

# EAGLETON

## Institute of Politics



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Eagleton faculty and staff celebrated the Institute's 60th anniversary.

## 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 has proudly marked its 60th anniversary in 2015-2016, along with 45th anniversaries for its Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) and the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling (ECPIP). Established in 1956 with a bequest from Florence Peshine Eagleton, a suffragist and founder of the New Jersey League of Women Voters, the Institute focuses attention on how the American political system works, how it changes, and how it might work better. For its 60th anniversary, Eagleton emphasized the broadly shared responsibility to “make it better.”

The Institute includes CAWP, ECPIP, and the Center on the American Governor. Eagleton also houses the Clifford P. Case Professorship of Public Affairs, the Arthur J. Holland Program

on Ethics in Government, the Louis J. Gambaccini Civic Engagement Series, the Senator Wynona Lipman Chair in Women's Political Leadership, and the Albert W. Lewitt Endowed Lecture.

For Rutgers undergraduate and graduate students, Eagleton offers a range of education programs, including an undergraduate certificate, graduate fellowships, research assistantships, internships, and opportunities to interact with political practitioners.

The Institute convenes conferences and other forums for the general public. In addition, Eagleton undertakes projects to enhance political understanding and involvement, often in collaboration with political leaders, government agencies, the media, non-profit groups, and other academic institutions.

## EAGLETON'S FACULTY, CENTERS AND PROGRAMS SPECIALIZE IN THE STUDY OF:

state government and politics  
public opinion polling and survey research  
women's political participation  
minority and immigrant political behavior  
governors  
campaigns, elections and political parties  
ethics

science and politics – policy and  
career intersections  
civic education and political engagement  
young elected leaders and youth  
political participation  
New Jersey politics





## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR SUMMER 2016

**Make it Better! Under that banner, the Eagleton Institute of Politics has proudly celebrated its 60th anniversary year. Building on Eagleton's lengthy record of educating involved citizens and effective political leaders, we issued this call for the Institute and our community to better understand how the U.S. political system works, how it changes, and how we can make it better.**

The Eagleton Institute was not alone in observing a landmark anniversary; 2016 marked the 250th year for Rutgers University. Prominent speakers helped to make these moments visible and meaningful as well as festive. For the University, it was President Barack Obama, the commencement speaker. His inspiring speech reinforced our anniversary theme. Therefore, I yield the "floor" to him for the remainder of this message. Our students – indeed, all of us – would do well to heed his wise words as we commit and strive to "make it better."



Have faith in democracy. Look, I know it's not always pretty. Really, I know. I've been living it. But it's how, bit by bit, generation by generation, we have made progress in this nation...It actually happened over the course of years of advocacy, and organizing, and alliance-building, and deal-making, and the changing of public opinion. It happened because ordinary Americans who cared participated in the political process...If you want to change this country for the better, you better start participating... Now, one of the reasons that people don't vote is because they don't see the changes they were looking for right away. Well, guess what — none of the great strides in our history happened right away...Each stage along the way required compromise...So you've got to be committed to participating, not just if you get immediate gratification, but [you've got to] be a citizen full-time, all the time. And if participation means voting, and it means compromise, and organizing and advocacy, it also means listening to those who don't agree with you...If you disagree with somebody, bring them in and ask them tough questions...If somebody has got a bad or offensive idea, prove it wrong. Engage it. Debate it. Stand up for what you believe in. Don't be scared to take somebody on. Don't feel like you've got to shut your ears off because you're too fragile and somebody might offend your sensibilities. Go at them if they're not making any sense. Use your logic and reason and words. And by doing so, you'll strengthen your own position, and you'll hone your arguments. And maybe you'll learn something and realize you don't know everything. And you may have a new understanding not only about what your opponents believe but maybe what you believe. Either way, you win. And more importantly, our democracy wins.

*President Barack Obama*  
May 15, 2016



## GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

**“Many years from now, when I look back at my decision to go to Rutgers Law School, my year at Eagleton will be the main reason I’ll see the decision as a good one. I felt at home in Wood Lawn as soon as I saw the pictures on the staircase coming up for the interview. Although I’ve always wanted to run for office, this program has given me the confidence to view this aspiration as a concrete goal. Thanks so much for welcoming me into the Eagleton family. I hope I can earn the trust and faith you all put in me throughout my career.”**

*Adam Pirtle, 2016 Fellow*

This anniversary year the Eagleton Fellowship Program reached a milestone: more than 1,000 students have participated in the program since the first class walked through the doors of Wood Lawn in 1957. Florence Eagleton’s call for “educating young men and women for responsible leadership in civic and governmental affairs and the solution of their political problems” continues to inspire. Her vision seems ever more prescient in today’s hyper-partisan, polarized political culture.



The 59th class of Eagleton Fellows included 27 graduate and professional school students from all of Rutgers’ three main campuses, seeking degrees in numerous fields. (See list on page 4.) The Class of 2016 included Democrats, Republicans and independents with views shaped, in part, by diverse prior professional roles including: high school math teacher, police sergeant and prosecutor investigator, children’s book writer and illustrator, editor and economics textbook publisher, conference planner, systems analyst, natural gas utility scheduler and independent film marketer. Fellows selected for the program had backgrounds that included work in applied forestry and urban agriculture; child nutrition; clinical psychology, renewable energy, environmental sustainability; transportation; affordable housing; children’s and veteran’s rights; immigration legislation; urban redevelopment; and research on federal health care policy and on policy in Afghanistan for a presidential library. Prior internship experiences also ranged from Americorps, FEMA, homeland security, the Securities and Exchange Commission and USAID to joining an Egyptian archaeological expedition.



As in the past, during the fall semester the Fellows enrolled in Legislative Policymaking, with Joe Doria, or the Seminar in American Politics co-taught by Doria and Pete McDonough, a bipartisan team with extensive background in state and national politics and government. Students in both classes also learned from guest speakers ranging from former governors to reporters, lobbyists, and state legislature experts.

In the spring, the Fellows continued the tradition, started by the late Professor Alan Rosenthal 21 years ago, of visiting the Maryland State House in Annapolis to gain a first-hand perspective on a government and legislature in a different state. Highlights included meeting Maryland’s U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin, observing both houses of the legislature honoring long-time Senator Barbara Mikulski, and having the Fellows recognized during the Senate legislative session by the longest serving Senate president in the country.

The Class of 2016 celebrated the fellowship year in May with a closing program featuring remarks by John J. Farmer, Jr., New Jersey’s former attorney general and special counsel to the president of Rutgers. An adaptation of his inspiring remarks entitled, “Yes, We Can Still Save America’s Democracy,” appeared in the May 23rd edition of *The Star Ledger*. Farmer asserted, “The survival of our form of government is not written in the stars, or even in the Constitution. It is written, or not written, in our culture, in a shared understanding and embrace of what it means to be American.”

**“Throughout my graduate studies I have learned extensive details regarding Medicare and Medicaid policies. I have written many policy briefs ... I could safely say I had a good understanding of health policy in the United States. I was wrong. After interning at the Medicaid office, I have learned more than I did throughout my graduate course work.”**

*Mariam Rashid, 2016 Fellow*

# EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Throughout the year, Fellows gathered for monthly in-depth discussions about politics, policy, and careers in government.

