

2016 Public Service Awards: The Phyllis Harrison-Ross Champions of Change

On May 5, 2016, the [New York Society for Ethical Culture \(Ethical NYC\)](http://www.blacktiemagazine.com/society_may_2016/New_York_Society_for_Ethical_Culture.htm) in Collaboration with the Social Service Board, Dr. Phyllis Harrison-Ross “Champions of Change” Public Service Awards were presented to the **Hon. Eric. H. Holder, Jr.** and United States Senator **Kirsten Gillibrand**, to applaud their outstanding public service. Mr. Holder served as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States until April 2015, and is now a partner at Covington & Burling LLP., and Senator Gillibrand currently represents the State of New York. Source at: http://www.blacktiemagazine.com/society_may_2016/New_York_Society_for_Ethical_Culture.htm #sthash.aUyAiYCG.dpuf



Eric Holder, 82nd US Attorney General receives 2016 Public Service Award



Harry Smith (NBC Nightly News Correspondent ; Environmentalist, Jeffrey Sachs; Chief NYC Counsel, Zachary Carter; Dr. Phyllis Harrison-Ross, Hon. Eric Holder and Sherrilyn Ifill, president of NAACP Legal Defense Fund; Michael Eric Dyson, author professor and commentator



Eric Holder, 82nd US Attorney General, David N. Dinkins former NY Mayor, Eric Michael Dyson, author



David Ushery, Co-Ancor NBC-4 NY, the program moderator did a wonderful job keeping the program on pace with humor and grace. Anne Klaeyesen, D. Min., Leader of the New York Society for Ethical Culture congratulated the honorees, distinguished speakers, program chairs, honorary chairs, board members, the host committee, collaborative members, and the sponsors for their dedicated support.



Emily Arsenault, State Director, accepts Rising Star Public Service Award on behalf of Senator Gillibrand from Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and New York Society of Ethical Culture President Margaret Chapman.



Congressman Charles Rangel admired Mr. Holder's tenacity in dealing with Congress and his leadership strengths as head of the Justice Department. The Congressman also praised Mr. Holder, a native New Yorker from Queens for his distinguished accomplishments.



New York Society of Ethical Culture Co-Chair Lawrence Miller and Chair, Henryka Komarska did a wonderful job of opening the program with a documentary film tribute on the history of the Society's 140 years of extensive community outreach and service.