



Eagleton Institute of Politics 2008-2009 Annual Report

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ABOUT EAGLETON

The Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University 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 contemporary political systems work, how they change, and how they might work better. Eagleton's faculty, centers and programs specialize in the study of: state legislatures and the state executive; public opinion polling and survey research; women's political participation; minority and immigrant political behavior; campaigns, elections and political parties; ethics; youth civic engagement and political participation; climate change, social policy and politics; and New Jersey politics.

The Institute includes the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) and the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling (ECPPI), both established in the early 1970's. Eagleton houses the Rutgers Initiative on Climate and Social Policy, Rutgers Program on the Governor, the Clifford P. Case Professorship of Public Affairs, and the Arthur J. Holland Program on Ethics in Government.

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

Other Eagleton programs include the Youth Political Participation Program, the Program on Immigration and Democracy, New Jersey Project, State House Express, and Electronic Government Project.

The Institute also 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.



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

July 2009

Only a year ago, intense interest in presidential politics seemed nearly universal and passions ran high. Now, that drama has faded into sobered recognition. The hard work of governing more closely resembles engineering roadways yard-by-yard across mountain peaks than waving magic wands to transform daunting landscapes. Both moods are grist for our mill at the Eagleton Institute of Politics. Whether in research projects, classroom settings, or public programs, a fundamental premise underlying Eagleton's work is that change is either stalled or facilitated by politics.



Throughout academic year 2008-09, old-fashioned politics occupied center stage. In the first election season since 1952 with no incumbent president or vice president on either ticket, the primaries and caucuses had already generated unprecedented interest, and by autumn, matters of politics filled the headlines, airwaves, cyberspace – and the Rutgers campus. Unfolding economic events, natural disasters, and international conflicts further channeled public attention toward the political system and the capabilities of governments at every level to address problems large and small, mass and individual. Young people became increasingly aware of the ways in which their futures will be intertwined with political considerations and with the strength of political leaders.

In this climate, Eagleton's work aroused more interest than usual. Graduate students from fields as varied as anthropology and ecology/evolution, along with those from political science, law, and public policy, took advantage of our fellowship programs to find linkages between their scholarship and the politics of policymaking. The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll released a path-breaking examination of attitudes of Asian Americans in New Jersey and New York, part of the National Asian American Survey, the most comprehensive survey of Asian American political views to date. Our Center for American Women and Politics fielded countless media inquiries about Hillary Clinton, Sarah Palin, and the women's vote and drew international attention with its Election Watch, Presidential Watch and Women's Vote Watch web content. The Initiative on Climate and Social Policy, a discipline-crossing program based at Eagleton, highlighted new ways of understanding potential governmental responses to climate change. Students powered the RU Voting and RU Ready projects, spearheading the registration of thousands of campus voters and educating New Brunswick teens about why and how they should engage with the political system. Through these and other programs, Eagleton demonstrated once again how an institute of politics at New Jersey's flagship university can use research, education, and public service to understand political behavior and underscore its significance.

Exploring the practices of politics has been our central purpose for more than a half-century, a mission we've pursued vigorously even when the word "politics" triggered grimaces both on and off campuses everywhere. Students of democracy and its political engines despaired about the all-too-common contempt for their subject and the widespread disengagement from civic life, especially among young people. At Eagleton, we persevered in following Florence Peshine Eagleton's mandate to create programs, "for the development of and education for responsible leadership in civic and governmental affairs and the solution of their political problems."

I hope you enjoy this brief overview of our achievements this past year. More than ever, we value and thank our friends for their loyalty and commitment. We do not take you for granted. In this rugged period, we are enormously proud and grateful that you support the work of the Eagleton Institute.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Ruth B. Mandel". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Ruth B. Mandel

EAGLETON EVENTS



August 28 and September 4 [↑]
News 12 Obama and McCain Speech Watches

News 12 New Jersey reporter Rick Holmes interviewed students at Wood Lawn after watching convention addresses by presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain.