Topics included →

→ Transitioning from local government to federal office and beyond (with Mo Butler, Eagleton alumnus and then-chief of staff to U.S. Senator Cory Booker)

Choices in a complex and changing world (with former U.S. Senator George Mitchell)

State finances (with Tom Byrne, chairman of the State Investment Council, and Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff, former New Jersey treasurer) [Photo, top of page 2]

Orientation to state government (with Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno — photo, middle of page 2; Assemblyman Troy Singleton; Kevin Drennan, Mark Duffy, Francisco Maldonado and Christine Shipley of Assembly and Senate Republican and Democratic offices; Peri Horowitz and Amy Denholtz of the Office of Legislative Services; and Michael Symons, state house reporter, *Asbury Park Press*/Gannett)

Policies that affect children, families and communities (with Joseph Ribsam, Jr, deputy commissioner for the Department of Children and Families and Charles Richman, commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs)

Women and politics in 2016 (with Eagleton Institute director Ruth B. Mandel and CAWP director Debbie Walsh)

Perspectives on New Jersey issues (with Gordon MacInnes, president of New Jersey Policy Perspective, and Melanie Willoughby, chief government affairs officer for New Jersey Business and Industry Association)

Changing lives through local government (with Camden Mayor Dana Redd)

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## UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATES PROGRAM

For the best politically-minded Rutgers students, the Eagleton Undergraduate Associates (UA) program, established in 1974, offers rich experiences in the company of diverse peers. Those who enroll in the three-semester certificate program, offered in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, share enthusiasm for lively discussions with classmates from across the ideological spectrum. (See list on page 4.)

Undergraduate Associates explore the real-world practice and processes of American politics, learning from experienced practitioners. Those selected for the competitive program start the second semester of their junior year and continue through their senior year with Eagleton courses specifically designed for the program and internships related to American government or politics. The class sessions this year ranged

from role playing exercises in a hypothetical municipal government to learning networking and career skills from former governors and current legislative leaders to presenting recommendations on New Jersey state boards and commissions for Governor Christie's Authorities Unit.

**"The focus on actual, tangible solutions, not sensationalized politics, has been incredible."**

Henry Grabbe, 2016 UA

**"Eagleton helped me see the practical connections to the theory I've learned in my political science major."**

Liz Kantor, 2016 UA

**"The program has taught me how to discuss controversial topics in a civil way with my peers."**

Steven Mercadante, 2016 UA

**"All the guest speakers helped me see what takes place behind the scenes and gave me a real glimpse of a life of a politician....The program was by far the best part of my time at Rutgers."**

Ahmed Shehata, 2016 UA

**"The program has enabled me to apply... lessons in class to real life and allowed me to think like a decision maker."**

Michael Denis, 2016 UA

### IN MEMORIAM

Edward Romano

1994-2015

School of Arts and Sciences (History, Political Science)

UA Class of 2016





## CLASS OF 2016

# EAGLETON FELLOWS

## MAJOR/DEGREE (CAMPUS)

**OMAR BAREENTTO**

Law/JD (Nwk)

**JONATHAN CASTANEDA**

City and Regional Planning/  
MCRP (NB)

**PHILOMENA CHU**

Plant Biology and Pathology/  
PhD (NB)

**GIANCARLO DI LONARDO**

Public Policy/MPP + City and  
Regional Planning/MCRP (NB)

**BRENDAN GRAZIANO**

Psychology/PsyD (NB)

**MICHAEL GRIFFITH**

Law/JD (Nwk)

**DANIEL HORNER**

Public Policy/MPP + City and  
Regional Planning/MCRP (NB)

**JOHN JONES**

Urban Systems/PhD (Nwk)

**BRIANNA KEYS**

Public Policy/MPP (NB)

**JUSTIN LAMB**

Law/JD (Nwk)

**MEGAN LOEB**

Public Policy/MPP + City and  
Regional Planning/MCRP (NB)

**DILLON MCGUIRE**

Law/JD (Nwk)

**JAMILA MCLEAN**

Public Health/MPH (NB)

**CAITLIN MILLER**

Law/JD (Nwk)

**JOHN PALATUCCI**

Public Administration/MPA  
(Nwk)

**DANIEL PALMER**

Law/JD (Nwk)

**ADAM PIRTLE**

Law/JD (Cam)

**ROBERT RANSOM**

Law/JD (Cam)

**MARIAM RASHID**

Public Health/MPH (NB)

**R. MICHAEL RIECKEN**

Law/JD (Cam)

**DANIELLE ROBINSON**

Social Work/MSW (Nwk)

**JOSEPH RUA**

Ecology and Evolution/MS (NB)

**ALEXANDRA SAVINO**

History/MA (Nwk)

**GINA STREETER**

Law/JD (Cam)

**ALLISON STROBEL**

Social Work/MSW (NB)

**JENNIFER THERKORN**

Environmental Science/PhD  
(NB)

**IAN ZAPCIC**

Social Work/MSW (NB)

**CAMPUS**

Cam = Camden  
NB = New Brunswick  
Nwk = Newark



## CLASS OF 2016

# EAGLETON UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATES

## MAJOR(S)/MINORS(S)

**SABAH ABBASI**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Public Health, Political Science/  
Arabic

**JESSE ADAMS**

School of Social Work  
Social Work

**YANEIRY CALPENIO**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science/Social Justice,  
Women's & Gender Studies

**MICHAEL DENIS**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Criminal Justice, Political Science/  
History, Public Policy

**ZACHARY GOLDFARB**

School of Arts and Sciences  
History, Political Science/Spanish,  
Biological Sciences

**HENRY GRABBE**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science, Philosophy/Music

**MICHAEL GUGGENHEIM**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science/Hebrew-Modern  
Language

**NICHOLAS HANSEN**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science/History

**RIA IIZUKA**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science, Economics/Statistics

**ELIZABETH KANTOR**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science, Statistics

**JACQUELINE MALZONE**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science/Theater Arts, Education as a Social Science

**IAN MCGEOWN**

School of Arts and Sciences  
History, Political Science/Digital  
Communication, Information & Media

**CHRISTINA MCGINNIS**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Planning & Public Policy, Political  
Science/Psychology

**STEVEN MERCADANTE**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science, Planning & Public  
Policy/Economics

**CHARLOTTE MORABITO**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Women's & Gender Studies, Journalism & Media Studies

**HARRISON MORGAN**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Economics, Political Science

**CHARLES NARY**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Economics, Political Science

**JULIANA ODAME-LABI**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science, Communication/  
International & Global Studies

**DANIELLE POCOCK**

Rutgers Business School  
Finance

**SAMANTHA PUJA**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science, Communication/  
Sociology

**ANGENNY ROSARIO**

Rutgers Newark-College of Arts and  
Sciences  
Political Science/Global Politics,  
English

**HIRA SHAIKH**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science, Mathematics/Psychology

**AHMED SHEHATA**

Rutgers Newark-University College  
Criminal Justice/Political Science

**LUKE SVASTI**

School of Arts and Sciences  
Political Science, Labor Studies &  
Employment Relations

**CAMPUS**

New Brunswick  
unless specified



← 2016 UAs with Professor Tom Wilson and Senators Diane Allen and Loretta Weinberg

2015-2016

# EAGLETON STUDENT PLACEMENTS

## \*GRADUATE FELLOWS/+UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATES

### NEW JERSEY

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Governor's Office+  
Department of Agriculture\*  
Department of Children and Families+  
Election Law Enforcement Commission\*  
Department of Environmental Protection\*  
Department of Health\*+  
Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness\*  
Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency\*  
Department of Law and Public Safety\*  
Department of Military and Veteran Affairs\*  
Department of Human Services\*  
Department of Transportation\*

#### NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

Assemblyman Craig Coughlin+

Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli+  
Assemblyman Joe Daniels+  
Senator Diane Allen+  
Senator Joseph Vitale+  
New Jersey General Assembly\*  
New Jersey State Senate\*+  
New Jersey Office of Legislative Services\*

#### STATE OF NEW YORK

Metropolitan Transportation Authority+  
Office of Assemblyman Michael Blake+

#### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Office of U.S. Congressman Donald Payne, Jr. +  
Office of U.S. Senator Robert Menendez+  
Office of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown+  
U.S. Department of Labor\*  
U.S. Federal Public Defender\*

#### LOCAL and COUNTY GOVERNMENT

City of Jersey City+  
City of Newark\*  
City of Paterson\*  
City of Philadelphia+  
County of Middlesex\*

#### OTHER PLACEMENTS

M Public Affairs+  
Message and Media+  
Middlesex County Democratic Organization+  
Morford Drulis Associates+  
National Opinion Research Center+  
Princeton Public Affairs+  
The Rachel Maddow Show+



"The Fellowship Program provided a resource to allow our Division to focus on a research topic that day-to-day functions prevented us from addressing. The end result, establishing a framework for the Department to move forward, was extremely beneficial and greatly appreciated."

