

**EAGLETON SCIENCE AND POLITICS WORKSHOP**  
*Opioid Abuse: Searching for Solutions in Science and Politics*  
October 27, 2017

AGENDA

8:30am Coffee and Refreshments Available

9:00am Welcome Randi Chmielewski  
Manager, Outreach and Special Projects, Eagleton Institute of Politics

9:10am Panel Remarks and Moderated Discussion  
Moderator: John Weingart  
Associate Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics  
Director, Eagleton Center on the American Governor

**Senator Joseph Vitale**

New Jersey State Senator, 19th Legislative District  
Chairman, Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee  
Vice Chairman, Labor Committee

**Stephen Crystal, Ph.D.**

Board of Governors Professor of Health Services Research, Rutgers University  
Director, Center for Health Services Research at IFH  
Distinguished Research Professor, School of Social Work

**Frank A. Ghinassi, Ph.D.**

President & CEO, University Behavioral Health Care & University Correctional Health Care  
Professor, Rutgers Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology  
Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  
Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

**Saira Jan, M.S., Pharm.D.**

Director, Pharmacy Strategy & Clinical Integration, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ  
Clinical Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Administration, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy

10:00am Plenary Discussion

11:00am Break

11:15am Brainstorming Exercise

12:00pm Networking Lunch

## ABOUT THE EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

The Eagleton Institute of Politics explores state and national politics through research, education, and public service, linking the study of politics with its day-to-day practice. The Institute focuses attention on how the American political system works, how it changes, and how it might work better. Areas of interest include: state government and politics; public opinion polling and survey research; women's political participation; public safety and community resilience; minority and immigrant political behavior; governors; campaigns, elections and political parties; ethics; science and politics; civic education and political engagement; young elected leaders and youth political participation; and New Jersey politics. Eagleton offers education programs including an undergraduate certificate, graduate fellowships, research assistantships and internships, and opportunities to interact with political practitioners.

## PROGRAM SUPPORT

The 2017-2018 Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop series is offered in collaboration with the following partners (list in formation): The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers Biomedical & Health Sciences; Departments of Neuroscience & Cell Biology and Pediatrics, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; Division of Life Sciences; Rutgers School of Graduate Studies; Office of the Executive Dean, Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences; The Rutgers University iJOBS program, which is funded by a Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training grant from the NIH.

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SPEAKER BIOS

**RANDI CHMIELEWSKI**

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Randi Chmielewski oversees the Institute's public programs and works with the director and associate director to develop new initiatives, including the Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop and the Rutgers-Eagleton Washington Internship Award. She is also responsible for a range of outreach activities including newsletters, social media, and web content.

In addition, Chmielewski is a co-instructor for the Political Campaigning course at Eagleton. She previously managed the Institute's Citizenship Rutgers naturalization application assistance program in collaboration with the Rutgers Law Schools in Newark and Camden and led Eagleton's 60th anniversary activities. Before returning to Eagleton in 2011, Chmielewski served as special assistant to Mayor Jun Choi in Edison Township. She is an alumna of the Eagleton Undergraduate Associates Program and served as co-chair of the Eagleton Alumni Committee from 2013 through 2016.

**STEPHEN CRYSTAL, PHD**

Board of Governors Professor of Health Services Research, Rutgers University

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Stephen Crystal (Ph. D., Harvard, 1981) is research professor; associate director for health services research; and chair of the Division on Aging and AIDS Research Group at the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research. He directs the Center for Health Services Research on Pharmacotherapy, Chronic Disease Management, and Outcomes, as well as the Center for Health Services Research Development funded under a grant from the Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research and Quality (AHRQ), and serves as associate director for research of the Center for State Health Policy. Dr. Crystal's research group conducts a variety of health services research studies addressing use, access, costs and outcomes of health care services, as well as research on policies and programs affecting the elderly. The group has published extensively on HIV treatment and on healthcare of the elderly population. A growing focus of attention in recent years has been prescription drug use, management, outcomes and policies. The research group has developed and utilized a number of large and rich research databases to support research in these areas.

