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Katherine Spillar is the Executive Director of the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) and the Feminist Majority, national organizations working for women's equality, empowerment and non-violence. One of the founders, Spillar has been a driving force in executing the organization's diverse programs securing women's rights since its inception. A specialist in community organizing, Spillar is also a trained economist and researcher, speaks to diverse audiences on a broad range of feminist topics, and appears frequently on television and radio.

Spillar has been a national leader in the struggle to counter the effects of extremist anti-abortion groups that target women's reproductive health clinics. She has directed the research and public education activities, law enforcement relations, as well as grassroots organizing in some 26 states to keep clinics open in the face of extremist violence. She played an instrumental role in the organization's landmark 1994 Supreme Court case upholding the use of buffer zones to protect clinics, *Madsen v. Women's Health Center*, as well as the passage of the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances act (FACE).

In 1993, Spillar oversaw groundbreaking research and testified to the Christopher Commission on the need to dramatically increase women in the ranks of the Los Angeles Police Department to reduce police brutality. The following year, she established the National Center for Women & Policing, a division of the Feminist Majority Foundation, which has continued to research and advocate on the need for integrating police departments to address police violence, improve community relations and more effectively respond to violence against women.

In December 2001, the Feminist Majority Foundation became the sole publisher of Ms. magazine, and in 2005, Spillar was named Executive Editor. Under her oversight, Ms. has increased its investigative reporting and launched the Ms. Blog, today one of the largest feminist online news sites. Ms. in the Classroom is a digital program used by instructors for all levels of women's and gender studies courses in hundreds of college and university programs across the country.