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A political scientist who earned her doctorate with distinction from UCLA in 1970, Dr. Baker did her undergraduate work at Douglass College, Rutgers University. From 1964 to 1975, she lived and worked in Nigeria, teaching at the University of Lagos. Dr. Baker has also worked in and traveled throughout other African countries and the developing world. She won a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship to conduct research in Southern Africa and became a specialist in the U.S. response to countries in political transformation.

Upon her return from Nigeria, Dr. Baker became a professional staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. She was staff director of the Africa Subcommittee. Her congressional experience also includes serving as Deputy Director of the Aspen Institute's Congressional Program, an educational forum for Members of Congress.

Dr. Baker has also been a research scientist at the Human Affairs Research Center at the Battelle Memorial Institute. She was a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where she founded and ran a speakers breakfast series on South Africa. She also wrote, lectured and provided congressional testimony on U.S. policy. At The Fund for Peace, Dr. Baker has launched several innovative programs, including a Human Rights and Business Roundtable, the Conflict Prevention and Recovery Program, the Arms and Conflict program, and the Regional Responses to Internal War Program.

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