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## EAGLETON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Eagleton Fellowship Program was one of the first activities undertaken by the Institute after it was established in 1956 with a bequest from Florence Peshine Eagleton. The Institute has become a center of learning and inquiry about politics where attention and interest focus on how contemporary political systems work, how they change, and how they might work better.

Over the years, the Eagleton Fellowship Program has developed and changed, but its vision, mission and values have remained constant. Between 1957 and 1994, the program was conducted in partnership with the Department of Political Science in New Brunswick, and graduates earned an M.A. in political science. From 1995 to 2000 the program was administered in collaboration with the Department of Public Policy at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, with graduates earning an M.S. degree in public policy. Since 2000, the Eagleton Fellowship Program has been open to graduate students from departments and schools on all Rutgers campus who are interested in politics and government. Recent Fellows have come from diverse departments and schools on the New Brunswick, Camden and Newark campuses, representing more than forty-five departments in the social sciences, humanities and natural sciences and nineteen different graduate and professional schools reflecting a wide variety of interests and perspectives.

2017 will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> class of Eagleton Fellows. Over 1,000 alumni have graduated from the program since the first class in 1958. Some choose careers in public service, while others apply their sophisticated knowledge of government and politics in the private and non-profit sectors or in education, business or a variety of other fields.

Eagleton Fellows work toward their graduate degrees without interruption; the one-year fellowships are designed to complement academic study. Throughout the year, Eagleton gives students access to practitioners in state and national politics and government who serve to bridge the gap between the academic training of a graduate student and the everyday challenges of a life in politics and public affairs. All Fellows take one of two specially-designed seminars in the fall to prepare them for an internship placement in the spring. Fellows are placed in the New Jersey Legislature, Office of the Governor, state executive agency or department, government offices at the local, county, state, regional and federal levels, or related offices.

Up to 27 fellowships are awarded annually through four related awards: Harold and Reba Martin, Henry J. Raimondo Legislative, Governor's Executive, and Eagleton Alumni. More information on the Eagleton Fellowship program can be found on the Eagleton website at <http://eagleton.rutgers.edu/students/fellowships.php>

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### Fatu Badiane Markey



Fatu Markey is a Ph.D. student in the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Infection, Immunity and Inflammation program on the Newark campus. As an undergraduate, Fatu majored in biology with a concentration in neural and behavioral studies at Bryn Mawr College. At that time, she was interested in pursuing a career in medicine. After graduation, Fatu accepted a position as a laboratory technician at Thomas Jefferson University. While there, Fatu decided to pursue a master's degree focused on science, as opposed to medicine. Her master's thesis research had a goal of improving vaccine efficacy. Currently, Fatu is a graduate student in the lab of Dr. Mona Batish at Rutgers-Newark, working to improve cancer diagnostic techniques, specifically with regards to soft and solid tissue tumors that currently have limited diagnostic options. Her current thesis research focuses on understanding the biological mechanisms of Ewing's Sarcoma, a pediatric bone and soft tissue tumor, which will hopefully lead to new therapeutic targets. Fatu's career goals have been as varied as her research experience – from medicine to diagnostics to basic biology and now to government and science policy. Fatu is excited to explore the role of scientists in government and policy careers, which was sparked in sessions attended as part of the Interdisciplinary Job Opportunities for Biomedical Students Science and Health Policy Track (iJOBS) program. She hopes to be involved in policy, science, and medicine, which all have the ability to greatly affect the lives of people within our general society. Apart from the hours she spends in the lab, Fatu lives in Philadelphia with her husband and enjoys listening to audiobooks and podcasts, spending time with friends and family, and discovering new places and foods. As a Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellow, Fatu will bring her research experience to the Office of Legislative Services in the spring.

### Sabrina Baig



Sabrina Baig is a third-year student evening at Rutgers School of Law-Newark from Monroe Township. She is the senior articles editor for the *Rutgers Law Review*, and her note, "Caitlyn Jenner: A Shedding of a Former Self in the Context of Trademark Law," has been selected for publication in the journal. She was a legal research and writing teaching associate and constitutional law research assistant. She was also treasurer of her law school's Intellectual Property Law Society. Sabrina is an active member of the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association (NJWLA). In 2015, NJWLA awarded her a scholarship her essay on "A Near-Zero Tolerance Policy," which discusses domestic violence in the NFL. Sabrina has interned with two federal judges in New Jersey -- the Honorable Freda Wolfson in 2015 and the Honorable Esther Salas in 2015 and 2016. She was also an intern in the Professional Boards Prosecution Unit of the New Jersey Attorney General's Office in 2015. Sabrina is interested in lawmaking and would like to one day run for public office. She attributes much of her success in law school to her involvement in the Minority Students Program and has spoken at various law school panels advocating the Rutgers program. She was a summer associate at the litigation firm Kasowitz, Benson, Torres and Friedman and will be returning to the firm upon graduating. Sabrina works during the day for a solo practitioner who specializes in land development and real estate transactional law in Monroe. She received the Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowship award and will be placed at the Senate Majority Office in the spring.

