

Class of 2021

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Eagleton Graduate Fellowship Program

The Eagleton Graduate Fellowship Program is an academic program within the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University—New Brunswick and was one of the first activities undertaken by the Institute after it was established in 1956 with a bequest from Florence Peshine Eagleton. The program offers select Rutgers graduate students the opportunity to further their understanding of government, public affairs, and the practice of politics, and to connect the fellowship experience to their chosen fields of study. Eagleton studies how American politics and government work and change, analyzes how the democracy might improve, and promotes political participation and civic engagement. The Institute explores state and national politics through research, education, and public service, linking the study of politics with its day-to-day practice.

Over the years, the 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. degree 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, where graduates earned an M.S. degree in public policy. Since the fall of 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 the New Brunswick, Camden and Newark campus locations, representing more than 45 departments in the social sciences, humanities and natural sciences and nineteen different graduate and professional schools reflecting a wide variety of interests and perspectives.

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 seminar classes 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 agencies or departments, and government offices at the local, county, state, regional, and federal levels.

Up to 27 fellowships are granted annually through four related awards: Harold and Reba Martin, Henry J. Raimondo Legislative, Governor's Executive, and Eagleton Alumni. More information on the program can be found at eagleton.rutgers.edu/grad-fellowships.



Armando Alfonso

A proud Trentonian, Armando Alfonso is pursuing his juris doctor degree as a third-year law student at Rutgers Law School–Camden. After pursuing his bachelor of science in civil and environmental engineering at Rutgers School of Engineering, Alfonso worked at a private engineering consulting firm before joining the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as an environmental engineer. Committed to addressing environmental injustices in his hometown and other urban communities in the state, Alfonso served as the vice-chairman for the City of Trenton’s Planning Board. In addition to his role as an environmental engineer, he is the community collaborative initiative liaison for the City of Camden, where he advises and coordinates on local development projects to ensure environmental and community needs are satisfied. As an evening student, he worked in the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General as a legal intern, is currently the Student Bar Association treasurer, Hispanic National Bar Association’s Law Student Division board representative for the State of New Jersey, and a proud member of the Law School’s Minority Student Program.



Mark Avery

Mark Avery grew up in a suburb of Minneapolis where he trained in gymnastics. Avery received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, was a member of the diving team, played club volleyball and worked at the campus television station. Avery also completed a master’s degree in mathematics at the University of Utah. He decided to move to New York City to pursue his performance aspirations. He studied music at SUNY-Empire State College and worked at Warner Music Group. Avery is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in economics and teaching economics courses at Rutgers University–New Brunswick School of Graduate Studies. He hopes to employ his quantitative skills in the public sector, ideally as a government economist engaged in policy analysis or economic forecasting. Avery also hopes to run for office. He enjoys jogging, playing soccer, and spending time with his family and friends.



Monica Bastos

Monica Bastos is currently pursuing a master's of public administration degree at the School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) at Rutgers–Newark. In May 2020 she graduated *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in public and nonprofit administration, also from SPAA, where she had the honor of being inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha. Bastos completed the majority of her studies in Portugal, but finished her senior year of high school at East Side High School in Newark where she was awarded the Random Act of Kindness Scholarship. The scholarship allowed her to pursue an associate's degree in social sciences at Essex County College, where she graduated with honors in 2014. As an undergraduate student at Rutgers, Bastos worked as a constituent services intern for the Office of U.S. Senator Cory Booker, where she assisted the junior staff with constituent issues and senior staff with research, namely criminal justice reform. She also worked as a political research intern for the Democrats for Education Reform in New York City. Bastos met with various community leaders and learned first-hand about grassroots leadership through the International Leadership Exchange Program in Puerto Rico where she had the opportunity to assist in recovery efforts from Hurricane Maria by installing solar panels in community centers and schools. Currently, Bastos is part of the inaugural SPAA Ambassadors cohort, a leadership development program, in which she serves as chair of the fundraising committee. In her personal time, she volunteers for various organizations, including the food bank. In her home country, she co-founded a youth group dedicated to poverty alleviation in her community.



