plan for Action.

Member of Congress (D-Pa. 13)

1993-1995

- Campaign: First woman elected in her own right from the state of Pennsylvania, ran as a Democrat in an historically Republican district, raised more money than had ever been raised by a candidate in that district.
- Term: (1993 – 1995) Served on Energy and Commerce, Small Business, and Government Operations Committees

National Broadcasting Company, New York and Washington, D.C.

1971-1991

Television News Correspondent

- Contributed to the Today Show/ A Closer Look with Jane Pauley/Sunday Today/ CNBC/ WRC-TV in Washington; WNBC in New York; submitted coverage from Mexico, Korea and Vietnam.
- Was honored with five Emmy Awards

Before 1971:

- Reporter with WCAU-TV in Philadelphia
- Reporter/producer for WUHY-FM a part of the Eastern Educational Radio Network
- Spanish Teacher with the Neighborhood Youth Corps
- Social Studies Teacher at Cherry Hill High School
- Chaperoned students on American Youth Hostel trips in the United States, Mexico and Israel
- Tried out for the 1960 Olympics in track and field

PUBLICATIONS:

Author of four books:

1. *A Woman's Place...the Freshman Women who Changed the Face of Congress* Crown Publishers (1993)
2. *The "Girls" in the Newsroom*_ Ace Books (1983)
3. *Finding Someone to Love* Playboy Press (1980)
4. *They Came to Stay* Coward, McCann, & Geoghegan, Inc. (1976)

BOARDS:

- Charming Shoppe (5 year term)
- International Social Services/American Council Nationality Services
- Chair of the board of Women's Campaign International
- International Cancer Alliance
- National Adoption Council
- Women's Trustee Council at the University of Pennsylvania
- Women's Campaign Fund/ Women's Campaign Research Fund
- Trustee at Beaver College

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATIONS:

- Congressional Delegation to monitor election in the Ukraine
- Represented the United States/State Department on an international panel, India
- State Department representative in Turkey

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Regular guest on political talk shows, including *Inside Story*, WCAU Philadelphia, PA.
- Regular speaker and panelist at colleges, universities, social centers and places of worship.
- Received a number of honorary degrees.

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGES:

- University of Pennsylvania, B.A.
Major: International Relations/Minor: Languages
- Intermediate fluency in Spanish