Dr. Crystal's work over the years in both academic and non-academic settings has addressed a range of key issues in state and local health policy. He has worked extensively on the delivery of health care services through state Medicaid programs. His research and publications in the aging area include work on economic well-being of the elderly; long-term care of older people; insurance status and the impact of out-of-pocket health care costs; Medicare policy; and pharmaceutical drug policies for lower income elderly. He heads a team of investigators addressing HIV health services delivery issues. His research group has developed the capacity to carry out detailed studies of Medicaid health care utilization and outcomes using claims and other administrative files and has applied this expertise to a series of studies funded by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research and Quality (AHRQ), the National Institute of Drug Abuse,

the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the National Institute on Aging, HHS's Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, the Commonwealth Fund, and other agencies and foundations.

He currently heads an NIMH-funded national study of treatment for geriatric depression. His more than 200 publications include books on old-age policy and on home health care, and research articles, reviews and technical reports addressing a wide range of issues in old-age policy, health services research, long-term care for the elderly, pharmaceutical use, mental health services, and other topics related to healthcare and aging. He is a frequent advisor to federal, state and international health agencies and has served on numerous study sections and peer reviews. He has served as visiting professor of health care policy at Harvard Medical School's Department of Health Care Policy and as chief of the Division of Health Care Sciences at the School of Medicine, University of California, San Diego.

During the late 1970s and early 1980s, he held a variety of senior positions in health services delivery in New York City government, managing major health and human services programs, and created and headed the Center for Human Services Research and Development, which conducted national studies in areas including home care and adult protective services. He has also served as an Urban Fellow in New York City's Office of the Mayor, and consultant at the City's Office of Management and Budget. His awards include the Abt Associates Prize for Public Policy Research and the John Kendrick Award for research on the economic status of the elderly.

#### **FRANK A. GHINASSI, PHD**

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Frank A. Ghinassi, PhD, ABPP is president and CEO for Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care (UBHC). As CEO, he is responsible for a statewide system of academically based mental health and addiction services across New Jersey; managing a budget in excess of \$260 million and approximately 2,100 staff and faculty. UBHC, one of the largest providers of behavioral healthcare in the country, offers a wide range of services including inpatient units, partial hospitalization programs, outpatient treatment, correctional health care, an administrative services organization, peer operated helplines for service members, veterans, mothers of children with special needs, law enforcement officers and child protection workers, a statewide suicide prevention hotline and a clinical research and training institute, as well as an array of specialty and peer support services.

Prior to joining UBHC, Dr. Ghinassi was the vice president for quality, patient safety, regulatory compliance and health information management at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian Shadyside, where he was a member of the Executive Management Group. Dr. Ghinassi also functioned as an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where he was actively involved in the training of psychiatric residents and doctoral psychology interns.

As a licensed psychologist and board certified executive coach, Dr. Ghinassi served in previous positions as chief of adult psychiatric services at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic/University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, as clinical director of the Mental Health

Division of the May Institute in Boston, and as director of mood and anxiety partial hospitalization and residential services at McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School. While in Boston, he was an instructor in psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and was actively involved in the training of pre- and post-doctoral psychology interns and fellows.

Dr. Ghinassi received a BA from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, an MA from Duquesne University, and a PhD from the University of Akron. He completed a psychology internship and fellowship at the McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School. His research interests include the implementation and evaluation of evidence-based treatments for mood disorders, quality of care and performance measurement metrics, and models for data feedback in changing practices in behavioral health. He has served as a co-investigator on National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and foundation research grants.

As a frequent invited presenter at national professional meetings and conferences, Dr. Ghinassi has been an active member on SAMHSA planning committees, CMS commissioned technical expert panels, and acted as chairman of the Quality and Performance Measurement Committee for the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems, where he was the 2007 recipient of the National Quality Award, recognized for his leadership on key projects, committees and expert panels aimed at improving the measurement and delivery of behavioral healthcare. Since 2003, Dr. Ghinassi has served as a player development educator and evaluator for the National Football League and as a psychologist for the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Pittsburgh Penguins and a number of local college and university departments of athletics. He has also long served as a member of the adjunct faculty at the Center for Creative Leadership, an international institute for the enhancement of corporate leadership and executive coaching.