Lance Bean

Lance Bean, a native of North Brunswick Township, is pursuing a master's degree through the Graduate School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University–Newark. A recent *summa cum laude* graduate of Rutgers–New Brunswick, Bean earned a bachelor's degree in political science through School of Arts and Sciences and in public policy through the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. His undergraduate studies focused on American politics, as well as criminal and social policy. He is also a

proud alumnus of the Eagleton Undergraduate Associates Program. His honors include admission into the Phi Beta Kappa Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, Gamma Sigma Alpha, and admission into Phi Alpha Delta's Society of Scholars. Bean is a two-time recipient of the Class of 1922 Old Guard–Rutgers College and Class of 1966 scholarships. Outside of the classroom, Bean is the former vice president and treasurer of the Rutgers Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International, and a passionate participant in the Rutgers Catholic Student Association. Bean spent the summer of 2019 in Washington D.C. as a Reagan Fellow in the Leadership and The American Presidency program through the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation and Institute and the Fund for American Studies, and a visiting student at George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government. Bean also served as the executive consulting assistant for the president of the Hohlt Group. His spotlight projects on the 2020 Democratic Primary Election, U.S. National Debt Crisis, and the "Tobacco to 21" Initiative were published and released to federal personnel, media outlets, and the current White House Administration. Bean is eager to continue his pre-legal studies and is thrilled for the opportunity to continue his study of government and politics with the Eagleton Institute.



Emahunn Campbell

Emahunn Raheem Ali Campbell is a third-year student at the Rutgers Law School--Newark. Campbell is a Kinoy-Stavis Fellow and Social Equity Director for the Student Bar Association. In 2019, he was an Ella Baker intern at the Center for Constitutional Rights and recently concluded his summer internship with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. In 2019-2020, he was the president of the Association of Black Law Students and the attorney general for the Northeast Black Law Students Association. Campbell is also a former educator and held positions at Framingham State University, the University of Massachusetts, and Washington and Lee University. He earned his bachelor's degree in English from the University of Virginia in 2008, his master's degree in literature from the University of Memphis in 2010, and his Ph.D. in Afro-American Studies from W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 2015. While earning his doctorate, he co-founded "Justice for Charles," a coalition of organizations in western Massachusetts that successfully fought for the release of Charles Wilhite, a black man who was sentenced to life in prison after being falsely convicted of murder. Wilhite later received a \$1.4 million settlement from the City of Springfield for wrongful conviction. Campbell is currently writing a book, *Criminally Black: Race, Freedom, and Resistance, 1741-1920*. He is from Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



Neil Doogan

Neil Doogan is a third-year law student at Rutgers Law School–Camden, currently pursuing a juris doctor degree. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2012 with a bachelor’s degree in political science and international relations. While at the academy, Doogan was a member of Navy football team and served as a Company Commander in the Brigade of Midshipmen during his senior year. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corp and served over five years on active duty. During his service, he was stationed in California and deployed to Japan, Australia, and Iraq. He left active duty service in August 2017 as a Captain in the Marine Corps and entered into law school shortly afterwards. Doogan’s passion for politics and government started during his studies at the Naval Academy and further developed throughout his military service. He is honored to be the recipient of the Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Award and will be serving in the Senate Republican Office in the spring.



Eashwayne Haughton

Eashwayne Haughton is pursuing his master’s degree in public policy with a concentration in urban policy and community development at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. He graduated cum laude from The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and a minor in African American studies. He previously interned for TCNJ’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion and served as a student representative on the Board of Trustees. Haughton’s interest in politics and policymaking is informed by his experiences working as a former Aide to the commissioner of the Department of Education and as a current Legislative Aide to Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson. In his current role, Haughton supports the Assemblywoman’s legislative agenda and her service on the economic development, consumer affairs and budget committees in the legislature. He is also a part of the Mercer County Young Democrat’s executive board and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. He currently resides in Ewing but was born and raised in Jamaica. Upon graduation, Haughton hopes to provide assistance and the necessary resources to underserved and at-risk communities through lobbying, policymaking and advocacy on both the federal and state level.