September 22
Author Alvin S. Felzenberg
Alvin Felzenberg and Gerald Pomper, professor emeritus of political science, discussed Felzenberg's book, *The Leaders We Deserved (and a Few We Didn't): Rethinking the Presidential Rating Game.* →



September 26 and October 15
Alumni Debate Watch

Eggleton alumni and students met at Wood Lawn on separate occasions to watch the presidential candidates debate.



October 6
**A Conversation with A Candidate for U.S. Senate:
Richard Zimmer**

News 12 NJ taped this program with questions posed by undergraduate students.

October 14
A Closer Look: Asian Americans and the 2008 Election
Eggleton Institute and Department of Political Science Professor Jane Junn reported on her groundbreaking research highlighting voting trends in the Asian-American community. ←

2008-2009

October 16

Is Ignorance an Excuse?: Who Caused Global Warming, and Does It Matter?

Martin Bunzl, professor of philosophy and director of the Rutgers Initiative on Climate and Social Policy, discussed the political implications of global warming.

October 20

Immigrant Civic Participation: A Challenge for New Jersey and the Nation

Panelists presented research findings along with perspectives from model immigrant civic participation programs and New Jersey experts at this policy discussion.



October 22

Speaker of the House: A View from Inside the Capitol

Eagleton Fellows and legislative staff members attended the 2008 Lewitt Lecture delivered by John A. Lawrence (center), chief of staff to Speaker Nancy Pelosi.



October 27

RU Ready to Vote?

Edison Mayor Jun Choi and Bill Spadea, president of the New Majority, discussed their respective parties' stances in the 2008 election in a student-organized and moderated program.

November 5

Election 2008: The Morning After – What Happened on Election Day and What's Ahead?

Eagleton's traditional post-election panel discussion, moderated by Institute associate director John Weingart (right), featured Steve Kornacki, political writer, *The Observer*; Keith Wailoo, director, Center for Race and Ethnicity, Rutgers University; and Institute director Ruth B. Mandel.



November 6

The Psychology of Economic Decisions About Energy Consumption

Dan Ariely, James B. Duke Professor of Behavioral Economics and author of *Predictably Irrational*, offered his insights in a program presented by the Rutgers Initiative on Climate and Social Policy.

December 8

Race, Gender and the 2008 Presidential Election: Implications for the Future

NPR's Michele Norris addressed an overflow crowd as the 2008 Senator Wynona Lipman Chair in Women's Political Leadership (a program of the Center for American Women and Politics).



December 18
Mr. Adler and Mr. Lance Go to Washington: New Jersey's Bipartisan Freshman Class

Institute associate director John Weingart moderated a discussion with New Jersey's newly-elected Congressmen John Adler → (shown here with Francine Newsome Pfeiffer, Rutgers assistant VP for federal relations, and Lyle Dennis, Eagleton alumnus and partner in a government relations firm) and Leonard Lance.



January 27

No Excuses: Concessions of a Serial Campaigner

Political strategist and consultant Robert M. Shrum signed a copy of his book for a guest after his talk. ↓



February 2
Standing at the Crossroads: A Vision for the National Republican Party

As part of the Eagleton speaker series, *Because Politics Matters: Perspectives on 2009 and Beyond*, former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman discussed ↓ the changes taking place in her party.



February 19

In Plain Sight: Simple, Difficult Lessons from New Jersey's Expensive Effort to Close the Achievement Gap

Author, former assistant commissioner at the New Jersey Department of Education, New Jersey State Senator and Assemblyman Gordon MacInnes discussed his book.



