

SCIENCE AND POLITICS PROGRAM

Science During Crisis: Evidence-based Decision-making During Emergency Response

Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop



Join the Eagleton Science and Politics Program for its biannual workshop featuring a conversation with former NJ Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin about the agency's decision-making during the 2012 train derailment and vinyl chloride spill in Paulsboro, NJ.



Monday, May 8, 2023 at 11am
Lunch to follow

Eagleton Institute of Politics
191 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ
Register: eagleton.rutgers.edu/events

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Welcome	John Weingart Associate Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics
Introduction	Anna Dulencin, PhD Director, Science and Politics Program, EIP
Keynote	Bob Martin Commissioner, NJ Department of Environmental Protection (2010-2018) Managing Director, Christie 55 Solutions
Discussion	Stuart Shapiro, PhD Dean and Professor, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
Q&A	
Lunch	

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ABOUT THE EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

The Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University—New Brunswick 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.

SCIENCE & POLITICS PROGRAM

The Eagleton Science and Politics Program explores how science, technology, and American politics intersect; the political systems that connect them; and how deeper understanding and clearer communication within and across these disciplines can benefit policymakers, scientists, and the larger public. The Program administers the Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship which places doctoral-level scientists, engineers and healthcare professionals into New Jersey state government as full-time in-house science advisors for one year. The Program also maintains the *Scientists in State Politics* database which inventories all scientists, engineers and healthcare professionals who serve as elected members of state legislatures in all 50 U.S. states.

The Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop series is offered in collaboration with the following partners: The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities; Rutgers Biomedical & Health Sciences; Departments of Neuroscience & Cell Biology and Pediatrics; 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; Rutgers Brain Health Institute; Science Policy and Advocacy at Rutgers (SPAR), a graduate student organization; Institute of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences; Rutgers Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy; and Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

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

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SPEAKERS

Bob Martin

Bob served as New Jersey's Commissioner of Environmental Protection under Governor Christie from 2010 to 2018, managing over 2,800 professionals and a multi-million dollar annual state budget and other federal and state resources. He effectively implemented DEP's mission to protect the air, water, land and natural and historic resources of the state. He has deep knowledge and expertise in state and federal environmental and land use laws and regulations, and in working with numerous federal agencies and departments. Bob also played a key leadership role under Governor Christie in coordinating the State's preparation and response, and long-term rebuilding from natural disasters, especially for Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

Prior to public service, Bob was a Partner at Accenture LLP with over 25 years of experience consulting to a broad variety of businesses and industries, and trusted advisor to senior executives to help them achieve their vision and create value. He has extensive skills and experience in all aspects of business and management consulting, including business strategy and planning, business transformation and operations reengineering, IT strategy, systems implementation and change management.

Bob has extensive international experience including living and working in the UK for 5 years and doing significant consulting work throughout Europe and Canada. He has demonstrated expertise in all the key aspects of the utility industry, including electric generation, electric & gas transmission, and electric, gas and water distribution operations. Bob has a BA in Economics & Sociology from Boston College and an MBA, concentrating in Finance & Investments, from the George Washington University.

Stuart Shapiro, PhD

Stuart Shapiro was named Dean, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, in April 2023, after having served as the school's Interim Dean since January 2022. He previously served Bloustein as associate dean of faculty, supervising faculty hiring, promotion and discipline; and for seven years as director of the public policy graduate program, creating two new dual degrees and an undergraduate major and minor in public policy.

He also serves as a professor in the Bloustein School, has taught undergraduate and graduate courses on economics, public policy, and politics, and serves as the principal investigator of the [New Jersey State Policy Lab](#).

A scholar of U.S. regulatory policy, Shapiro has written four books and publishes work in political science, public administration, and public policy journals as well as law reviews. He has been quoted extensively in the news media and regularly writes opinion articles for The Hill. Shapiro joined the Bloustein school in 2003 after receiving his doctorate degree from Harvard University and working for five years at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

John Weingart

Associate Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics

John Weingart has been Associate Director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics since 2000. Prior to that, he held several posts designing and implementing state policy on environmental protection and land use including serving as Assistant Commissioner of the NJ DEP. He is the author of *Waste Is A Terrible Thing To Mind: Risk, Radiation and Distrust of Government*.

Anna Dulencin, PhD

Director, Science and Politics Program, Eagleton Institute of Politics

Anna Dulencin develops the Institute's Science and Politics Program which includes the Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop and the Institute's latest project, the Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship for PhD-level scientists in New Jersey government. A scientist herself, Dulencin served as a biomedical research consultant at the New Jersey Autism Center of Excellence Coordinating Center prior to joining Eagleton.