### **Jordyn Barry**



Jordyn Barry, a native of New Zealand, is a master's candidate in political science and international relations with a concentration in women's and gender studies at the Graduate School in Newark. She graduated with bachelor's degrees in economics and political science from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and now lives in Jersey City. After immigrating with her family to Las Vegas, Nevada, she quickly became involved in politics, where she advocated on behalf of the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth as a lobbyist intern to Nevada state senators. Jordyn has also competed as a nationally-ranked congressional debater. While an undergraduate, she served as a special projects intern for then Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a digital organizer for Obama for America, an executive administrator for Union Gaming (an economic analytics firm), and an intern for Congresswoman Dina Titus. She founded and served as president of the Forensic Speech and Debate team for four years and was the national champion in extemporaneous speaking and national runner-up with her partner in parliamentary debate. Jordyn served as president of the Model United Nations team for two years, and she led her team in winning the overall outstanding delegation at the American Model United Nations Conferences two years in a row. As a student senator for three years, Jordyn was active in increasing student involvement in administrative affairs and served as the senate secretary during her senior year. She was awarded the Clinton Global Initiative Up to Us Nationwide Campus Competition Grant in a competition that empowers students to educate their peers about the national debt and its implications. She also studied abroad in Chile, where she engaged in fieldwork on the impact of mining and tourism on the indigenous peoples. While working as a research assistant, Jordyn presented "A Post-Gender Society? Worldwide Newspaper Coverage in Dilma Rousseff's 2014 Presidential Campaign" with Dr. Pedro dos Santos and a fellow student at the 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Conference. During her time at Rutgers, Jordyn has been vice-president of Security Council simulation on the American Model United Nations International Secretariat and a graduate school preparation mentor for undergraduates in Newark. Jordyn currently holds the position of head speech and debate coach at Millburn High School, which is ranked second in the state of New Jersey. During the summer of 2016, she was awarded a USAID Research and Innovation Fellowship, traveling to Cape Town, South Africa to research gender-based violence. While there, she wrote policy briefs and legal framework for Sonke Gender Justice. Jordyn is thrilled to have received the Governor's Executive Award. Her spring internship placement will be at the New York Division of Human Rights.

### **Patrick Clark**



Patrick Clark, a New Jersey native, is a third-year graduate student at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy in New Brunswick, where he is pursuing dual master's degrees in city and regional planning and public policy. His concentration areas include housing and real estate, budget and finance, and transportation. After graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign, Patrick served as a city planner for the City of Joplin, Missouri. In response to an EF-5 tornado that struck the city in 2011, he led various recovery efforts and worked with the community to develop long-term recovery plans in an effort to deliver over \$150 million in disaster recovery grants. Patrick returned to New Jersey to attend Rutgers and now lives in Madison. During his first two years as a graduate student, he was president of the Rutgers Association of Planning and Public Policy and interned at New Jersey Community Capital, where he worked in mortgage finance to develop sustainable and affordable homeownership opportunities for low-and-moderate income households. He also worked for New Jersey Transit's Resilience Program, which aims to both permanently repair assets damaged by Superstorm Sandy and provide for greater resiliency from future extreme weather events. As his academic pursuits suggest, Patrick loves cities, especially in New Jersey, and in addition to

pursuing his degree, he enjoys exploring New Jersey's unique and eclectic collection of urban communities. Patrick received the Harold and Reba Martin Fellowship award.

### **Ryan Cote**



Ryan Cote is pursuing a master's degree in city and regional planning at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers-New Brunswick. His focus is on community economic development and housing policy. While Ryan is concentrating on improving disadvantaged neighborhoods through urban planning, his childhood was one filled with many different neighborhoods as his family moved around the country and internationally. In many ways, these constant travels and unique experiences are what led Ryan to see the power of community and the power of place on the opportunities individuals are afforded. Ryan now resides in Highland Park. He earned his bachelor's degree in international development from the University of Oregon and became a teacher with Teach for America in Washington DC. For two years, Ryan was a middle school special education teacher working with students often disadvantaged simply because of the communities they came from. This experience in particular, affirmed Ryan's belief in the power of place and policy on individual opportunity. This year, Ryan is a Harold and Reba Martin award fellow as well as a Morgan Stanley/ANHD Community Development fellow.

