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A former adjunct professor in the Women in Politics Institute at American University, Maya has also served as the vice president of research and programs at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF), senior resident scholar at the National Urban League, chief of staff to Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY), professional staff on the House Ways and Means Committee, and as a CBCF legislative fellow in the office of Congressman Melvin Watt (D-NC) among other positions.

Maya's areas of expertise include health, social insurance, income security, education, women's issues and youth civic participation. She is the author of *The Political Action Handbook: A How to Guide for the Hip-Hop Generation* and co-editor of *Strengthening Community: Social Insurance in a Diverse America* among many other articles and chapters. Rokeymoore serves on the board of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare and the National Association of Counties and is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance. The recipient of many honors, she was named an Aspen Institute Henry Crown Fellow in 2004 and is the recipient of Running Start's 2007 Young Women to Watch Award.

A regular guest on radio and television shows, Maya has appeared on *NPR*, *CNN*, *Black Entertainment Television*, *ABC World News Tonight*, *Fox News*, *Al Jazeera* and *C-SPAN*. Her opinions have also been quoted by the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *LA Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Black America Web*, and *Houston Chronicle* among other prominent national news sources.