Fellow internship supervisor

2015-2016

# CLASSES AT WOOD LAWN

### UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES

And They're Off! Galloping Toward the 2016 Presidential Nomination

David Redlawsk  
(Byrne First-Year Seminar)

A Woman for President of the United States?

Ruth B. Mandel  
(Byrne First-Year Seminar)

Darien Civic Engagement Project

Elizabeth Matto and Andrew Murphy  
(Topics in Political Science)

Criminal Justice and Its Reform

Milton Heumann  
(Advanced Studies in Law III)

Learning from Political Internships

Thomas Wilson  
(Undergraduate Associates Seminar)

Moral and Ethical Dilemmas in Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Response and Homeland Security

John J. Farmer, Jr.  
(Byrne First-Year Seminar)

Political Campaigning

Michael DuHaime and Maggie Moran with Randi Chmielewski

Practice of Politics

David Redlawsk  
(Junior Undergraduate Associates Seminar)

Processes of Politics

John Weingart  
(Senior Undergraduate Associates Seminar)

Women and American Politics

Mary Nugent  
(Douglass Public Leadership Education Network)

You and the 2016 Elections: What to Watch, How to Watch, and How to Participate

Ruth B. Mandel  
(Byrne First-Year Seminar)

Youth Political Participation Program

Elizabeth Matto  
(Internship Seminar)

### GRADUATE CLASSES

Legislative Policymaking

Joseph Doria

Seminar in American Politics

Peter McDonough and Joseph Doria  
(Eagleton Fellows Seminar)

Women and Politics

Susan J. Carroll  
(Graduate Proseminar)

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

Shakespeare and Politics

Gerald Pomper  
(Osher Lifelong Learning Institute-Rutgers University)



↑ Professor David Redlawsk spoke from Iowa to students in Institute director Ruth B. Mandel's Byrne Seminar, "You and the 2016 Elections."

## POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING COURSE

Jon Bramnick

Presidential politics were front and center during Eagleton's fall 2015 Political Campaigning course. Co-instructors Mike DuHaime and Maggie Moran presented students

included Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, former U.S. Senator Jeffrey Chiesa, State Senator Richard Codey, Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick, Assem-



Ken McKay

with an unfiltered introduction to the presidential primary process as well as to New Jersey politics. This extremely popular course places a strong emphasis on learning about the practice of politics from those who live it. Each week, national and state political leaders and campaign strategists met with the class in off-the-record sessions designed to share their front-line experiences. Highlights

**"It has made me see 'behind the curtain.' I have always been interested in elections, but now, through this course, I see what happens behind the scenes."**

*2015 Political Campaigning student*

blyman Jason O'Donnell, Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop, pollster Adam Geller, Monmouth County Democratic chairman Vin Gopal, strategists Steve DeMicco, Russ Schriefer and Mark Matzen, as well as Chris Christie for President campaign manager Ken McKay, chief messaging officer Maria Comella, and political director James Garcia. Throughout the course, co-instructor Randi Chmielewski challenged the students to connect their classroom conversations, real-world observations, and assigned readings. Students were tasked with comparing modern

campaigns to historic elections and exploring how current dynamics affect participation, representation, and democracy. At the end of the course, students created campaign plans laying out a path to victory for the presidential primary candidate of their choice in one early primary or caucus state.



→ Co-instructors Maggie Moran and Michael DuHaime give their students an insider view of political campaigning.

2015-2016

## EAGLETON ARESTY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECTS

### STUDENT-FACULTY COLLABORATIONS

[aresty.rutgers.edu](http://aresty.rutgers.edu)

#### SABAH ABBASI

2016 Undergraduate Associate  
RUTH B. MANDEL  
*Women and the 2016 Presidential Campaign*

#### MICHAEL DENIS

2016 Undergraduate Associate  
ANDREW MURPHY  
*Pulpit to Politics: The Impact of Paisleyism in Ulster Politics*

#### AMY ENG

2017 Undergraduate Associate  
ELIZABETH MATTO  
*The Young Elected Leaders Project*

#### JEAN CAMILLE GABAT

EIP Aresty  
DAVID GREENBERG  
*Historiographic Research about John F. Kennedy and the Press*

#### LEAH HOOGERHYDE

EIP Aresty  
DAVID GREENBERG  
*Historiographic Research about John F. Kennedy and the Press*

#### JACK LANDRY

EIP Aresty  
ANDREW MURPHY  
*William Penn's Representation and Impact in American History and Culture*

#### HARRY MORGAN

2016 Undergraduate Associate  
ELIZABETH MATTO  
*The Young Elected Leaders Project*

#### RUCHA PHADTARE

EIP Aresty  
RUTH B. MANDEL  
*Women and the 2016 Presidential Campaign*

#### PRISCILLA SAVAGE

2017 Undergraduate Associate  
RUTH B. MANDEL  
*Gender in the 2016 Presidential Election*

#### KATELYN SERPE

EIP Aresty  
RUTH B. MANDEL  
*Gender in the 2016 Presidential Election*

#### PARTH SHINGALA

2017 Undergraduate Associate  
JOHN WEINGART  
*Gubernatorial Responses to Disasters*

#### UBTENE ZAMANINIA

2017 Undergraduate Associate  
TOBY JONES  
*America, Oil and the War in the Middle East*



## YOUTH POLITICAL PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Politics matters to you and you matter to politics. This theme has run through all of YPPP's efforts to encourage and support the political learning and engagement of young people this year: high school students preparing to participate in the electoral process for the first time; college students beginning to exercise their political rights; young adults seeking and holding public office.

Through our **RU Ready™** and **State House Express** programs, high school students consider the role politics plays in their lives and the many ways in which they can affect who serves in office and influence the actions taken by officeholders. Students put this knowledge into practice by learning the skills of citizenship, touring the halls of power, and witnessing democracy in action.

With **RU Voting™** and the Darien Civic Engagement Project, Rutgers students experience how politics is conceived, studied, and practiced. Students held campus-wide voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives and hosted primary debate watches. The YPPP research project **RU Talking to Me?** required students to observe the primary campaigns, document the extent to which issues related to young adults were discussed, and examine the manner in which issues were framed.

Political participation doesn't end with voting. YPPP joined with the League of Women Voters of New Jersey's Young People's Network to pilot **RU Running?**, a new training for politically interested college students. Student participants wrote and delivered stump speeches, heard from young adults serving in office in New Jersey, and participated in



role-playing exercises designed for practicing campaign skills. Looking ahead, we hope that **RU Running?** will provide students the skills and encouragement to run for office, whether on the Rutgers campus or beyond. This initiative is an extension of YPPP's ongoing research about young elected leaders at all levels of government.

YPPP director Dr. Elizabeth C. Matto plays a prominent role in producing scholarship in teaching and learning and fostering students' future civic engagement. She edits the website *Teaching Civic Engagement: From Student to Active Citizen*, published by the American Political Science Association (APSA), and is co-editor on the forthcoming APSA text *Teaching Civic Engagement across the Disciplines in the Twenty-First Century*. Matto was awarded the Craig L. Brians Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and

Mentorship by APSA — an award for faculty members who demonstrate commitment to and excellence in encouraging and developing scholarship among undergraduate students, and in mentoring undergraduate students in preparation for graduate school or public affairs related careers.