### **Donna Dahringer**



Donna Dahringer is a Master's of Landscape Architecture student at the Rutgers Graduate School of Environmental and Biological Sciences on the New Brunswick campus with a focus on ecological and sustainable design. Donna resides in Stockton, NJ where she is co-owner of an agriculture/permaculture venture. Last summer she interned at Duke Farms designing ecological landscapes suitable for suburban settings. Until 2014, Donna was owner and principal of Public Policy Consulting, LLC, handling legislative and regulatory analysis, communications, project management and trade association services. She was previously Assistant Director, Public Policy for Pfizer Inc and Manager, Public Policy for Ciba Geigy. Donna also worked for the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. She received a Master's in Business Administration and Master's in Public Policy from Duke University and a Bachelor's in economics from Hamilton College. She received the Governor's Executive award.

### **Joseph Doll**



Joseph Doll is a fourth-year J.D. and master's of business administration student at the Rutgers Law and Business Schools on the Newark campus. He is pursuing a certificate in corporate law through the J.D. program, as well as a finance specialization through the M.B.A. program. Joseph is a senior editor on the *Rutgers Law Review*, and his note, "Overregulation and the Systemic Risk Problem: The Inadequacy of the 2014 Money Market Reforms and Their Seismic Threat to the Business and Communities Relying on Short-Term Credit," has been selected for publication in the *Rutgers Business Law Journal*. Joseph is the co-founder of the first truly multi-disciplinary J.D./M.B.A. student clinic in the country, the Rutgers Entrepreneurship Clinic. Through the clinic, he intends to facilitate successful entrepreneurship and economic growth in Newark by providing local entrepreneurs with free legal services and business guidance. He served as a summer intern for Judge Michael Shipp in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, where he researched and wrote on a variety of policy issues, including sentencing guidelines, the Fair Labor Standards and Occupational Safety and Health Acts, and the protection of domestic corporations' intellectual property from foreign competitors. Joseph also

interned with Judge Patty Shwartz in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, where he studied competing and concurring federal policies and wrote memoranda analyzing the public policy implications of various federal appellate court decisions. Born and raised in Akron, Ohio, Joseph earned his bachelor's degree from the Ohio State University in political science, with minors in business and Spanish. While at Ohio State, Joseph was a politics, society and law scholar and president of OSU Votes, an organization that provided college students with economic incentives to register to vote such as discounts at local restaurants. Joseph is a macroeconomics enthusiast who resides in Newark. He enjoys *Game of Thrones* and cheering for the New York Red Bulls in his free time. Joseph received the Governor's Executive Fellowship award.

### **Ardinez Domgjoni**



Ardinez Domgjoni is in his third and final year at Rutgers School of Law-Newark. He grew up in Queens, New York and obtained his bachelor's degree from Fordham University in political science, with a minor in economics. During college, Ardinez interned for United States Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, and Williams and Jensen, a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C. Prior to law school, Ardinez worked at Cravath, Swaine and Moore as a litigation legal assistant supporting attorneys in press-covered securities actions brought by the federal government and other institutional investors. Following his first year of law school, he interned at Prudential Financial, working in the legal department's enterprise regulatory law group. In his second year, Ardinez was a judicial intern for U.S. District Court Judge Susan D. Wigenton in Newark and served as a legal skills teaching fellow, tutoring first year students in torts law. Between his second and third years, Ardinez worked as a summer associate at Bressler, Amery and Ross in Florham Park, where he hopes to return as an associate upon graduation. He currently serves as a teaching associate for legal analysis, writing and research skills. Ardinez received the Governor's Executive Fellowship award.

### **Philip Farinella**



Philip (P.J.) Farinella, a Livingston New Jersey native, graduated from McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and international studies. P.J. is currently in his third year at Rutgers School of Law in Camden. Prior to attending law school, P.J. interned for United States Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen of New Jersey's 11th District and State Senator H. Wayne Norman of Maryland's 35th District. While in law school, P.J. has remained dedicated to public service. During his first two years of law school, he interned for the Philadelphia district attorney's office, the Honorable Judge Michael A. Shipp in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General's tort litigation division, and the Honorable Judge Jack M. Sabatino of the Appellate Division in the Superior Court of New Jersey. Following graduation, P.J. plans on pursuing a judicial clerkship before beginning his legal career, with the hope of holding public office in the future. He is a recipient of a Governor's Executive Fellowship award

### **Kyle Holder**



Kyle Holder is currently pursuing his master's degree in public policy at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at in New Brunswick. A New Jersey native who graduated from Randolph High School, Kyle found his way to Rutgers University for his undergraduate studies. After receiving a bachelor of science degree, he continued his studies at Rutgers. He is a former owner of a sports clothing company who has now turned his focus to the political realm. Kyle has experienced government on both sides of the aisle in the United States Congress, New Jersey

Office of the Governor, and New Jersey Legislature. Kyle was elected for a two-year term as a committeeman in Middlesex County in 2013. As a scholarship athlete, Kyle continues to represent Rutgers University on the track and field team. He is the president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and serves as the Big Ten liaison for Rutgers Athletics. Kyle has also served two years as the Athlete Coordinator for SCREAM, which runs educational prevention programs about interpersonal violence for student athletes. He received the Harold and Reba Martin Fellowship Award.