Morgan Humphrey

Morgan Humphrey is a third year graduate student at Rutgers Law School–Camden, where she is a member of the Philosophy and Law Society and the Black Law Students Association. Her other activities include Hunter Moot Court, LAWR Fellow, ABA Antitrust Law Student Ambassador, and the Honorable Judith H. Wizmur Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project. During the summer of 2019, Humphrey served as an intern for the ACLU in New York, and summer 2020 worked at Archer Law and the ACLU-PA. Prior to attending Rutgers School of Law, Humphrey was a Policy Coordinator for the Drug Policy Alliance (DPA) in Los Angeles, a non-profit organization focused on ending the war on drugs through policy change. While at DPA, she worked on the successful 2016 Proposition 64: Adult Use of Marijuana legalization campaign. Before moving to California, Humphrey worked as a paralegal at the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office and a clerk at the Mercer County Prosecutor’s Office. She is passionate about criminal justice reform and civil rights litigation, drug policy reform, prisoner’s rights, police accountability. Humphrey resides in Trenton and received a bachelor’s degree from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.



Whitney Kehl

Whitney Kehl is a second-year Master of Information student in the School of Communication and Information at Rutgers–New Brunswick, with a concentration in archives and preservation. After graduating from the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York, with a bachelor’s degree in art history and minors in French and studio art, she remained in western New York to work in local government and at cultural institutions. Kehl was inspired to pursue a career in public service after working as the deputy clerk, secretary of special boards, and director of youth recreation of her township of Sheldon, New York, and front-end positions at two museums. The stewardship of public information through preservation, records management and measures to increase equitable access is now her

passion and professional goal. Within the Rutgers University Libraries, she currently works as a graduate assistant for reference, and graduate specialist for the Margery Somers Foster Center. Kehl's research and three workshops presented fall 2020, center on the multiplicity of uses for information resources, from work and personal research value, to creative expressions. Kehl is also currently interning in the archive of the Lawrenceville School. She lives in South River and has become a huge fan of Central New Jersey since moving here in 2019. In her leisure time she enjoys visiting museums and historic sites, kayaking, bookmaking and floral arranging. Kehl is honored to be the recipient of the Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowship.



Grant King

Grant King is currently pursuing a master's degree in city regional planning at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers–New Brunswick. He received a bachelor's degree in planning and public policy from the same school in 2018. A lifelong New Jersey resident, King has served as a volunteer firefighter in his hometown for the last 8 years and for the last two has been an appointed member of the Borough of Fair Lawn's Planning Board. He is passionate about urban planning, public service, diplomacy and international affairs. King interned for both Middlesex and Hudson county planning offices as well as work for a United Nations Related Agency, the International Organization for Migration to facilitate the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program. He competed in Collegiate Model United Nations conferences around the country, interned for community health and development-oriented non-profits, worked for an equitable real estate development firm and a regional community development financial institution. King's work at the Voorhees Transportation Center focused on a Department of Transportation large-scale survey project of New Jersey Transit Bus and Light Rail services. His transportation concentration studies at Bloustein are focusing on the future of infrastructure and transportation systems as well as sustainable and equitable capacity building. In his free time, King enjoys swimming, gaming, hiking and exploring the tri-state area. He is passionate about finding creative policy and programmatic solutions to historical disinvestment in urban, minority and immigrant communities, and hopes to create a non-profit to address these issues. He is looking forward to an unprecedented and unique experience as an Eagleton Fellow this year.