March 9
A Scarlet Knight on the GOP Front Line

Rutgers alum and political strategist Michael DuHaime chatted with Institute director Ruth B. Mandel and PSE&G vice president Rick Thigpen before DuHaime's talk. →

March 31

Obama's First 10 Weeks: Leadership, Governance and Ethics
2009 Arthur J. Holland Program on Ethics in Government speaker and former Congressman James A. Leach congratulates the year's Holland award recipient, Simon Burger, after Leach's talk. →



April 3

Public Financing of Campaigns: Lessons from New Jersey, New York City and Connecticut

This panel discussion reviewed lessons from the experiences of various tri-state area jurisdictions.



April 15

Kean Colloquium

The Rutgers Program on the Governor presented a forum highlighting the administration of Governor Thomas H. Kean and assessing the status of key issues then and now. Panelists included former Assemblyman John Paul Doyle, BPU Commissioner Lisa Randall, and former Attorney General W. Cary Edwards. ←

April 16/17

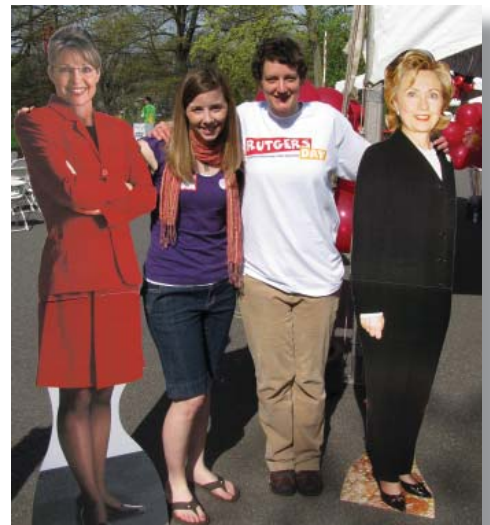
Climate Change in South Asia: Governance, Equity, and Social Justice (Magrann Conference)

The two-day program featured scholarly presentations on various aspects of climate change and its impact, with a keynote by Daanish Mustafa, Department of Geography, Kings College, London.

April 25

Rutgers Day (campus-wide celebration)

Political science graduate students Kelly Dittmar and Sara Angevine enjoy the sunshine with "Sarah Palin" and "Hillary Rodham Clinton," who were among the cardboard cut-out politicians at the Eagleton Institute - Department of Political Science display booth. →



June 3

The Morning After: A Discussion of the New Jersey Primary

Primary election results and general election prospects were reviewed by a panel including journalists Jim McQueeney, Charles Stile and Michael Symons and MBI-GluckShaw partner Hazel Gluck.

EAGLETON CENTERS AND PROGRAMS

Center for American Women and Politics

In an unprecedented year for women in politics, Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), with nearly four decades of experience, was well-prepared and in demand to provide context for the discussion of women candidates running for the nation's highest elected offices.

The events of 2008 underscored CAWP's standing as the premier clearinghouse for information about American political women:

- When it became apparent that Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton would be seen as the first female front-runner for a presidential nomination, the Center established an online Presidential Watch to provide public opinion research, materials about women as presidential candidates, and articles about Clinton's historic race. When Governor Sarah Palin joined the Republican ticket, Presidential Watch tracked her candidacy.
- CAWP director Debbie Walsh and Eagleton Institute of Politics director Ruth B. Mandel traveled to Denver and St. Paul to gather and document first-hand impressions of history in the making at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.
- The Center's Women's Vote Watch provided updated polling data, weekly press releases and briefings (in collaboration with the Communications Consortium Media Center) to analyze the potential impact of women voters.
- Susan Carroll, CAWP senior scholar and professor of political science, gave a plenary session address, "Reflections on Gender and Hillary Clinton's Presidential Campaign: The Good, the Bad, and the Misogynic" at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, Massachusetts in August.

PBS journalist Maria Hinojosa (in yellow) chatted with audience members from CAWP's Ready to Run™ diversity initiative after her speech on "Women, Power and Politics."



Supporting all of these efforts, CAWP's capacity for outreach and public service grew exponentially with the launch of a redesigned website www.cawp.rutgers.edu.