The spring semester at Rutgers came to a rousing finish with President Barack Obama's commencement address in which he reminded students, "You've got to be a citizen full-time, all the time." Citizenship is a full-time job, and participation in politics matters, a message that underlies all YPPP has done this year and guides us into the future.

1. RU Voting™ student Damilola Onifade assisted students with voter registration questions at the Rutgers University Involvement Fair in September.
2. High school students showed off their work at the RU Ready™ Young Leaders Conference.
3. RU Voting™ student and undergraduate associate Toni Gingerelli attended a conference at Harvard's Institute of Politics to discuss strategies for engaging students in politics.



### RU RUNNING? "LAUREL" IN THE DAILY TARGUM:

"Dang, Eagleton! Back at it again with the avant-garde political programs! The Eagleton Institute of Politics started a new pilot program called 'RU Running?,' which trains politically interested college students who aspire to run for public office. We laurel Eagleton for creating this program and serving as a model for universities nationwide."

# 200

high school students participated in RU Ready™

# 4

debate watches hosted by RU Voting™ — a total of approximately 300 Rutgers students attending

# 400

students registered to vote in the November election by RU Voting™

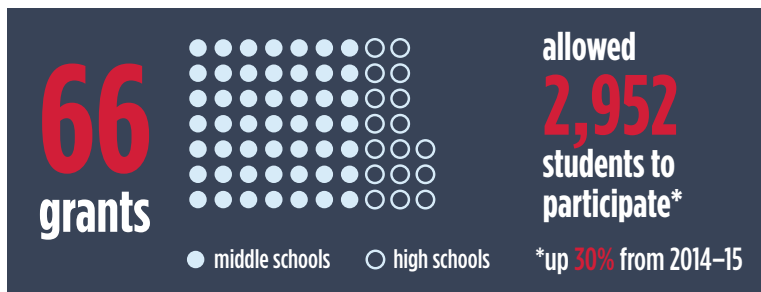
# 70%

felt "somewhat" or "very" confident in their ability to run for office after participating in RU Running?

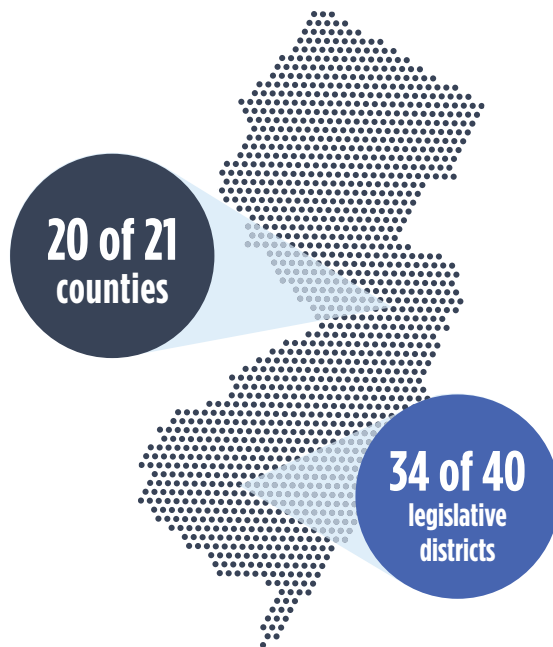
# 70%

felt "somewhat" or "very" familiar with New Jersey's party system after participating in RU Running?

# STATE HOUSE EXPRESS



## PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS CAME FROM:



**45 STUDENTS** { AVERAGE GROUP SIZE }

**\$20,700** { GRANTS AWARDED UP 28% FROM 2014–15 }



### TEACHERS TOLD US...

"We were lucky ... to win this award ... The students who attended the trip were awed by walking the halls and sitting in the chambers occupied by the law-makers of New Jersey."

"Students in this community rarely have opportunities to travel for educational purposes ... Seeing how our government works first hand piques their interest and helps them further understand government, civics and democracy."



## CENTER ON THE AMERICAN GOVERNOR

The Center on the American Governor (CAG) this year expanded its role as a valued resource for information and perspectives about the office of the governor and some of the men and women who have held it in New Jersey and across the country. Written and video content is now more easily accessible to students, scholars, analysts, and the general public at the Center's website, [governors.rutgers.edu](http://governors.rutgers.edu). Journalists from around the country contact the Center regarding governors and the presidential election, state gubernatorial races, the functions of governors, and a range of topics concerning state executive leadership.

A highlight of this year was completion of *Governors and State Finance*, a project made possible in part by The Fund for New Jersey. With the state of New Jersey's finances certain to be front-and-center during the 2017 gubernatorial campaign, CAG conducted new interviews and reviewed hundreds of hours of interviews and historical footage to identify and highlight discussions of key fiscal moments and decisions. Focusing on the mid-1960s through 2001 — a period when the annual New Jersey state budget grew from \$590 million to \$21.4 billion — the final project includes approximately 100 short video clips (and transcripts) organized chronologically by administration and topic and accompanied by contextual explanation. They show former New Jersey governors, state treasurers, chiefs of staff, legislators and other officials describing the background to key fiscal decisions and reflecting on their ramifications. Shedding light on the issue from multiple perspectives, the *Governors and State Finance* project represents a model for a new way CAG can contribute to and participate in conversations about state policy, past and present.

The Center made important additions to its New Jersey wing this year, increasing the resources and information available in its archives on the four governors who served the state in the last quarter of the 20th century—Brendan Byrne, Tom Kean, Jim Florio, and Christine Todd Whitman. With the Byrne and Kean archives at or near completion, CAG focused on

the Florio and Whitman administrations, adding documents, information, and interviews with cabinet officials, staff members, legislators, and other community leaders key to each of those administrations. At a forum on the second two years of the Florio administration, CAG convened officials and top Republican legislators of the era to discuss the challenges and successes of working within a divided government in the context of a changing media environment. Two additional forums focused on the environmental policies and initiatives of the Florio and Whitman administrations. Video and transcripts for these roundtable discussions, as well as all interviews conducted by the Center, are available on the website. Video is also available for a public event at which journalist Matt Katz discussed his 2016 book, *American Governor: Chris Christie's Bridge to Redemption* (Threshold Editions, 2016).

The Center enhanced its resources and analytical content by digitizing and posting an archive of over 100 articles from the *New Jersey Reporter*, a highly respected magazine published from 1977 until 2001. These articles are now available online for the first time.

CAG's blog, launched in 2016, provides a platform for analyzing the world of governors – trends, current and historical events, the rise and fall of governors.



## EAGLETON SCIENCE AND POLITICS WORKSHOP

**The Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop (ESPW)** pilot initiative provided over 100 graduate students, post-docs, and faculty an opportunity to explore how science intersects with politics, policymaking, and public discourse in order to increase understanding of the roles politics and government play in their disciplines and to broaden their view of possible careers.

In December, Dr. Rush Holt, CEO of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and a former New Jersey congressman, taught ESPW participants how they can advocate for science. His remarks were followed by a training session led by Joanne Padrón Carney, director of government relations for AAAS. Carney addressed the culture clash between science and politics, explained the tremendous number of competing pressures that face members of Congress and their staffs, and outlined communication strategies scientists should know. She encouraged the group to craft messages that are to-the-point and jargon-free, meaningful to the audience, and memorable.