Mary Lawlor

Mary Lawlor, from Moorestown, received an associate’s degree in political science from Rowan College at Burlington County in 2018. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Rutgers University-Camden in spring 2020 with a bachelor’s degree in political science and minor in history as part of the joint BA/MPA program. Lawlor is currently a full-time, second-year graduate student in the Master of Public Administration program in the Department of Public Policy and Administration. She is also a teaching assistant for the Rutgers–Camden Department of Political Science. Lawlor interned for Congressman Tom MacArthur in 2018 and New Jersey Assemblywoman Murphy in 2019. In her time as an undergraduate student, she was a member of the Honors College, the Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society and the Rutgers-Camden College Democrats. She is beyond grateful and excited to be a part of the Eagleton Graduate Fellowship Program. Her interests focus on crafting progressive policies related to land management and preservation, clean energy and clean water. Upon graduation, Lawlor hopes to use her experience and knowledge to pursue a career in environmental policy.



Jeffrey Layden

Jeffrey Layden is a third-year graduate student currently pursuing a master’s degree in public administration through the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers–Newark. Layden was chosen to present a paper he authored on participatory budgeting as a representative of Rutgers University at the annual American Society of Public Administrators conference in Anaheim, California. A life-long New Jersey resident, Layden graduated from The College of New Jersey in 2010 with a bachelor’s degree in political science, a minor in criminal justice, and a concentration in law and society. After graduation, Layden served as a community organizer for various environmental groups in the tri-state including the New Jersey Environmental Federation and the Citizens Campaign for the Environment in upstate New York where he worked on issues of excessive fertilizer runoff and access to clean air and

water for all residents. He also served as assistant canvass director for the Gulf Restoration Network's 'Defend the Gulf' campaign in New Orleans during the summer of 2011, which successfully raised support for the critical 'RESTORE act' that passed in the wake of the BP oil spill. Layden returned to New Jersey and currently works as a social worker for the Union County Division of Social Services where he provides services to low-income residents who have become, or are in danger of becoming homeless. With years of professional street-level experience, he was compelled to further his education in order to be a more effective advocate. He is proud to be a member of the 2020-2021 Eagleton fellowship cohort and hopes to apply the knowledge gained to advancing everyday democracy in action.



Abygail Mangar

Abygail Mangar is a third-year graduate student at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers-New Brunswick pursuing a joint master's degree in city and regional planning and public policy. She currently interns at the Asakura Robinson firm, which works to empower communities through planning, urban design, and landscape architecture. Mangar received her bachelor's degree in environmental engineering at the University of New Hampshire in 2014. She utilized her engineering education at Volpe, the National Transportation Systems Center for the United States Department of Transportation where her work focused on energy usage and sustainability opportunities for the Maritime Administration's national sites and ports. Mangar felt a calling to pursue a career in social justice, which led her to complete two years of AmeriCorps service. During the first placement through City Year Seattle King County, she supported academic and socioemotional learning for eighth grade students at a public international middle school. Her work impacted over 4,000 students through coordination of fifteen beautification service projects for Philadelphia School District schools during her second-year placement with the City Year Philadelphia's Civic Engagement Team. Mangar hopes to serve as a trauma-informed urban planner that nurtures mental health and wellness for communities through green- and arts/culture-based community development initiatives. Her long-term goal is to impact mental health policy reform using urban planning to foster neighborhood health.



Sydonia Manibusan

Sydonia Manibusan is pursuing a Ph.D. in environmental science with a concentration in human exposure assessment at Rutgers – New Brunswick. She is a Chamoru from the island of Guam. Manibusan obtained her bachelor’s degree in biology and master’s in environmental science at the University of Guam. Her current research focuses on sampling of bioaerosols, the microbiological particles suspended in the air that can cause negative health effects. Manibusan’s prior research included erosion and sedimentation monitoring in the Piti-Asan Watershed in Guam and the Talakhaya Watershed in Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, as part of a multi-agency environmental restoration project. Through the Talakhaya project and work with the Guam Nature Alliance she has been involved with various environmental outreach and education efforts. She is the current president of the Environmental Sciences Graduate Student Association and a member of the Rutgers Exposure Science Student Association. Her interests include environmental issues and their potential health and welfare impacts on communities.



