

EAGLETON SCIENCE AND POLITICS WORKSHOP

Governing Science: National and State Perspectives

April 19, 2019

AGENDA

- 9:00am Coffee and Refreshments Available
- 9:30am Welcome **Ruth B. Mandel, PhD**
Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics
- 9:35am *National Perspectives* **Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.**
Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce
- 10:00am Break
- 10:15am *State Perspectives* **Upendra J. Chivukula**
Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- in conversation with*
- John Weingart**
Associate Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics
- 11:00am Q & A
- 11:20am Break
- 11:30am Interactive Exercise **Commit to Me: Simulating NJ State Assembly Committee Action
Science Policy and Advocacy at Rutgers (SPAR)**
- 12:00pm Networking Lunch

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ABOUT THE EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

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

ABOUT iJOBS

The Rutgers University iJOBS Program exposes life science PhD students and postdocs to a range of non-academic career options and empowers them to pursue their career goals. In 2014 Rutgers became 1 of only 17 schools in the country to be awarded the National Institutes of Health BEST grant and iJOBS programming has now expanded to all campuses of Rutgers as well as Princeton, Rowan, NJ Institute of Technology and Stevens Institute of Technology. Professional development is accomplished through a mix of formal academic instruction including the Communicating Science course, workshops, site visits, interaction with successful professionals in the chosen fields and professional mentoring.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

The 2018-2019 Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop series is offered in collaboration with the following partners (list in formation): The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers Biomedical & Health Sciences; Departments of Neuroscience & Cell Biology and Pediatrics, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; Division of Life Sciences; Graduate School-New Brunswick; Office of the Executive Dean, Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences; The Rutgers University iJOBS program, funded by a Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training grant from the NIH; Science Policy and Advocacy at Rutgers (SPAR), a graduate student organization; Institute of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences; and Rutgers Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy.

For more information about the Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop, including how to become a campus collaborator, contact Anna Dulencin at anna.dulencin@eagleton.rutgers.edu or 848-932-8309.

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SPEAKERS

Ruth B. Mandel, PhD

Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics
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Ruth Mandel is director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics, and Rutgers Board of Governors Professor of Politics. She has led Eagleton's expansion of graduate and undergraduate offerings and launched new program areas in youth political engagement, immigrant political behavior, and the study of governors. In 1971, Professor Mandel co-founded Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP). As CAWP'S director for over two decades, she developed the nation's premier research and education center for the study of women's changing political roles. Her *In the Running: The New Woman Candidate* was the first book about women campaigning for office. During three administrations (1991 to 2006), Mandel held a presidential appointment on the governing council of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Named Council Vice Chairperson by President Clinton in 1993, she led the process to create the Committee on Conscience and became its founding chair. Her board service also includes the Charles H. Revson Foundation and the National Council for Research on Women. She currently serves on the board of the New Jersey Council on the Humanities

John Weingart

Associate Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics

John Weingart is associate director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics. He also chaired New Jersey's Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council from its establishment in 2004 through 2009. Before coming to Eagleton, Weingart worked in New Jersey state government, focusing on environmental and land use issues, during the administrations of Governors Byrne, Kean, Florio and Whitman. His posts included director of the Division of Coastal Resources and assistant commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection; and executive director of the state's Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Siting Board. He chaired the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission from 2002-2004. Weingart holds a B.A. in sociology from Brandeis University and M.P.A. from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School. He is the author of *Waste Is A Terrible Thing To Mind: Risk, Radiation and Distrust of Government*.

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.

Representative, New Jersey's 6th Congressional District

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) has represented central New Jersey in Congress since 1988. On January 3, 2019, Frank Pallone, Jr. was sworn in for his 16th full term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Pallone represents New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District, which covers most of Middlesex County, as well as the Bayshore and oceanfront areas of Monmouth County.

In 2019, Pallone was sworn in as the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee after serving as the Ranking Member in the 115th Congress. The Committee has jurisdiction over issues pertaining to energy, environment, health care, commerce, and telecommunications.

As Ranking Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee during the 114th and 115th Congress', Pallone led Democrats in passing health care and environmental bills that were signed into law by President Obama, such as the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), 21st Century Cures Act, and the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA). In May 2016, Pallone led Democratic efforts to pass the first comprehensive update to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) since its original passage in 1976.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health during the 111th Congress, Pallone played a key role in authoring and passing the Affordable Care Act. The landmark law extended health care coverage to millions of Americans.

Pallone began his political career in his home city of Long Branch, getting elected to the City Council in 1982 and winning re-election four years later. In 1983, he was elected to the NJ Senate, representing the Monmouth County coastline and was re-elected in 1987. On November 8, 1988, at the age of 37, Pallone was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in New Jersey's former Third District and was re-elected in 1992 in the newly formed Sixth District.

Pallone was born and raised in Long Branch, New Jersey, where he still resides with his wife Sarah and his three children; daughters Rose Marie and Celeste Teresa, and a son, Frank Andrew. He is a graduate of Middlebury College, holds a master's degree in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and earned his law degree at Rutgers University.

Upendra J. Chivukula

Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

Upendra J. Chivukula was nominated by Governor Christopher J. Christie and confirmed by the NJ State Senate as a commissioner to the NJ Board of Public Utilities in 2014.

Prior to his nomination, Chivukula served in the New Jersey Assembly representing the 17th Legislative District, where he served as chair of the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee. He also served as vice chair of the Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee, and served on the Commerce and Economic Development as well as the Environment and Solid Waste Committees.

Chivukula was also a founding member and co-chair of the NJ Science & Technology Legislative Caucus and the NJ World Languages & International Studies Legislative Caucus. He was a member of the Commission on Science and Technology and the Health Information Technology Commission.

Before becoming a state legislator, Chivukula served as Mayor of Franklin Township for a year and on Town Council for another seven years. He also served on the National Council of State Legislatures and on the Council of State Governments.

Earlier in his career, Chivukula worked as an engineer for AT&T and as a project engineer for Leeds & Northrup.

Chivukula received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the College of Engineering, Chennai, India, and a master's degree in electrical engineering from City College, New York. He also completed graduate courses in electrical engineering at Rutgers University.

Science Policy and Advocacy at Rutgers (SPAR)

Science Policy and Advocacy at Rutgers (SPAR) is a graduate-student led organization that believes in increasing trust between the scientific community, government, and the public. SPAR supports evidence-based decision making at federal, state, and local levels, and fostering science communication for graduate students. Emily Atieh is the co-president at the New Brunswick campus and is a fourth year graduate student in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology. She studies both computational modeling of ribozymes and chemistry education. Brian Canter is the co-president at the Rutgers - Newark Health Sciences Campus, and a sixth year graduate student in the Department of Radiology. He studies how radiation can be used to treat breast cancer that has spread to bone.