In February, ESPW hosted "When Does Science Influence Policy?" Professor Stuart Shapiro from Rutgers' Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy introduced participants to the challenges of influencing regulatory policy. His remarks incorporated research from his book, *Analysis and Public Policy: Successes, Failures, and Directions for Reform* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2016). As a complement to his lecture, Shapiro led



1. Stuart Shapiro with ESPW participants
2. William Hallman and Ronald Stotish speak at ESPW

the group through an interactive policy exercise in which participants conducted a mock hearing before the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions regarding whether Congress should rescind FDA approval of AquaAdvantage Genetically Engineered Salmon or require mandatory labeling of genetically modified salmon. ESPW participants were advised during the exercise by guest experts Dr. Ronald L. Stotish, CEO, president and executive director of AquaBounty Technologies; Dr. William Hallman, professor and chair of the Rutgers Department of Human Ecology; Dr. Robert M. Goldberg, co-founder and vice president of the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest; and Dr. Megan Anderson Brooks, senior policy associate at Cavarocchi Ruscio Dennis (CRD) Associates and a graduate of the Eagleton Fellowship Program.

ESPW was supported in 2015-16 in part by: the Rutgers University iJOBS Program, which is funded by a Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training grant from the NIH; the Office for the Promotion of Women in Science, Engineering and Mathematics (SciWomen); the Office of the Executive Dean at Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences; the Graduate School-New Brunswick; the Division of Life Sciences; the Departments of Neuroscience and Cell Biology and Pediatrics at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; the Brain Health Institute; and the Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences.

1. Gov. Christine Todd Whitman chats with former DEP Commissioner Bob Shinn before a CAG forum on her administration's environmental programs and policies.
2. Scott Weiner, former commissioner and governor's counsel, listens as Governor Jim Florio gives opening remarks at the CAG forum on his environmental and energy programs and policies.
3. Check it out! [governors.rutgers.edu/blog/](http://governors.rutgers.edu/blog/)



**"The science workshop has changed my career path. Please continue these workshops!"**

*Graduate student*



# EAGLETON PROGRAM ON IMMIGRATION AND DEMOCRACY

THE EAGLETON PROGRAM ON IMMIGRATION AND DEMOCRACY (EPID) BROUGHT THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO CONTINUE DISCUSSING HOW NEW AMERICANS ENGAGE IN POLITICS.



In November, visiting scholar Dr. Sayu Bhojwani (1), spoke about the progression from immigration to integration to inclusion, explaining that all three phases must occur in order to advance the status of new Americans. While the immigration debate addresses who remains in the U.S. and who doesn't, inclusion means gaining the ability to feel fully a part of American society. Dr. Bhojwani noted that there is "no wall too high to keep us from immigrating, but there is a ceiling that stops us from feeling fully American." According to Bhojwani, we want to believe that the American dream is

alive and well, but hard work is no longer enough to realize that dream. She offered constructive steps for advancing integration and inclusion, encouraging individuals to share their own immigrant stories, push back at exclusionary language, and promote diverse leadership.

In spring, EPID collaborated with Assistant Professor Juhi Verma and Tami Lee of Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations to host a seminar for undergraduates, States of Inclusion: New American Journeys to Elected Office. The session featured a lecture by

Christian Dyogi Phillips (2), a research fellow at The New American Leaders Project (NALP) and Ph.D. candidate in the Travers Department of Political Science at the University of California-Berkeley. Phillips discussed her work on NALP's first-of-its-kind national survey of sitting state legislators to shed light on the unique obstacles that New Americans face in winning legislative seats. She presented her survey findings and explored strategies to make the political system more accessible to all.

## CENTER FOR AMERICAN WOMEN AND POLITICS

The 45th anniversary year of the Center for American Women and Politics was a landmark not only for CAWP, but for women in American politics. For the first time, women ran for the presidential nominations of both major parties, and one emerged victorious-- the first woman nominated for President by a major party. In a season of 24/7 election coverage and conversation, CAWP made distinctive contributions, often in collaboration with other organizations. The Center's valued non-partisan voice and status as a bridge between the worlds of politics and academe made CAWP a sought-after source as women's political participation drew increasing national attention.

**Presidential Gender Watch 2016** is a nonpartisan partnership with the Barbara Lee Family Foundation to track, analyze and illuminate gender dynamics in election 2016. The project has focused attention on the many ways that gender is salient to the presidential race beyond the obvious fact of women candidates in both parties. PGW has marshaled experts – academics and activists – to provide smart commentary on candidates, campaigns, media coverage and more, and has compiled polling data and samples of news coverage to highlight where and how gender is a significant factor. The

initiative has also convened conference calls for the media, including one with women who sought the presidency in past years and women who worked on the campaigns of women presidential candidates. Through extensive use of social media, (for example, live-tweeting presidential debates), PGW helps to keep discussion of gender at the forefront of election discourse.

In its ongoing effort to make women public leaders visible to children, CAWP's **Teach a Girl to Lead** initiative sent free copies of the book *Grace for President* (Disney-Hyperion, 2008) to every congresswoman, woman state legislator and woman governor. Seizing on the coinciding moments of Presidents Day, Women's History Month, and the presidential-year buzz, CAWP asked elected women to read the book to students at a local school and then donate the book to the school library. Author Kelly DiPucchio describes a girl who is stunned to discover that all US presidents have been men. She kicks off her own political career by running for class president, defeating a popular boy in a surprising way. Across the country, local women leaders read the inspiring story to children who were given the opportunity to ask their own questions of a real elected woman. The project was supported by the Hess Foundation with the encouragement of Connie Hess Williams, herself a former state legislator.

Timely for the 2016 presidential election season, CAWP produced a "gallery" for the **Google Cultural Institute** featuring women who have run for president. The online exhibit showcases images and artifacts from notable women whose pursuit of the presidency, while unsuccessful, made history and laid the groundwork for a woman president yet to be.

CAWP joined with Higher Heights Leadership Fund to produce **Voices. Votes. Leadership. The Status of Black Women in American Politics 2015**. Authored by CAWP scholar Kelly Dittmar, the report provides a historical outline of black women's struggle for political representation, discusses the landscape of political leadership for black women, and assesses the outlook for black women's participation in the 2016 elections.

A partnership with Gender Avenger and the Women's Media Center has resulted in the project **WhoTalks?**, which highlights the representation of women as analysts and commentators on cable news programs. A CAWP-based graduate student tracks three morning and three evening programs on CNN, Fox News and MSNBC, preparing monthly tallies for national distribution that praise the top performers and call out those who consistently fail to include a significant number of women's voices.



Former NJ Governor Christine Todd Whitman read *Grace for President* to schoolchildren in Tewksbury, NJ.

## NEUBERGER LEGACY FUND

Susie Wilson, who established her own Legacy Fund at CAWP years ago, created a new fund to honor her mother, GOP leader Katherine K. Neuberger (pictured below). The fund will support stipends for Rutgers undergraduates interested in women's political leadership who pursue summer internships in Washington, DC.



## Ready to Run® NJ

Ready to Run® NJ took place in March, with the Diversity Initiative components keynoted by Michellene Davis of Barnabas Health and the main program keynoted by Cate Gormley of Lake Research Partners. Young women just discovering their leadership potential joined experienced women getting ready to seek office; all drew wisdom and energy from impressive and informative speakers – and from one another.



Ruth B. Mandel, Sasha Patterson, Chrissy Buteas, Hazel Gluck, Debbie Walsh

The **2016 Hazel Gluck Award**, designated for an alumna of NEW Leadership New Jersey who has used the knowledge and experience gained from NEW Leadership™ to inspire others and make a difference, was presented to Chrissy Buteas, a 2003 graduate of the program. Buteas served on the South Plainfield Town Council and later ran for mayor there. Currently president of the New Jersey Women's Political Caucus, she has been a mentor and role model to young women seeking to engage in politics in the Garden State.

## NEW Leadership™ NJ

The 20th edition of NEW Leadership™ (NEWL) NJ brought 34 students from 27 colleges and universities to New Brunswick for six intensive days of learning, networking, and testing their leadership skills. The students heard heartfelt and empowering remarks from keynoter Leecia Eve, Verizon's vice president for state government affairs for NJ, NY and CT, who shared lessons learned from her time as a candidate, political appointee and staffer. They visited Trenton, where they were encouraged in their leadership pursuits by Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno and State Senator Linda Greenstein; a panel on careers in government that day featured two NEWL NJ alumnae. An action project focused on criminal justice saw the students playing roles as activists and US Senators, arguing the merits of sentencing reform.