### **Saskia Kusnecov**



Saskia Kusnecov is a master of information student at the School of Communication and Information in New Brunswick, focusing on library and information science. As an undergraduate student at Rutgers pursuing a career in education, she became interested in the connections between literacy, knowledge, and power, especially as they relate to youth and civic participation. Saskia quickly became involved in roles that allowed her to act as a leader in educational spaces, including her service as a Barbara Voorhees mentor, peer academic leader, and co-coordinator for the Book Buddies program at Highland Park Public Library, which encourages literacy development in learning readers. In her sophomore year, Saskia started working on the Douglass Alumnae Oral History Project for the Margery Somers Foster Center in the Douglass Library. As part of her work on the project, she had the opportunity to present at the Women's History in the Digital World Conference at Bryn Mawr College, where she was exposed to the world of libraries in the "Information Age." The conference introduced her to questions about how knowledge is structured, accessed, and managed and why who is curating informational resources matters. As an Institute for Women's Leadership scholar the following year, she fused her interests in information and education by writing and compiling online educational resources for K-12 teachers, teaching social justice through the visual arts. She received a grant to implement her curriculum in the form of a workshop, entitled "The Intersection of Art and Activism." For her graduate degree, Saskia is focusing on the intersection of information and education and is particularly interested in issues relating to youth and the digital divide, the influence of technology on national school curriculum standards, and the connection between access to information and civic participation. Saskia was selected as a Henry J. Raimondo Fellow and will be interning in the Office of Legislative Services/Legislative Library at the State House in the spring.

### **Arcadia Lee**



Arcadia Lee is in her second year at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy in pursuit of a master of public policy degree with a concentration on economics and energy policy. She served as an environmental intern for two state legislators, Assemblyman Daniel R. Benson and Senator Bob Smith. Arcadia envisions herself working with energy regulation policy and compliance in either government or the private sector, where she hopes to find more sustainable ways to provide electricity and improve data collection methods on emission rates and equipment. Arcadia traveled to Iceland with The GREEN Program in 2014 to learn about renewable energy technology and sustainability at Reykjavik University, and to study at Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola in Cusco, Peru in 2015. She graduated from Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences *cum laude* with a bachelor of science in environmental policy, institutions and behavior with a concentration in U.S. policy and resources. In addition to her energy work, Arcadia also works on criminal justice reform. She serves as chair of the NJ-STEP Student Advisory Committee at Rutgers and provides mentorship services to people who have been previously incarcerated and are now attending Rutgers. NJ-STEP is a re-entry initiative aimed at providing tutoring services in prisons and additional resources and counseling to people who want to receive a higher education coming out of prison. Arcadia has received multiple awards and scholarships for her academic achievements and

dedication to public service, including the Bloustein Excellence Scholarship in Public Policy, Agnes McDede Murray Fellowship, Dr. Bonnie J. McCay Environmental Leadership Award, Leah Boddie Award for Outstanding Community Service, and the Class of 1962 Public Service Scholarship. She received the Harold and Reba Martin Fellowship award and currently resides in Highland Park.

### **Andrew Malik**



Andrew Malik, a lifelong resident of Camden County, New Jersey, is a third-year student at Rutgers School of Law in Camden. Prior to law school, he received a bachelor of science degree in business administration with a concentration in finance from Elizabethtown College in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. While at Elizabethtown, Andrew took first place in several finance case competitions under the mentorship of Dr. Emma H. Neuhauser. Andrew was also a member of the Elizabethtown swimming and diving team for four years and served as captain of the team during his senior year. As an undergraduate, he interned at DieTech, Inc., a precision metal stamper, in York Haven. While in law school, he worked as a law clerk for Burton Neil and Associates, P.C. and as a judicial intern to the Honorable Douglas E. Arpert, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey. After his second year, Andrew worked a summer associate at Pepper Hamilton, LLP in the Philadelphia office. He is currently serving as articles editor of the *Rutgers University Law Review* and is a board fellow for the Hunter Moot Court Appellate Advocacy Program. Andrew received a Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowship award and will be placed in the Assembly Republican office in the spring. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, model trains, day trading, and spending time with his family and friends.