Samantha Milano-Sumalinog

Sam Milano-Sumalinog holds a bachelor’s degree in international justice and is completing her juris doctor degree through the Rutgers Law School –Newark. She currently works at the Child Advocacy Clinic on Asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases. She helped found the International Law and Human Rights Journal and revived the International Alternative Dispute Resolution Society. During summer 2020, she served as a volunteer legal advocate with the Organization for Transformative Works. She previously worked as a legal intern at the Community Health Law Project, as a paralegal intern at the Legal Aid Society of New York, and as a policy and communications intern at the New York City Mayor’s Office of International Affairs at the United Nations. Milano-Sumalinog is also an independently published young adult fiction novelist. Prior to law school, she taught English to native Chinese and Japanese speakers. Her career goal is to become Secretary General of the United Nations, but she would happily settle for United States Secretary of State.



David Nelson

David Nelson is a master’s of public administration student in the Graduate School of Arts and Science at Rutgers–Camden. A resident of Cherry Hill, he currently serves as the director of operations and finance for New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP), a “think-and-do” tank that drives policy change to advance racial and economic justice and prosperity for all New Jerseyans through evidence-based, independent research, analysis and advocacy. While working at NJPP, he developed an interest in the intersection of management and budget. His academic studies focus on state and local budgeting and finance practices as well as the intergovernmental nature of government funding and shared services agreements. He completed his bachelor’s degree in politics at Ithaca College. Nelson previously worked for Princeton AlumniCorps, an alumni association committed to engaging the Princeton University community in civic service work, and Left Forum, a New York City-based non-profit organization that brings progressive people together to share radical ideas for social change. Nelson plans to combine his passion for equity and justice with his interest in government budgeting to help build progressive budgets in New Jersey. He is the proud recipient of an Eagleton Fellowship and is excited to be involved with the program.



Calandria Ortiz-Resende

Calandria Ortiz-Resende is a second-year graduate student at School of Social Work, pursuing a master’s degree with a concentration on policy and management in conjunction with Violence Against Women and Children Certification. She finished summa cum laude in her bachelor’s degree studies in sociology at Rutgers–New Brunswick and was the recipient of the Robert Gutman Sociology Award. Ortiz-Resende is an immigrant from the Dominican Republic, where she completed a bachelor’s degree in business at the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo, INTEC. She was raised in a socially conscious household and, at an early age, became aware of the difficulties women and children face due to poverty and oppression. Her belief that poverty and vulnerability are societally and socially imposed, motivated her to pursue a career in social justice. In her first year of graduate studies, she interned for the Anti-Poverty

Network, where she participated in agency and coalition meetings to increase involvement in advocacy roles regarding structural racism, housing insecurity, labor relations, healthcare, and environmental justice. She was also research assistant at the Center on Violence Against Women and Children at Rutgers. During the 2020-2021 academic year, she will be interning for the New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence, working with Nicole Morella, the director of public policy and communications. Ortiz-Resende also volunteers in the Juvenile Conference Committees at the Family Division of Superior Court in Trenton, where she makes recommendations to judges to ensure a resolution that supports the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.



Sabrina Riddick

Sabrina Riddick is a second year master of public policy student at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers—New Brunswick. As an undergraduate student at Rutgers, she studied social work and public policy, while advocating for the rights of disadvantaged, marginalized communities. At the Bloustein School, her areas of concentration include politics and government, social welfare policy, and community development. Over the past five years, Riddick has served as a dedicated higher education administrator; engaging in a broad range of functions that support the success of diverse academic student populations. Throughout her tenure as the administrative operations and programming specialist within the Division of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement at Rutgers—New Brunswick, her responsibilities included strategic planning, project management, fiscal management, federal/state grant writing and management, advising, administrative operations, public relations, community engagement, and event coordination. Most recently, Riddick was hired as a graduate research assistant in the Social Policy and Family Well-being Lab directed by Andrea Hetling. Riddick is looking forward to the fall term, as she will join the Eagleton Graduate Fellowship Program. She will also complete her internship under a current council member who is preparing to run for the New Jersey Legislative Senate. Riddick is passionate about utilizing social policy and public institutions to improve the lives of everyday citizens. She is committed to a career involving public service and hopes to be able to affect positive change in her community by holding public office. In addition to a career in public service, she would like to pursue a juris doctor and practice law.