← Political strategist Eva Pusateri Campbell led a September Ready to Run® workshop on "Political Campaign Careers for Women: An Operative's Guide to the Industry."

CNN senior political reporter Nia-Malika Henderson (shown with CAWP director Debbie Walsh and Eagleton Institute director Ruth B. Mandel) gave the **2016 Senator Wynona Lipman Lecture**, speaking on the timely topic of *Race, Gender and the 2016 Election*.



Additions to the CAWP staff included administrative assistant Colleen Martin and program coordinator Nisa Sheikh.







2016 Eagleton Fellows and Undergraduate Associates  
with Institute director Ruth B. Mandel and associate  
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## EAGLETON CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST POLLING



ECPIP senior staff Ashley Koning, David Redlawsk, Debbie Borie-Holtz and Flavio Hickel.

The Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling (ECPIP) provides high-quality information on public policy and political issues in New Jersey within the context of the University's educational mission. It is the home of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll, the country's oldest statewide academic poll, which has been keeping New Jersey and the nation informed on public opinion in the Garden State since 1971. The Center also carries out projects for government agencies, non-profit organizations, and academics to support and further its public polling mission.

Over 200 students worked with ECPIP and the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll this year, with many staffing the on-campus call center, conducting thousands of telephone interviews. Other ECPIP interns worked on public relations

and social media strategies, helped with data analysis, or researched best practices in the ever-changing world of survey research. ECPIP also employed Rutgers graduate students as data analysts, call center supervisors, and mentors to undergraduate staff.



Rutgers students working in ECPIP's call center conduct all surveys for the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll.

# 550

Polling about the 2016 primaries, Governor Chris Christie, and all things related to New Jersey politics produced more than

550 media hits for the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll during the 2015-16 academic year. Results have been covered in print, online, on social media, on the airwaves, and on television by top journalists and leading political figures. Coverage included attention within New Jersey (*The Star-Ledger*, *Politico New Jersey*, *PolitickerNJ*, *Politifax*, *NJ.com*, *News 12 New Jersey*, *NJTV*, and *NJ 101.5*) and from national media (*The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Associated Press*, *The Washington Post*, *The Huffington Post*, *Bloomberg*, *CNN*, *CBS*, *NBC*, and *ABC*), as well as international press.

# 200

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll celebrated its 200th poll in December 2015. The poll stands as the centerpiece of survey research at Eagleton's Center for Public Interest Polling (ECPIP). Established in 1971 with funding from the Wallace-Eljabar Fund, the Rut-

gers-Eagleton Poll was the nation's first university-based state survey. The survey's first major finding in October 1971, released under the name "New Jersey Poll," was that, with elections for the state Senate and General Assembly only two weeks off, 85 percent of New Jerseyans were unaware of those upcoming elections. This ignorance about state politics remains evident even today. The poll has issued almost 900 press releases since its inception. Topics have reflected important events and issues in American history: Watergate and Vietnam in the 1970s; Iran-Contra, AIDS, and the introduction of home computers in the 1980s; the Gulf War, the expansion of the Internet, and President Clinton's sex scandal in the 1990s; September 11th, the Iraq War and Barack Obama's presidency in the new millennium. About one in every ten releases has discussed elections, whether local, state or national. Just about one in 20 releases has focused primarily on the issue that has concerned New Jerseyans for decades: taxes.

2016



Throughout a turbulent year of presidential debates, caucuses and primaries, the Poll found New Jersey Democrats and Republicans consistently favoring their parties' eventual nominees,

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. At the same time, attitudes toward New Jersey Governor Chris Christie remained largely negative, with his approval ratings far from the heights seen during his first term and especially in 2012 immediately after Hurricane Sandy.

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ECPIP is unique even among academic survey centers in that its core staff consists almost entirely of students. In addition to the more than 200 students who worked in ECPIP's call center as telephone survey

interviewers and supervisors, 16 students performed most of ECPIP's day-to-day essential operations this year. ECPIP's burgeoning internship program reaches across departments and schools at Rutgers to recruit research assistants, data analysts, social media and public relation specialists, data visualization and graphic representation artists, polling archivists, and website designers. In 2015-2016, 12 undergraduate students and four graduate students played integral roles in analyzing poll results and working on press releases, articles, reports, and numerous conference presentations. Their experience helped several obtain prestigious internships with Google, *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, and public affairs firm Kivvit, as well as with high-profile state and presidential campaigns.

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Ashley Koning became the interim director of the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling in summer 2016, the eighth person to head ECPIP in its 45-year history. Koning is the second woman in the center's history to take over, following in the footsteps of past ECPIP directors who are now among the preeminent experts in the field. Koning, co-author of multiple book chapters and papers on public opinion, issue framing, and survey research, was awarded the 2015 John Tarnai Memorial Scholarship by the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations (AASRO), which recognizes an outstanding early career survey research professional with great promise for pursuing a long-term career in the field. She also received the 2016 AAPOR Burns "Bud" Roper Fellow Award.

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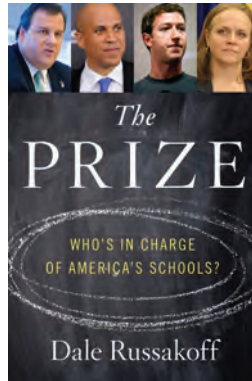
A national YouGov survey last year found New Jersey to be the most disliked state in the nation, but New Jerseyans beg to differ: 82 percent of New Jerseyans from the Skylands to the tip of Cape May say they take pride in living in the state, including 56 percent who say they have "a lot" of pride. Residents cite the state's convenient location, beaches and shoreline, and overall quality of life (about six in ten New Jerseyans say it is an excellent or good place to live) as reasons why they love their state – but they also recognize its weaknesses. While 58 percent believe New Jersey is a good or excellent place to raise a family and about 70 percent rate it good or excellent for education and recreation, 63 percent say job prospects are fair or poor, 55 percent say the same about running a business, and 79 percent rate it fair or poor when it comes to retirement. Moreover, about six in ten continue to rate New Jersey as off on the wrong track – the highest dissatisfaction seen since October 2009.



## WRITING POLITICS

### *The Prize: Who's in Charge of America's Schools?*

In conversation with *New York Times* reporter Kate Zernike, author Dale Russakoff discussed her book (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015) about what happened to Newark's public schools in the wake of the \$100 million gift from Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg. Russakoff explained that a key problem was lack of community engagement; she posits that reform was done to Newark, rather than with Newark. Among the intractable challenges she identifies in the book are racism, poverty, and entrenched customs and culture. Russakoff highlighted conflicts between advocates for neighborhood public schools and charter schools and described some of the disparities in resources among the schools. She also talked about the low status accorded by many to teaching and teachers, one of the issues that motivated Zuckerberg. Russakoff would like educators to explore how all schools, not just charters, can succeed, so that the delivery system is not the chief determinant of the outcome.



### *United: Thoughts on Finding Common Ground and Advancing the Common Good*

Senator Cory Booker engaged in conversation with entrepreneur and philanthropist Bobbi Brown about his book (Ballantine Books, 2016) and the themes it highlights. Responding to questions from Brown, a personal friend, Booker told stories to illustrate how his family background shaped his character and career, how his Newark neighbors educated him about life in the city, and why he finds tolerance inadequate and believes in a "conspiracy of love."