### **Michelle Mayer**



A child of immigrants from India and Austria, Michelle Mayer is pursuing master's degrees in public policy and city/ regional planning at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy in New Brunswick. Throughout her study, she has focused on street equity design and biking and walking issues. Her recent complete streets studio group received the Best Student Project Award from the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association. In addition to her school work, Michelle is a grant writer for BikeJC, a volunteer nonprofit organization in Jersey City, where she resides, and serves as a research assistant at Rutgers' Bicycle and Pedestrian Research Center. She also spent three years as the online production associate at Transportation Alternatives, a bicycle, pedestrian and public transit advocacy nonprofit in Manhattan. Michelle earned her bachelor's degree in comparative literature and societies in German and Hindi from Columbia University. She was a Fulbright English teaching assistant in Austria and studied in India as an American Institute of Indian Studies Fellow. Michelle received the Harold and Reba Martin Fellowship award. Having biked throughout her experiences at home and abroad, Michelle endeavors to reclaim the streets from the automobile and return them to the people-centered communities they once served.

### **Beonica McClanahan**



Beonica McClanahan hails from the Windy City -- Chicago, Illinois. After observing the results of gentrification and the impact of community activism, she became passionate about developing local policies that can shape communities and families. She executed this passion when she created and managed a program for incarcerated teenagers in Southern Illinois, where she developed a curriculum and recruited college students to mentor the teens. During the program, most of the teens completed their G.E.Ds, and one enrolled in a university upon her release from prison. Beonica hopes to duplicate this program in New Jersey. She is currently a third-year law student at Rutgers School of Law-Newark. During her first and second years there,

she interned for an appellate judge, the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, and the New York City Law Department. Prior to law school, as an undergraduate at Southern Illinois University, she was an ambassador for the late Senator Paul Simon's Youth-in-Government Program. She furthered her desire to impact local government when she accepted a fellowship to the University of Illinois for her master's degree, conducting research focused on efficient and effective ways for state and local government to execute public policy. Beonica worked as a legislative aide for the United Food and Commercial Workers Labor Union and legislative liaison for the Illinois Association of Insurers and Financial Advisors. During this time, she assisted in the passage of the Illinois KidCare bill, a bi-partisan bill that guaranteed healthcare to all children. Beonica also served as special assistant and Dunn Fellow for the deputy chief for legislative affairs in the State of Illinois Office of the Governor, where she organized and handled the legislative agendas of forty state agencies. She also became an adjunct faculty member at Southern Illinois University and several community colleges. Beonica is ecstatic to be a Governor's Executive Fellow in the prestigious Eagleton Program. She is confident that she will contribute to New Jersey communities by analyzing, researching, and implementing goals set forth by the New Jersey state government. She resides in Princeton, New Jersey with her spouse, Eric, and their three children.

### **Rupande Mehta**



Rupande Mehta is pursuing a master's in public administration degree at the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers-Newark. She was born in India and from a very young age had a fierce voice for the less fortunate; her interest primarily stemmed from being a victim of abuse at various times in her life. In 2002, Rupande came to the United States in pursuit of her M.B.A., which she received from Clarion University. After working in the corporate healthcare and pharmaceutical sector for ten years, she decided to change careers and work for Women Aware, a local non-profit, as a domestic violence liaison. Today, Rupande helps victims of domestic violence with access to resources and information and educates them on the vicious cycle of abuse. Rupande is also a writer, mainly on women's and girls' rights worldwide. Her writings have been featured on various sites, including *The Huffington Post* and *Stop Street Harassment*. Rupande is currently working with The Red Elephant Foundation to develop a gender based violence curriculum to be used for increasing awareness via workshops, and with Sayfty, where she hosts chats once a month on topics related to violence against women and women's empowerment. Last summer, she interned with the New Jersey Office of the Lieutenant Governor, conducting policy research. Rupande's career goal is to empower women so they can stand up and claim their place in the world. She is honored to receive the Governor's Executive Fellowship Award and hopes to gain valuable experience so she can be a catalyst for change and transform our society for the better.

### **Kaitlyn Millsaps**



Kate Millsaps is a second year student at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, pursuing dual master's degrees in public policy and city and regional planning. At Rutgers, she has assisted in research projects focusing on water supply management in New Jersey, specifically climate change adaptation and demand forecasting, working with the Environmental Analysis and Communications Group at Bloustein, the Rutgers Climate Institute, and the Department of Human Ecology. This past summer, Kate received the James J. Gallagher Family Fellowship from the New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance to support research on assessing future inland flooding impacts on communities as a result of climate change. Before pursuing her master's degree, Kate served as the conservation program coordinator at the Sierra Club-New Jersey Chapter, developing and implementing grassroots campaigns around environmental issues and advocating on legislation. Kate was previously the campaign and grassroots coordinator with the New Jersey Highlands Coalition and continues to serve on the organization's Board of Trustees. She received

her B.A. in international studies and environmental studies from Ramapo College. A New Jersey native, she currently resides in Somerville. Upon graduation, Kate hopes to continue working with the environmental non-profit community to fight for strong and innovative environmental and energy policies. Kate is honored to have received the Eagleton Alumni Fellowship Award.