Carolyn (Carly) Rothman Siditsky

Carly Rothman Siditsky is a third-year student at Rutgers Law School, where she is a Saul Tischler Scholar, TIP (The Inclusion Project) Fellow, co-founder/chair of the Rutgers Association of Student Caregivers, and executive editor for the *Rutgers University Law Review*. She has served as a legal intern for the New Jersey Attorney General’s Division on Civil Rights, a federal judicial intern for Judge Michael Shipp in the District of New Jersey, and a research assistant to Professors Elise Boddie and Sarah Dadush. Prior to law school, Rothman Siditsky managed external communications for the State Priorities Partnership, a national network of state policy organizations coordinated by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, D.C. She also served as director of external affairs at New Jersey Policy Perspective, a state policy think tank working to advance racial and economic justice. Previously, Rothman Siditsky was a reporter, editorial board member, and director of social media at *The Star-Ledger* in Newark. She holds a master’s degree in public administration from New York University, where she received the Wagner Public Service Scholarship, and a bachelor’s degree from Yale University, where her honors included the Liman Public Interest Law Fellowship, Trumbull College Community Service Award, and Amy Rossborough Fellowship. Rothman Siditsky is a proud New Jersey native who has lived in five counties. In her spare time, she chairs her synagogue’s Racial Justice Task Force and enjoys hiking, biking, gardening, and cooking with her husband and three children.



Jason Stump

Jason Stump is a third-year student at Rutgers Law School—Camden. Born and raised in Southeastern Pennsylvania, he graduated from West Chester University with a degree in theater and dance. After a fulfilling career performing in musicals, on cruise ships, in a tap dance company, and as a costumed dancer on the national tour of *Sesame Street Live*, Stump began to get involved in politics in New York City. Volunteering for the campaigns of Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, as well as activism efforts for universal healthcare and police accountability, inspired him to apply to law school.

Since beginning law school, Stump has interned at Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, the Public Interest Law Center, and the City of Philadelphia Law Department in the Civil Rights Unit, and the Philadelphia City Commissioner’s office. At Rutgers, he was president of the Association of Public Interest Law for the 2019-2020 school year, a participant in the Honorable James Hunter III Moot Court Competition, a guest teacher for the Street Law Pro Bono Project, and a legal writing fellow for Professor Sarah Ricks. Stump acted on his passion for voting rights as the leader of the Voters’ Rights Pro Bono Project from 2019-2021, where he organized students to be election observers throughout Camden, during the 2019 election and volunteers for the Election Protection hotline 1-866-OUR-VOTE during the fall 2020 election season. Stump firmly believes in the power of the government and the political process to bring about progressive change. He is honored to be a recipient of the Eagleton Fellowship and hopes to pursue a career in politics and policymaking.