### *American Governor: Chris Christie's Bridge to Redemption*

Author Matt Katz spoke about the experience of covering Governor Christie's political career and how that career has been shaped by unfolding events, particularly the Bridgegate scandal. Having observed Christie since 2011, first as a correspondent for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and then on the Christie beat for WNYC and New Jersey Public Radio, Katz brought to the book (Threshold Editions, 2016) and to the discussion a complex and nuanced view of an evolving politician. He highlighted Christie's impressive skills as a politician, along with the shifts in his style and stated policy views as the governor evolved into a presidential candidate.



### *Republic of Spin: An Inside History of the American Presidency*

David Greenberg, an Eagleton faculty associate and professor of history, journalism and media studies, delivered a lecture about his new book (W. W. Norton & Company, 2016). Greenberg gave students, faculty, and staff an overview of the book, which explores how the tools and techniques of spin have evolved from the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt through Barack Obama.



## ***Steele-ing the Scene: Election 2016***

Former Republican National Committee chairman Michael Steele, now an analyst with MSNBC, spoke to students in Professor Flavio Hicel's course on "American Party Politics" and friends of the Eagleton Institute, giving an overview of the current state of politics in general and the Republican party in particular. He sees the Tea Party movement and the popularity of Donald Trump on the right and the Occupy movement on the left as two sides of the same coin, reflecting anger, frustration and disappointment with mainstream politics. Steele believes that the 2016 election will not be about ideology, but about these emotions and the candidates who best respond to them.



## ***Election 2016: The Media, The Messages, and The Madness***

Nicolle Wallace, former communications chief for President George W. Bush, MSNBC analyst, and author of three political novels, shared her reactions to the unfolding primary season. Speaking to Professor Melissa Aronczyk's Media and Politics students and Eagleton friends, she noted the strengths and weaknesses of candidates on both sides of the aisle and the challenges for the media – particularly traditional media -- in producing accurate and appropriate coverage, especially in an era when anyone with a smart phone can be considered a journalist. She agreed with those who say the GOP has been seriously damaged, in part because it broke faith with its base, and may require years to salvage.

## THE MORNING AFTER

### ***November 2015: The Calm Before the Storms of 2016 and 2017***

A large audience gathered both in the Eagleton drawing room and online to listen to the live and streamed post-election panel discussion, an anticipated, annual tradition at the Institute. Panelists included Rutgers Political Science Professor Ross Baker; Republican fundraiser and attorney, Gail Gordon; Democratic political consultant and Fox News contributor, Julie Roginsky; and the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* Washington correspondent, Jonathan Tamari.



### ***June 2016: Is It Over Yet? Election 2016***

While it seemed that New Jersey might make the difference in the presidential primary race, Hillary Clinton clinched the Democratic nomination two days earlier and Donald Trump was assumed to be the presumptive Republican nominee. Panelist and NJ 101.5 statehouse bureau chief Michael Symons noted, "We almost had our moment!" Eagleton drew a full house for its post-election discussion. Joining Symons on the panel were Michael Hill of NJTV; Donald Sico, former executive director of the New Jersey State Assembly Republican office; New Jersey Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg; and Eagleton associate director John Weingart, moderator.





# NAMED LECTURES

## ARTHUR J. HOLLAND PROGRAM ON ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT:



### *Workshop Session at the League of Municipalities*

The program at the League Convention this year featured Joe Riley just as he was stepping down after 40 years as Mayor of Charleston, South Carolina. The talk was special not only because Riley is widely heralded for stimulating and overseeing the city's impressive revitalization while leading a scandal-free administration, but also because he and Arthur Holland had been good friends. Their tenures as Mayors of Charleston and Trenton had overlapped and the two men and their families had become close. Riley's comments, which were summarized in a major article in the League's magazine, *NJ Municipalities*, (February 2016), had added power and poignancy when he spoke of his city's response to the mass shooting that had occurred five months earlier.

## *Make It Better: What Corruption Means and What We Can Do About It*

Zephyr Teachout, a Fordham University law professor and 2016 candidate for Congress who ran against New York Governor Andrew Cuomo in the 2014 Democratic primary, spoke about what corruption has meant throughout American history and how it affects our politics and government. Her book, *Corruption in America: From Benjamin Franklin's Snuff Box to Citizens United* (Harvard University Press, 2014), provided illustrative cases. The concept has changed over time, from the positivist view that what is against laws or norms constitutes corruption to the more recent view that corruption is the use of public power for private or selfish ends. Drawing inspiration from Langston Hughes' poem "Let America Be America Again," she discussed measures that might undo the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision and implement public financing of campaigns as one way to stem corruption and allow candidates to focus on the voters, rather than on raising money for the next race.



## ALBERT W. LEWITT ENDOWED LECTURE

### *From the Raritan to the Potomac: Rutgers' Voice in Washington*

Rutgers vice president for federal relations Francine Newsome Pfeiffer joined in conversation with Institute director Ruth B. Mandel, touching on the current Washington political climate and its consequences. The Lewitt Lecture puts a spotlight on Congress, and Pfeiffer discussed what Rutgers, and higher education more generally, wants from Congress and how she, her staff, and others from the Rutgers community amplify the University's voice in the nation's capital. She mentioned changes that have affected Rutgers in recent years, such as participation in the Big 10 and the associated Committee on Institutional Cooperation, as well as the incorporation of the medical school into the University. She talked about the views of New Jersey's seasoned congressional delegation with regard to higher education and explained how students and faculty can be helpful in lobbying on behalf of Rutgers.

## ALAN ROSENTHAL FUND FOR THE STUDY OF STATE GOVERNMENT

### *State Legislatures Today and the Legacy of Alan Rosenthal*

The first program under the auspices of the Alan Rosenthal Fund for the Study of State Government and Politics featured Gary Moncrief, University Distinguished Professor of Political Science Emeritus at Boise State University. Moncrief, a longtime friend and admirer of Rosenthal, gave what he described as a brief political science lecture followed by a history lesson. The talk covered how state legislatures vary and why they matter, how they have changed over the years (in part through the efforts of Alan Rosenthal), their status today, and strategies for strengthening them. Moncrief also offered criteria for assessing the performance of legislatures as institutions. He noted that a few academic institutions are beginning to follow Rosenthal's and Eagleton's lead in pursuing applied research on legislatures.



## SENATOR WYNONA LIPMAN CHAIR IN WOMEN'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

### *Race, Gender and the 2016 Election*

CNN senior correspondent Nia Malika Henderson focused her remarks on imagination (or the lack of it) around race and gender. Tying her remarks to experiences Senator Lipman had as the only black woman in the New Jersey legislature, she discussed who Americans are, in all our diversity, and our beliefs and fears as we do or do not discuss race and gender. She highlighted moments and themes in the presidential campaign, such as discussions about "the gender card" and behaviors (e.g. using a loud voice, appearing rumpled) that have different implications for men and women.



## CLIFFORD P. CASE PROFESSORSHIP

*What Are Our Choices in a Complex, Changing World?*



George Mitchell, former U.S. Senator from Maine and international negotiator, was the 2015 Clifford Case Professor, lecturing in New Brunswick and meeting with students and faculty there and in Newark. Contradicting the conventional wisdom that the world is more dangerous than ever, he observed in his lecture that fear of the future is an ancient phenomenon and suggested that in many ways, we are safer than ever before. Still, he cited and discussed substantial threats around the world from population growth and shifts. He explained how poverty and hopelessness can lead to a cycle of violence and upheaval. Looking at the domestic picture, he insisted that the U.S. was a great nation long before it was a great economic and military power. While the U.S. has unequalled opportunity to influence events, Mitchell said that the nation should share its values, not necessarily exert control everywhere. He also highlighted threats to the nation's political system from undue partisan influence on redistricting and excessive, anonymous spending on campaigns by special interests. In response to a question, he named gerrymandered districts and the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision as the two biggest problems facing our political system.



