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Quick Facts

- Gary Simrill '91, will join the board this summer, replacing the late William "Bill" Cotty, a former state legislator.
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Gary Simrill

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA - **S.C. Rep. Gary Simrill**, R-Rock Hill, and Winthrop University alumnus, will join the Advisory Board of the **John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy** at Winthrop, offering his proven state leadership and extensive legislative experience.

Simrill '91, will join the board this summer, replacing the late **William "Bill" Cotty**, a former state legislator.

Rep. Simrill was chosen for his reputation for thoughtful leadership and collegiality and his commitment to South Carolina, according to **Karen Kedrowski**, co-director of the West Forum and dean of Winthrop University's College of Arts and Sciences. Simrill, a Rock Hill resident, has served in the S.C. House of Representatives since 1993 and is the Majority Leader of the House.

The **West Forum** endeavors to train the next generation of political and civic leaders in South Carolina through the sponsorship of programs, events, and activities that promote civic engagement, focus on pressing issues of the day, and encourage individual involvement in community affairs of all types. It is co-directed by **Kedrowski** and **Katarina Moyon**.

The **Advisory Board** is a bi-partisan group of elected officials and civic leaders who are committed to the mission of the West Forum and meet annually to receive updates and provide counsel to the co-directors. Additionally, advisory board members informally assist in planning, identifying speakers, and making connections within the state as needed.

"We are honored that so distinguished a Winthrop alumnus as Rep. Gary Simrill is willing to give of his time to help advance the West Forum," said **Winthrop University President Dan Mahony**. "No one understands the workings of state government better than Gary Simrill, and his insights will help the West Forum cultivate and inspire future South Carolina leaders."

Other members of the advisory board are: **John C. "Jack" West, Jr.**, son of former governor John C. West, chair; **Rachel Hodges**, former South Carolina First Lady; **Reggie Lloyd '89**, attorney and former South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) director; and **Jim Harrison**, attorney and former state legislator.

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