James Sullivan

James Sullivan is entering his final year at Rutgers Law School–Camden, where he has been on the Dean’s List every semester and a volunteer with the Street Law program. He graduated *cum laude* from Rutgers University in 2001 with a bachelor’s degree in administration of justice. Shortly after graduation, he began his career in public service by joining the Burlington Township Police Department. Now in his nineteenth year, he is second in command and oversees all administrative functions in the department, including internal affairs, training, accreditation, policy, community engagement, and public information. Sullivan’s commitment to the professionalization of modern-day law enforcement has led him to become an agency assessor with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., as well as one of the master internal affairs trainers in the state. He also contributes to the improvement of governmental service delivery by teaching several courses for the New Jersey Certified Public Manager Program and the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy. His current efforts are focused on exploring innovative, community-based initiatives to better serve those populations that are traditionally marginalized by law enforcement and the justice system. Efforts have resulted in the creation of a new municipal court drug diversionary program in his jurisdiction, the expansion of mental health crisis intervention training for law enforcement throughout his county, and the establishment of his agency’s first Social Justice Advisory Committee. Sullivan’s passion about public service, the justice system, and education inspired him to enter law school. He hopes that the Eagleton Fellowship will complement both his legal education and his public service experience so that he will emerge with a fuller appreciation for the interplay between policy, legislation, and implementation. A Jersey native, Sullivan lives in Columbus, Burlington County with his wife and two young children.



Gerard Tyrrell

Gerard Tyrrell is currently a third-year student at Rutgers Law School–Camden and is a life-long New Jersey resident. Raised in South Jersey, Gerard attended The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) where he studied political science and German, spending one semester abroad in Germany and another in Washington D.C. interning for a Member of the United States House of Representatives. He also spent a summer abroad in Germany interning for TCNJ’s study-abroad host institution, where he helped plan and execute study abroad programs for host students from the United States and Mexico. Before starting law school, Tyrrell worked as an aide in the New Jersey Governor’s Office, where he handled casework relating to health and human services issues. Since joining Rutgers Law, Tyrrell’s activities have included becoming a member of both the Rutgers University Law Review and the Honorable James Hunter III Moot Court competition, which he and his partner won best oral argument for during the 2019-2020 competition. Additionally, he is a student leader for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance pro bono project and was an e-board member for Rutgers OUTlaws and Business Law Association. He also interned for United States District Judge Peter G. Sheridan and completed a part-time fellowship with the Rutgers Law Clinic. He plans on externing for the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey this year and hopes to work in business law upon graduating. He is honored to receive the Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowship Award and will be placed with the Assembly Republican Office in the spring.



Marleina Ubel

Marleina Ubel is a third-year graduate student at the School of Social Work at Rutgers–New Brunswick, where she is pursuing a master’s degree with a concentration in management and public policy. She was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Miami, eventually enrolling at Valencia Community College in Orlando. Ubel went on to earn her bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill. As the president of the Carolina Philosophy Club and

undergraduate conference organizer, she spent her time at UNC working to challenge demographic disparities in academia. After attending the MIT Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute, Ubel was named an ambassador for making philosophy more inclusive. Before beginning her graduate career, she worked supporting children with special needs at a local public school. These experiences led her directly to advocacy and policy. Since beginning her graduate work, Ubel has been a researcher for various projects, including the Housing and Health in Trenton project with Princeton University, which studies the relationship between health disparities and affordable housing. In the fall, Ubel will begin an internship with New Jersey Policy Perspective as a Kathleen Crotty Fellow. She is honored to receive the Henry J. Raimondo Award and intern with the Assembly Majority Office in the spring.



Maya Wahrman

Maya Wahrman is currently the reception and placement case manager and refugee school impact coordinator at Interfaith-RISE refugee resettlement agency in Highland Park. She is a graduate student in the Rutgers University Intensive Weekend Masters in Social Work program at Rutgers–New Brunswick. She is currently doing her field placement with Spanish-speaking mental health clients and trafficking victims at the Reformed Church of Highland Park. She graduated summa cum laude in 2016 from Princeton University with certificates in Near Eastern Studies and creative writing. She is a published opinion columnist and poet. Wahrman has worked in Trenton as a bilingual case manager at the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund, serving at Hedgepeth-Williams Middle School and as a client advocate from the main office. Two years prior she worked as the program assistant in forced migration at the Office of Religious Life at Princeton University, where she co-curated their conference, *Seeking Refuge: Faith-Based Approaches to Forced Migration*, as well as an interfaith policy forum about the role of religion in domestic refugee resettlement. She will be placed in the Office of New Americans in the Department of Health and Human Services for her Eagleton internship.