### **Carl Minniti**



Carl Minniti III is in his final year at Rutgers Schools of Law and Business in Camden, pursuing a joint J.D. and M.B.A. degree. Having grown up in Barnsboro, New Jersey, he attended Saint Joseph's University for both undergraduate and graduate school, where he studied biology. During his first and second years of law school, Carl worked for three judges on the federal bench: Circuit Judge Kent A. Jordan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; and Judges Christopher J. Burke and Gregory M. Sleet of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Throughout these internships, Carl contributed on cases touching a variety of legal issues including: patent litigation; novel constitutional law theories; and federal sentencing guideline disputes. He also served as a law clerk at the Philadelphia litigation firm of Bochetto and Lentz, PC. Most recently, he was a summer associate in the New York office of Paul Hastings LLP. There, he was a member of the intellectual property litigation group with a primary focus in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical fields. Carl served as the managing editor for the *Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion*, where his note on first amendment issues in trademark law was recently published. He has also written on emerging topics in the nascent biosimilars industry, namely issues of statutory interpretation arising under the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009. His articles have been published in the *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society* and the American Bar Association's *SciTech Lawyer*. Carl received the Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowship and will be placed with the Senate Republican Office in the spring.

### **Adam Morsy**



Adam Hassan Morsy is in his third year at Rutgers School of Law - Newark. He grew up in Aberdeen, New Jersey and obtained his bachelor's degree from The College of New Jersey in international studies, with a concentration in the Middle East and a minor in Arabic. During college, Adam interned for former United States Congressman Rush Holt as well as the Mercer Regional (now MIDJersey) Chamber of Commerce. As a corps member with Teach for America, Adam was able to serve inner city youth as a social studies and science teacher. After his first year of law school, he received the 2015 Charles J. Walsh Scholarship and served as a law clerk with Sills Cummis & Gross P.C., exposing him to various areas of law. In his second year, Adam interned for Judge Siobhan A. Teare in the New Jersey Superior Court, Essex Vicinage Criminal Division. He also served as a legal skills teaching fellow, tutoring first year students in contracts law, and he competed in the 2016 Jessup International Moot Court Competition. Between his second and third years, Adam worked as a summer associate at Cole Schotz P.C. in Hackensack. He was also awarded the 2016 John J. Barry Memorial Award by the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey. Adam is the president of the Muslim Law Students Association and an active member of the Minority Student Program, the International Law Society, and the Public Interest Law Student Association. Adam is a volunteer for Street Law, Inc., a global, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with the aim of developing classroom and community program that educate young people about law and government. He has also taught students at the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center and served as a Street Law volunteer. He received the Governor's Executive Fellowship award.

### **Divij Pandya**



Divij Pandya is a third-year law student at Rutgers School of Law in Newark. He grew up in Parsippany, New Jersey, where he currently resides. As an undergraduate, Divij attended Rutgers-Newark, where he was president of the Student Governing Association and a member of the Honors College. Divij graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and a minor in political science. Divij first became involved in politics when he volunteered with the Parsippany Young Democrats during the 2008 mayoral election. Since then, Divij has interned for Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg and has worked on the congressional campaign of Josh Gottheimer in New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District. Divij received the Governor's Executive Fellowship award.

### **Annabel Pollioni**



Annabel Pollioni is in her third year at Rutgers School of Law-Newark. She grew up on the Jersey Shore and received her bachelor's degree from Rutgers-New Brunswick in political science with a minor in environmental policy. During college, she spent time volunteering and interning with the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group, where she helped recruit and train students to be activists on campus and in their local community. Part of her work included volunteering in local soup kitchens and educating underprivileged children about energy efficiency and the environment. During Annabel's first year of law school, she received the Kinoy-Stavis Fellowship, through which she participated in the Constitutional Rights Clinic focusing on prisoners' rights and voting rights. Annabel spent her first summer after law school at the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, where she helped persons with criminal records through expungement proceedings. During her second year, Annabel, with the help of her colleagues, won the Rutgers School of Public Policy Social Justice Challenge grant in support of the publication "Know Your Rights," a pamphlet for the families of and juveniles entering into state custody. She also served as a legal skills teaching fellow, tutoring first-year students in contracts law. Between her second and third years, Annabel worked as a summer associate at Proskauer Rose LLC. in Newark, where she hopes to return as an associate upon graduation. Annabel is on the executive board of the American Constitution Society and actively participates in the Public Interest Law Foundation, the Black Lives Matter movement on campus, and the Student Bar Association.