- ↑ 1. Mitchell talked with students and faculty at Rutgers-Newark.
2. Case family members (from left) Ann Holt, Christina Weaver, Sara Rude, and (right) John Holt with Chancellor Richard Edwards, Senator Mitchell, Rutgers Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Barbara Lee, and Institute Director Ruth B. Mandel.

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1. Awardee Intashan Chowdhury (left) with a colleague at the FCC
2. Awardees Chelsie Riche (far right) and Rhea Christmas (center right) with Senator Cory Booker

## RUTGERS-EAGLETON WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

The cornerstone of the 60th anniversary celebration was the creation of a new program designed to increase opportunities for Rutgers students to intern in the nation's capital. Members of New Jersey's congressional delegation, Rutgers and Eagleton faculty and staff, and alumni had long recognized that a lack of funding and the high cost of living made it prohibitive for most Rutgers students to consider government-related summer internships in Washington. With an initial leadership gift from Francine Newsome Pfeiffer and



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contributions from many other friends of the Institute, Eagleton proudly launched the Rutgers-Eagleton Washington Internship Award Program. Seven interns received awards in the program's inaugural year! As Ford Foundation president Darren Walker wrote in the July 5, 2016 *New York Times*, "For countless Americans, me among them, internships have provided a foothold on the path to the American dream. Simply by making them more accessible to all, we can narrow the inequality gap while widening the circle of opportunity, long after the summer ends."

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During the Institute's 60th anniversary year, the graduate fellowship program reached a milestone topping one thousand alumni who have come through the doors of Wood Lawn since it was the first program established at the Institute in 1957. The Eagleton Institute has also welcomed over nine hundred of Rutgers University's best and brightest in the Eagleton Undergraduate Associates program since its beginning in 1974.

## EAGLETON ALUMNI COMMITTEE

The Eagleton Alumni Committee was established in conjunction with the Institute's 50th anniversary to encourage connections, unity, and a sense of belonging among Eagleton alumni; to support alumni in their professional and personal endeavors through networking opportunities and other activities; and to support the research, education, and public service efforts of the Eagleton Institute of Politics. For more information or to get involved, contact Sarah Kozak at [skozak@eagleton.rutgers.edu](mailto:skozak@eagleton.rutgers.edu).

**The alumni committee also published the annual digital directory of all Fellows and Undergraduate Associates to help facilitate and encourage alumni networking across the country.**

## THE COMMITTEE SPONSORED AND HOSTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALUMNI TO RECONNECT, INCLUDING:

- Alumni Career Panel
- Election Day Quiz/Eagleton Alumni Cup
- Alumni Get Together
- Political film festival and discussion of *Chisholm: Unbought and Unbossed*
- Capitol networking lunch
- Regional happy hours
- New Jersey winery tour

1. Alumni Gene Mulroy and Erika Levin catch up with Ruth B. Mandel (l.) and Chris Lenart (r.) at the Alumni Get Together
2. Alumni Rob Asaro-Angelo and Ian Liberty joined 2016 fellow Michael Griffith and Ruth B. Mandel at the State House alumni networking lunch
3. Eagleton Alumni Committee



During the alumni career panel, Eagleton alumni and Pennsylvania House of Representatives members Frank Farry ('88 Fellow) and Kristin Phillips-Hill ('88 Undergraduate Associate/'89 Fellow) appeared by video to offer a legislative citation acknowledging the Institute's 60th anniversary.

## ALUMNI PANEL: CAREERS IN POLITICS

Returning by popular demand, Eagleton's annual alumni panel provided current Rutgers students and Eagleton alumni an opportunity to hear firsthand about careers in politics. Adjunct faculty member Tom Wilson moderated a panel including David Cole ('07 Undergraduate Associate) technologist and software engineer for 18F; John Maggiore ('92 Fellow), director of Policy for New York Governor Andrew Cuomo; William Palatucci ('80 Undergraduate Associate), special counsel at Gibbons P.C. and general counsel to Chris Christie for President, Inc. Panelists shared stories of their pathways from Eagleton to their current positions and offered advice to students. All stressed the value of internships, working on campaigns, networking, and their Eagleton experience.

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Eagleton's Faculty/Staff Spotlight videos, produced by **Benjamin Clapp**, multimedia and building services assistant, in collaboration with **Randi Chmielewski**, manager of outreach and special projects, were selected for a 22nd Annual Communicator Award of Distinction in the online video category. The Communicator Awards are presented by The Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts for public communication formats of all kinds, including print, online, websites, videos, and more.

**Cathy Wineinger**, a graduate research assistant at the Center for American Women and Politics, was the 2016 recipient of the Betty Nesvold Award for the best paper on women and politics presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Her award-winning paper was titled "How Can a Black Woman Be a Republican? An Intersectional Examination of Identity Politics in the Mia Love Campaign."

**Ashley Koning**, now interim director of Eagleton's Center for Public Interest Polling, was awarded the John Tarnai Memorial



Scholarship by the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations (AASRO) and the American Association for Public Opinion Research's (AAPOR) 2016 Burns "Bud" Roper Fellow Award. The Tarnai award provides a scholarship in memory of John Tarnai, former AASRO president, and recognizes an outstanding early career survey research professional with great promise for pursuing a long-term career in survey research. The Burns "Bud" Roper Fellow Award is named for the late Burns "Bud" Roper, who provided a substantial bequest in his will to endow the Roper Award fund. Roper Fellows are individuals whose primary work responsibilities are related to survey research or public opinion and who have recently started their careers. Koning is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at Rutgers.

**Andrew R. Murphy**, an Eagleton faculty associate and associate professor of political science, was among the winners of 2016 SAS Awards for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Education presented by Rutgers University's School of Arts and Sciences (SAS). The awards honor teachers – from faculty members to graduate students – for their accomplishments both within and beyond the classroom. Since joining the Rutgers faculty in 2008, Andy Murphy has taught a variety of courses in political theory, led the Whitman Center, served as the book review editor of the journal *Politics and Religion*, been elected to the university senate, and served on various SAS and university committees. Most recently, he has been named director of the Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship Program in Leadership and Social Policy.

Elizabeth Matto, assistant research professor and director of Eagleton's Youth Political Participation Program, was awarded the Craig L. Brians Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and Mentorship by the American Political Science Association (APSA). The award recognizes faculty members who demonstrate commitment to and excellence in encouraging and developing scholarship among undergraduate students, and in mentoring undergraduate students in preparation for graduate school or public affairs-related careers. Shown in the photo: Sherri Wallace, president, Political Science Education Section, APSA; Dr. Matto; Jeffrey A. Fine, another award recipient; and Victor Asal, award committee chair and APSA editor in chief, *Journal of Political Science Education*.



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University Professor John Farmer, Jr., an Eagleton Faculty Associate, addressed the Eagleton Fellows at their year-end closing program. His provocative remarks, later reprinted in *The Star Ledger*, included this comment on compromise:

The Framers' solution to the emergence of factions, which they viewed as inevitable, "sown into the nature of man,"



was to structure the American form of government in such a way that factions would be forced by the structure of government itself to compromise. If history has revealed any flaw in this design, it is our tendency to believe that the system is self-sustaining, a "machine that would go of itself," in historian Michael Kammen's terms. But the survival of our form of

government is not written in the stars, or even in the Constitution. It is written, or not written, in our culture, in a shared understanding and embrace of what it means to be American. But it is precisely this wisdom of the Framers -- that because republics are fragile, compromise is essential to our culture -- that has disappeared from our culture and politics. This, then, is the challenge you face as young people interested in politics: to reject the post-Cold War culture and politics that have mistaken compromise for weakness. For you see, Florence Eagleton's message has never been more urgent, or more timely: her mission has now become yours, to "cultivate civic responsibility" and, in doing so, to recover for our culture and politics a lost sense of human decency.



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