Additionally, Dr. Ghinassi is a professor at Rutgers Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology; an adjunct professor of psychiatry at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; and an adjunct associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

#### **SAIRA JAN, M.S., PHARM.D.**

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Dr. Saira Jan is a clinical professor at Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy and leads the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey pharmacy clinical management program and health systems pharmacy interface as a director of pharmacy strategy and clinical integration. Dr. Jan, who has over 22 years experience in health care management, research and academics, is responsible for managing Horizon's pharmacy and medical integration initiatives for commercial and Medicare lines of business. In this capacity, her tasks include formulary management, drug reviews, utilization management, drug policy development, contracting, specialty management, quality measures, pharmacy benefit management and outcomes research. She works closely with the company's business, clinical quality, and medical management areas to deliver integrated services. She has implemented many clinical programs including developing tool kits and educational materials to improve opioid management and rheumatoid arthritis management. Dr. Jan

also oversees pharmaceutical relationships as well as pharmacy benefit management interface for all pharmacy and medical collaborations.

Dr. Jan leads the Horizon BCBSNJ delivery of Medicare Part D medication therapy management program, oversees quality rating measures for prescription drug program customers, and interfaces with the Blues Association and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for quality measures. At Rutgers University, she is the director of the managed care residency program, a preceptor for students in managed care rotation and a founder and faculty advisor for the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy student chapter. She is involved in outcome research projects with Harvard and other national academic institutions and with pharmaceutical companies.

Ongoing research areas include assessing predicative modelling for chronic disease states, opioid management, barriers to adherence, specialty pharmacy and observational studies in key therapeutic areas. Dr. Jan leads different community based educational initiatives, and is currently developing innovative teaching models to incorporate interdisciplinary teaching with community outreach to improve the care of patients with diabetes. She leads the Roy Bowers conference that brings academia, providers and pharma to develop multi-stakeholder initiatives. She introduced MARQUISE, a hospital based medication reconciliation program in the State of New Jersey and has established training to all hospital systems to develop and implement this program to improve patient outcomes.

Dr. Jan provides consultations to international research and consultancy groups and lectures in both national and international conferences. She has represented the Blues Association at the Institute of Medicine with regard to the patient safety and adverse drug reaction reporting initiatives, development of clinical trials, and post-marketing drug surveillance programs that are developed by pharmaceutical companies. She has published extensively with International Health Authority groups and academia, and has spoken at international conferences discussing ongoing reforms in the United States to improve the quality and efficiency of prescribing. She has also served on various committees, including MEDCAC, research collaboration with FDA, National Blues committees, Medical Advisory Panel (MAP) for Blues association, CAQH, AHIP, AMCP and PAAD.

Dr. Jan has a Master's in pharmacology from St. John's University and Doctorate in pharmacy from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

### **RUTH B. MANDEL**

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Ruth B. Mandel, Ph.D. is director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics. During Mandel's tenure as Eagleton director, the Institute has launched new research and education initiatives in youth political engagement, immigrant political behavior, governors and state executive leadership, and ethics in government.

Eagleton's education programs for Rutgers graduate and undergraduate students have grown, and the Institute has expanded its state and national outreach and service with visible public programs and social media communications.

As a founder and director of Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) from 1971 through 1994, Mandel built a national center with multi-faceted research/education/ public service and information programs about women's political participation, a subject previously unexplored. She remains

affiliated with CAWP as a senior scholar, teaching and writing about leadership, with emphasis on U.S. women's political history, women as political candidates and officeholders, women's political networks, and the "gender gap." Mandel is the author of numerous publications about women's changing political roles, including *In the Running: The New Woman Candidate*, the first book-length account of women's experiences as candidates for political office.

From 1991 to 2006, Mandel held a presidential appointment to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the governing board of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington, D.C. She was named Vice Chairperson of the Council by President Clinton in 1993 and served in that capacity until 2005. She chaired the task group charged with proposing a governing structure for the new Museum and also led the process to create the Museum's Committee on Conscience, which was established in 1996 with Mandel as its founding chair.

In 2009, Mandel completed two terms on the board of the Charles H. Revson Foundation. In 2012, she joined the board of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, where she is a member of its Executive Committee and chairs the governance committee. Among other honors, Mandel has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service by Chatham College and an honorary Doctor of Public Administration by Georgian Court University.

### **SENATOR JOSEPH F. VITALE**

New Jersey State Senator, 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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Senator Joseph F. Vitale, a Democrat from Middlesex County, was sworn in to the New Jersey State Senate in 1998 to represent the 19th Legislative District. Senator Vitale is the Chairman of the Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee and Vice Chairman of the Labor Committee.