### **Johnny Quispe**



Johnny Quispe is a master's student in the Department of Ecology and Evolution at Rutgers-New Brunswick. He was born and raised in Union City, and currently lives in Highland Park. Johnny attended Rutgers-New Brunswick for his undergraduate and completed his bachelor of science in international environmental policy, institutions, and behaviors. He then went on to continue his focus on environmental issues in New Jersey by working on conservation, preservation, restoration, and remediation sites across the state. He worked on achieving holistic remediation for federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA/Superfund) and state Site Remediation Program sites through advocacy, technical research, public engagement, and education. His recent research led him to work on marsh and bog restorations, environmental resource inventories, watershed and water quality protection, geographic information systems analyses, and several other projects. Through his work Johnny became interested in the use of science for the creation and implementation of science-based policies and hopes to continue bringing science and scientists into the political arena. His additional interests have led him to compete in a Social Justice Challenge hosted

by the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers-Newark, where he was a finalist for his team's proposal of a summer arts education program in the City of Newark. Johnny is also active in international issues through his involvement with the United Nations Association and the United Nations Youth Delegate program, where he works on advocating for sustainable development and the mission of the United Nations in the achievement of the sustainable development goals. Johnny works with the Star of Hope Family Organization, an NGO which works to create and supply public health centers, schools, and homes in rural areas of Tanzania. Most recently he has been interning for the New Jersey Department of State and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. He hopes to continue his education and professional development and dedicate his work to the development of society and serve the State of New Jersey. He is the recipient of the Governor's Executive Fellowship award.

### **Farah Rahaman**



Farah Rahaman is in her final year at Rutgers School of Law-Newark. She grew up in Rahway, New Jersey. Farah attended Barnard College as an undergraduate and graduated with a bachelor's degree in urban studies with a concentration in political science. As an undergraduate, Farah interned with the legislative offices of two New York City Council members, in Congressman Rangel's Harlem district office, with the policy office of the Bronx Borough President, with Mayor Bloomberg's Press and Media Research Office, and with the Center for an Urban Future. After graduation, Farah served as an AmeriCorps VISTA with the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General, where she worked on the development of statewide crime prevention, youth development and prisoner reentry programming and policy. After serving as a VISTA, Farah worked at the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey. At Rutgers Law School, Farah served as an Equity and Opportunity Fellow, researching the impact of home rule on the provision of municipal court services and its adverse impact on socio-economically depressed communities. Farah is currently a Kinoy-Stavis Public Interest Law Fellow and is enrolled in the Constitutional Rights Clinic, where she works on various issues affecting the civil liberties of New Jersey residents. During the summer of 2015, Farah worked with the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice in New York City, where she worked on the Raise the Age Initiative and on the city's efforts to remove juveniles from Rikers Island. She continued exploring her interest in the juvenile justice system through internships with Judge Cavanaugh of Essex Vicinage Family Division, the Juvenile Law Center, and the Essex County Public Defenders Office's Juvenile Section. After graduation, Farah would like to work as a juvenile public defender or on juvenile justice policy reform. Farah received the Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowship award and will be placed in the Office of Legislative Services in the spring.

### **Thalya Reyes**



Thalya Reyes is a student at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, where she is pursuing dual master's degrees in public policy and city and regional planning. Her areas of concentration are social policy and community development and research methods. Born in Passaic to immigrant parents from the Dominican Republic, Thalya is passionate about creating sustainable communities where everyone can thrive. Thalya graduated *summa cum laude* from Rowan University with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and minors in geography and geographic information science (GIS); she served as vice president of the Rowan Environmental Action League. She also completed several research projects on campus; most notably, she studied surface water quality, used GIS to create a database of trees, and wrote a thesis on utilizing a watershed-approach in water resources policy and planning. Her research and volunteer experience was recognized with the Gold Medallion for Excellence in Environmental Studies, the highest honor given to a graduating senior of the major. She proudly served in AmeriCorps: first, as the watershed ambassador for the New Jersey Department of Environmental

Protection and Passaic County Planning Department and then as the FoodCorps Service Member with Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the New Brunswick Community Farmers Market. She has experience advocating with local and federal representatives on the issues of child nutrition policies, national service programs, safe and affordable housing, public educational institutions, and civics education. Thalya interned with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation and the Community Development Corporation in Perth Amboy as a community scholar with the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey in the program's inaugural year. Currently, she serves as the student recruiter for the Bloustein School and as the service chair for the Rutgers Association of Planning and Policy Students. After graduation, Thalya hopes to pursue a career in data science and research communications to promote sound policy solutions for issues that affect working families and marginalized groups. During her free time, Thalya enjoys playing ultimate frisbee; she competes with Nightshade, the Rutgers Women's Ultimate Frisbee team. Thalya is honored to have received the Governor's Executive Fellowship Award.

