



Standing in Solidarity with the AAPI Community

A Statement from the Director of Eagleton

"Affirming the humanity of all people is a core value of our work at the Eagleton Institute; protecting vulnerable populations is the mission of our Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience. We stand in solidarity with the Asian community and condemn all acts of hate and discrimination."

- John J. Farmer, Jr., Director of both the Eagleton Institute of Politics and the Miller Center

A Statement from CAWP

"We have been stunned this week in the wake of the horrific murders in Georgia. But not surprised. The confluence of racism and misogyny has long been a potent recipe for violence, and the specific forms of otherization and fetishization of Asian women in our society created the toxic environment that led to this moment. We are infuriated that this same toxicity means that we know more about the life of a white, male murderer than we know of the lives that he destroyed.

At this moment, we are grateful for the voices of the Asian women in Congress and other elected offices that are forcefully denouncing anti-Asian racism. Our democracy, our country, is made better by their presence in the halls of power, not just in this moment when their voices move our hearts to understanding, but in all the ways their work improves our society for all Americans." [Read more.](#)

Professor Farmer Spoke on *News 12 New Jersey's* "Power and Politics" About Anti-Asian Rhetoric And the Georgia Attack

"It's part of a larger pattern that the Miller Center detected a year ago of sinophobic, anti-Asian rhetoric on social media. This is another example of how these social media engines drive extremism and drive hate. The Asian community has been victimized tremendously by this," said Professor Farmer.

"We found that the anti-Asian rhetoric was still on social media, but it became a subplot of the larger conspiracy theories, like QAnon and others that were dominant during the election season. Once the election happened, and the disputed election happened, and the storming of the Capitol happened, the groups splintered. Now there is coalescing around something called 'The New World Order,' which has within its tent anti-vaccination and anti-Asian propaganda. This is the way the public square is working now and unless we clean it up, this kind of conduct and extremism is just going to get worse," said Professor Farmer.

Watch the full [interview](#).

Miller Center Research to Identify Threats and Predict Future Attacks

In April 2020, following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic across the United States, the Miller Center and the Network Contagion Research Institute (NCRI) released a report introducing innovative methodologies for tracking the self-organization of violent actors on social media in order to protect the Asian community.

In response to the recent rise in attacks against the Asian community, the Miller Center and

NCRI will update the report with new information and solutions to help law enforcement agencies identify threats and predict future attacks. Read the full [report](#).

Campaign Training Sessions

OUT to Run: Empowering LGBTQ+ Political Leaders



Join Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) for the next session of the Ready to Run® 2021 Virtual Series. A panel of public leaders will discuss the importance of having more LGBTQ+ individuals engaged in politics and public life, including as elected or appointed officials, lobbyists, and party leaders.

This event is free and open to the public.

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Join Eagleton's Center for Youth Political Participation (CYPP) and CAWP's New Leadership® National Network for the third session of *RU Running?*, a virtual campaign training for college students. In this next session, students will **learn about campaign finance and digital strategies** from political experts.

Tuesday, April 6th at 2pm EST via Zoom.

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Rutgers Giving Day - Wednesday, March 24, 2021

This year, please consider supporting the [Rutgers-Eagleton Washington Internship Award](#) and the [Eagleton Graduate Fellowship Program](#). Both of these programs rely on donor support to provide financial assistance to help Rutgers undergraduate and graduate students build a deeper understanding of politics and government through internship placements.

Save the date for Rutgers Giving Day on your [Google](#) and [Outlook](#) calendars.

Support the Rutgers-Eagleton Washington Internship Award

"It's essential for Rutgers students from low-income backgrounds to have the opportunity to experience D.C. and to bring their experiences to our nation's capital to shape policy. Generous donors made that experience possible for me and I hope the program will continue to fund this experience for others for years to come."

Julien Rosenbloom
2018 Award Recipient

A portrait of Julien Rosenbloom, a young man with dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue blazer over a light blue collared shirt. The background is a bookshelf filled with books.

Julien describes his internship experience and the impact of the financial assistance he received thanks to Eagleton donors.

Watch the [video](#) to learn more about the Rutgers-Eagleton Washington Internship Award.

Support the Eagleton Graduate Fellowship Program

"Thank you – from the bottom of my heart – to all the donors who contributed to the program. Without you, we wouldn't be here, especially during this difficult time where COVID has constrained budgets across the state."

Sabrina Riddick
Eagleton Fellow Class of 2021

A portrait of Sabrina Riddick, a young woman with voluminous, curly blonde hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a white blazer over a dark top and a pearl necklace. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a bookshelf.

Sabrina describes her fellowship experience and the impact of the financial assistance she received thanks to Eagleton alumni donors.

Watch the [video](#) and learn more about the Eagleton Graduate Fellowship.

Job Opening: Part-Time Graduate Assistant for the Eagleton Science and Politics Initiative

The Eagleton Science and Politics Initiative is looking for an hourly graduate assistant to support the Initiative's programming, including the Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop and Fellowship.

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in natural sciences, political science, or a related field
- Ability to interact in a cross-disciplinary academic environment
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Please send cover letters and resumes/CVs with contact information for two references to science@eagleton.rutgers.edu.

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Applications due this Friday, March 26th.

Eagleton in the News

Power and Politics

News 12 New Jersey's Alex Zdan [interviewed](#) Professor Farmer on "Power and Politics" about the increase in domestic extremism.

"The unfortunate fact of our life right now is that our public square has become a cesspool conspiracy theories, hate rhetoric, false narratives about the stolen election, and all of those factors combine to put people at the margins ready to act... The use of memes on social media have become an organizing tool for extremists of all stripes," said Professor Farmer.

"Time has shown that there needs to be a closer look taken at the way information is delivered by social media. The use of commercial algorithms in the context of political speech has proven to be catastrophic. Congress needs to take a close look at that and see what they can do to put guard rails up," said Farmer.

Three Part Series About The Miller Center Research

NJ Spotlight News published a three part series about the Miller Center's research regarding domestic extremist groups and the spread of conspiracy theories. Learn more about the research conducted by Rutgers students and Miller Center faculty and staff.

[Part 1: The early clues to homegrown terrorism and the few who followed them](#)

[Part 2: How these researchers track viral outbreaks of online hate that lead to violence](#)

[Part 3: They warned of 'inevitable' violence from extremists. No response. Now they emphasize an 'existential' threat](#)

Women's Voice in Politics Hasn't Been Fully Realized

[Rutgers Today](#) published an article featuring faculty members' reflections on Women's History Month. CAWP senior scholar Kira Sanbonmatsu wrote about women's voice in politics.

"The United States is experiencing a woman vice president, a woman speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and record numbers of women in Congress and state legislatures. The 2018 and 2020 elections yielded unprecedented gains in women's candidacies and elections to office.

But challenges remain," wrote Sanbonmatsu.

Will Cuomo's Scandals Pave the Way for New York's First Female Mayor?

[The New York Times](#) interviewed Debbie Walsh, CAWP director, about women in New York politics.

"While women have made strides in state legislatures and Congress, some voters still cannot picture a woman as president, governor or mayor, said Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

'When you're the place where the buck stops, there needs to be a sense of strength and authority,' Ms. Walsh said. 'That has been one of the challenges that women have faced — the stereotype that women aren't strong or tough enough.'"

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