His legislative efforts over the years have spring boarded Senator Vitale into being one of the most respected voices on health care in the state of New Jersey. Early in his career, Senator Vitale recognized that one of the biggest challenges facing New Jersey families is access to affordable, quality health care. In response, he created NJ FamilyCare, which provides critical health care coverage to low-income families and their children.

He has worked to support the expansion of innovative care models like Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) and Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). His work to make health care accessible and affordable continues as he advocates for passage of a telemedicine law that will incentivize the adoption of such technology and improve patient access to specialty care.

He scored a long-sought legislative victory when his bill was signed into law providing adoptees greater access to information regarding their personal history, including family medical information, legislation that was in the works for more than three decades.

Senator Vitale led New Jersey's effort to address the opiate epidemic by providing the Governor a blueprint and sponsoring necessary enabling legislation to implement a multifaceted approach focusing on education, prevention, treatment and recovery. His law giving first responders and the public access to the heroin overdose antidote has already saved countless lives.

Senator Vitale believes that health care and scientific research are crucial to the economic future of New Jersey. This philosophy guided him as he pursued a massive overhaul of the state's universities and medical schools, positioning them to make New Jersey a national leader in health care and research. Senator Vitale has been instrumental in passing laws that have improved safety at health care facilities, empowered victims of childhood sex abuse, protected victims of domestic violence, prevented nurses from forced overtime and addressed the medical malpractice liability insurance crisis. He sponsored the laws that forbid discrimination based on gender identity and created the crime of bias intimidation. Senator Vitale is a leading advocate for homeless youth. In 2012, he traveled to Guatemala and Honduras to volunteer at Covenant House's safe houses and shelters in those countries. Each November he joins business leaders and top corporate executives to sleep out on the streets to raise awareness and money for the vital services Covenant House provides to homeless, abandoned, abused, trafficked and exploited children. In 2014, he helped establish the first legislative sleep-out in New Jersey to benefit Covenant House's local efforts.

He is an advocate for the improvement of the education system, the protection of our environment, and the betterment of services provided to our children through the Division of Child Protection and Permanency as well as other state agencies serving vulnerable populations. Senator Vitale organizes annual events to support our troops and veterans, Habitat for Humanity, children entering foster care and families in need.

Senator Vitale has been honored by various organizations including the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey "Good Guy" Award for his advocacy on behalf of women's rights as well as his support of women in the political arena. Notably, he is the recipient of the prestigious Ann Klein Advocate, Richard J. Hughes Career Public Service and Covenant House Lizzy awards.

Senator Vitale is president of Vitale Sign Corporation, a small business in Rahway. He resides in Woodbridge with his wife, Robin.

## **JOHN WEINGART**

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John Weingart has been associate director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics since 2000. He directs the Institute's Center on the American Governor and the Arthur J. Holland Ethics in Government Program. He also oversees the graduate Eagleton Fellowship Program and helps lead the Undergraduate Associates Program, in which he teaches the capstone course. His interests include public policy for issues involving considerations of risk, public participation in government, and, more generally, the vitality of the infrastructure of government. He writes columns and is a frequently quoted source in media reports on politics, government and public policy.

Weingart's prior experience in government includes work – primarily on environmental and land use issues – during the administrations of two Democratic and two Republican governors. He helped to write and implement New Jersey's coastal zone management program and Hudson River Walkway Plan and directed a state commission's unusual public process encouraging municipalities to consider volunteering to host a disposal facility for low-level radioactive waste. While at Eagleton, Weingart has served as the gubernatorially-appointed inaugural chair of the New Jersey Highlands Council, leading the Council through its first 93 meetings to the adoption of a comprehensive regional land use plan covering much of northwestern New Jersey.



His publications include the book, *Waste Is A Terrible Thing To Mind: Risk, Radiation and Distrust of Government*; the Eagleton Institute studies, *From Candidate to Governor-Elect: Recommendations for Gubernatorial Transitions* (with Kris Shields); and *Another Government Success Story: Citizen Volunteers on New Jersey State Boards and Commissions*; and an earlier book, *Reform of Undergraduate Education*, written with Arthur E. Levine.

On Sunday evenings, Weingart hosts *Music You Can't Hear On The Radio*, New Jersey's premiere radio program of folk music, bluegrass and other American roots music, broadcast live on WPRB-FM and WPRB.com. Weingart holds a B.A. in Sociology from Brandeis University and a Master's in Public Affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School. He and his wife, Deborah Spitalnik, live in Hunterdon County, New Jersey.