### **Kenneth Shatzkes**



Kenneth Shatzkes is a fourth-year Ph.D. candidate studying infectious disease in the Department of Medicine at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences-Newark. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, he focuses his research on developing predatory bacteria into a radical new method for combating bacterial infections in the coming post-antibiotic era. For his graduate work, he received an honorable mention from the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program and was recently awarded the Dean Morris Schaffer Endowed Scholarship by the Rutgers Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. After attending the Bronx High School of Science, Kenneth received his bachelor's degree in biology with a concentration in molecular genetics from McGill University in Montreal, Canada in 2009. Upon graduation, he was hired by the J. Craig Venter Institute, a highly-regarded genomics research center in Rockville, Maryland, as a research associate working on various projects related to antibiotic resistance, bio-threat pathogen detection, and the human microbiome. In 2013, Kenneth was awarded a one-year Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education Research Fellowship at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration where he worked on developing modern ways to detect pediatric viral diseases at much earlier stages. He is a passionate advocate for public science communication and education, with the hope of inspiring young students to take a deeper interest in science-related careers. He has mentored with various science outreach programs, such as the New York Academy of Sciences' Afterschool STEM Mentoring Program, and he judges annually at the New York City Science and Engineering Fair. Recently, he was part of the New York City Board of Education's Scientist-in-Residence program, where he designed a year-long project exploring the human microbiome for two eighth grade public school classrooms. His outreach work directly inspired Kenneth to pursue a career in science policymaking and advocacy. In the spring of 2016, he was nominated to represent Rutgers at the third annual American Association for the Advancement of Science' Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering workshop to learn about the federal budget process and the importance of research funding advocacy. He is also a member of the Rutgers chapter of the National Science Policy Group, which travels to D.C. annually to meet with lawmakers and advocate for sustained, predictable scientific research funding. He hopes the Eagleton Fellowship will provide hands-on lessons on how to apply his scientific expertise to how government forms policy in order to make a tangible difference in people's lives. Kenneth is honored have received the Harold and Reba Martin Fellowship award.

### Joseph Stimmel



Joseph Stimmel is a third-year student at Rutgers School of Law-Newark. He grew up in Wayne, New Jersey but has lived in New Brunswick since 2010. He graduated *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in political science and minor in entrepreneurship from Rutgers-New Brunswick in 2014. During his undergraduate studies, Joseph was a non-partisan intern for New Jersey Governor Chris Christie at the Statehouse in Trenton. As an intern, he gained significant exposure to New Jersey governance and politics. He often attended the Governor's state-wide town hall meetings and frequently interacted with elected officials, community leaders, and ordinary citizens. Also during his undergraduate studies, he served on the board of directors of a non-profit charity dedicated to providing university education scholarships to underprivileged individuals in West Africa, and he also interned at the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office. During law school, Joseph interned in Newark Federal District Court and the Attorney General's Office in the Consumer Fraud Civil Prosecution Unit. He was also a summer associate at the law firm of Scarinci Hollenbeck in Lyndhurst and will be staying on through the fall. Upon graduating from law school, Joseph aspires to obtain a judicial clerkship or work for a law firm. He hopes to practice areas of law that will enable him to make a community-wide impact and improve the lives of others. Ultimately, Joseph hopes to one day serve in a public service position and even perhaps run for public office in New Jersey. Joseph received the Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowship award and is looking forward to his placement in the Office of Legislative Services in the spring.

### Peter Urmston



Peter Urmston is a third-year student at Rutgers School of Law School in Newark. Peter grew up in New Jersey and received a degree in political science from Northeastern University in 2011. Between college and law school, he worked for various federal, state, and local Democratic campaigns in, among other places, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Indiana. More locally, Peter also served on the staff of Congressman Rush Holt's U.S. Senate campaign in its Princeton headquarters. Following his first year at Rutgers, Peter was selected for membership on the *Rutgers University Law Review* and the Rutgers Moot Court Board. That summer, he also interned in the chambers of Justice Barry T. Albin of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, where he reviewed petitions for certification, drafted legal memoranda, and conducted case law research for judicial opinions. In addition, he began working as a research assistant to Professor Suzanne Kim. As a second-year law student, Peter became involved in the Honorable Morris Stern Pro Bono Bankruptcy Project at Rutgers, helping clients navigate the bankruptcy petitioning, filing, and closing processes. In addition, he was named the Schildkraut Scholar for Best Brief during the Cohn Appellate Advocacy Competition and represents Rutgers on the national appellate team. Most recently, Peter was a summer associate at the law firm Debevoise and Plimpton LLP, where he worked on matters pertaining to white collar criminal litigation, regulatory investigations, and international disputes. He is also president of the Rutgers-Newark chapter of the American Constitution Society, and, as a recipient of the Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowship, will serve in the Senate Majority Office this spring. Following graduation, Peter will serve as a law clerk to the Honorable Barry T. Albin of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Peter is fluent in German and enjoys running, drinking beer, and reading archaic case law.