Melissa Wilkinson

Melissa Wilkinson is a fourth-year Ph.D. student in the Joint Graduate Program in Toxicology at the School of Graduate Studies at Rutgers–New Brunswick. Originally from Argyle, New York, and graduated from Nazareth College of Rochester with honors earning her bachelor’s degree in biology and toxicology in 2017. While at Nazareth, she cultivated her love for science through numerous research opportunities, developed a deep connection to her campus community, and was engaged in a number of organizations. She was a varsity swimmer, new student orientation coordinator, admissions assistant, and student senator in the Undergraduate Association. Following her undergraduate education, Wilkinson moved to New Brunswick, New Jersey, to pursue her Ph.D. under the mentorship of Andrew Gow. Her research focuses on the use of nitrated fatty acids as an anti-inflammatory agent in acute lung injury and interstitial lung diseases. She is president of the Rutgers Association of Toxicology Students and as the current program coordinator for the Toxicology, Health, and Environmental Disease High School Summer Program, a staple of the program. Wilkinson learned about the intersection of advocacy, science, and policy as an American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) Washington Fellow in D.C. earlier this year. She hopes to learn more about the legislative and policy-making processes to act as a liaison for science in the future and to continue leading within her community. She hopes to advocate for the importance of STEM education, especially in rural communities, and wants to utilize her own experiences to demonstrate the importance of funding for biomedical research and education programs, as well as the need for greater opportunity to learn and grow in the STEM fields. Wilkinson hopes to work as a science policy advisor at the federal level to help advise our nation’s leaders with pressing scientific issues and work as an advocate for STEM education. She is honored to receive the Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Award and will be placed at the Office of Legislative Services in the spring.



Guy Yedwab

Guy Yedwab was born in Israel and raised in Southern California, but never felt truly at home until he moved to the cold and transit-rich Northeast. He is pursuing a joint Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers Law School – Newark and a master’s in politics and public policy from the Edward J. Bloustein School

of Planning and Public Policy. After graduating from New York University with a bachelors' degree in experimental theater, he joined an advocacy organization working to save small theaters in New York City during the economic crises of 2008 and gentrification. He became managing director of the League of Independent Theaters, leading their work on union codes, endorsements in electoral campaigns, legislative advocacy, and social justice work. He has also been an active member of his district's participatory budgeting process and local community board. This summer, he co-led the League's COVID response (in particular, coalition building around #cancelrent). Yedwab is looking forward to the fall term, where he will be joining the Eagleton Graduate Fellowship program and interning with the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey.



Tracy Youngster

Tracy Youngster is a fourth-year PhD Student in the department of Ecology and Evolution at the School of Graduate Studies in Rutgers–New Brunswick. She was raised in Piscataway, by a family who always discussed politics and science at the dinner table and who instilled a strong sense of civic duty in her from a young age. She received her bachelor's degree in biological sciences from the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers in 2011. After graduation, she worked at the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory as a research assistant for a project developing sustainable aquaculture feeds for tropical regions. Along with research, this position allowed her to travel to Haiti regularly to assist with sustainable aquaculture education. This work in sustainable food systems piqued her interest in soils and she went on to pursue a master's degree in soil and crop science at Cornell University. At Cornell, she received Master Composter certification, which involved volunteer work to teach the public about composting practices. After completing her degree in 2017, Youngster returned home to New Jersey and Rutgers University. Her current research is focused on evaluating how soil and plant ecology of dune systems along the developed coastline of New Jersey affects soil stability. She is currently a coastal climate risk and resilience trainee and was the recipient of the 2019 NJ Chapter of the Society of Women Environmental Professionals Graduate Scholar award. Her current work relating to coastal resiliency and climate change has increased her desire to learn more about the intersection between science, policy, and public opinion and she is thrilled to be an Eagleton Fellow where she can pursue these interests.

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