Other core objectives of CAWP's ongoing work are to conduct and disseminate research; educate young women about politics, and encourage and equip women to consider seeking public office. The Center made significant strides in all three areas this year:

- In September 2008, CAWP completed its latest survey of elected officials to examine the under-representation of women in public office as well as the growing partisan gap among women.

Analysis of the new research, funded by the Barbara Lee Family Foundation, the Susie Tompkins Buell Foundation and other donors, is well underway. A full report will be released next year.

- As New Jersey reached a new all-time high proportion of women in its legislature, Ready to Run™, CAWP's campaign training, could claim some credit for improving the state's climate for women candidates. The program includes a "diversity initiative" with specialized sessions for African American, Latina, and Asian American women. Support from the Fund for New Jersey and the Comcast Foundation was invaluable to

these efforts. Through the Ready to Run™ Training Network, Center staff has taught organizations from six other states to adapt the CAWP model to fit their distinctive political cultures.

- CAWP's NEW Leadership™ program provides a national template for educating college women about politics and developing their political skills. In addition to welcoming 39 college students from New Jersey to the 2009 summer institute, CAWP trained representatives of institutions in Colorado, Georgia and New York to create three new regional programs. The NEW Leadership™ Development Network now boasts 18 members serving 24 states, with more than 3,500 alumnae primed for politics and civic engagement.
- The Senator Wynona Lipman Chair in Women's Political Leadership, made possible by the New Jersey Legislature, supported a public lecture by NPR's Michele Norris on "Race, Gender and the 2008 Presidential Election: Implications for the Future" and funded scholarships for Essex County residents to attend NEW Leadership™ and Ready to Run™.
- For the third time, CAWP joined with Girl Scouts of the USA to present a two-week summer program, Pathways to Politics, modeled on NEW Leadership™ and serving 31 teens from across the nation.

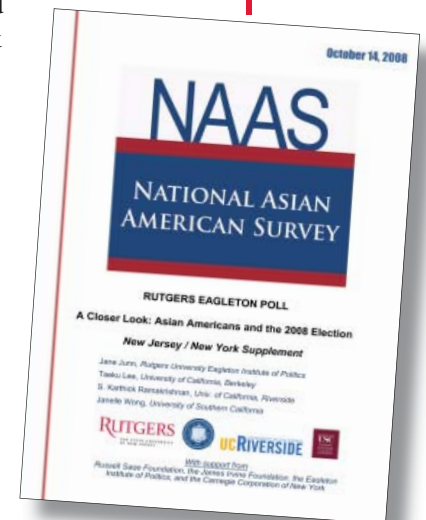
Lily Ledbetter, keynote speaker at NEW Leadership™ New Jersey, described how suffering from pay discrimination turned her into an activist.



Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling/Rutgers-Eagleton Poll

The Center's major research 2008-09 came from a study conducted by Professor Jane Junn at Eagleton. In collaboration with scholars at the University of California-Berkeley, the University of California-Riverside, and the University of Southern California, Junn developed the first comprehensive national survey of the political views of Asian-Americans. Due to Eagleton's participation, this poll, conducted shortly before the 2008 election, included a larger number of respondents from New Jersey and New York. As a result, the data it provides about voters in these states will be even more valuable for subsequent surveys and future research.

Beginning with the 2009-2010 academic year, political scientist David Redlawsk will join Eagleton's faculty as the new director of its polling and survey center. Founder and director of the University of Iowa's Hawkeye Poll, Redlawsk was selected in a national search conducted jointly by the Eagleton Institute and the Department of Political Science. Having earned a Ph.D. at Rutgers, Redlawsk returns to New Jersey with extensive knowledge of its political culture and players. Professor Redlawsk's publications include *Civil Service: Service Learning with State and Local Government Partners* (Editor, Jossey-Bass) and *How Voters Decide: Information Processing during an Election Campaign* (with Richard Lau, Cambridge University Press, 2006). His new co-authored book on the Iowa caucuses and presidential nomination system, *Why Iowa?: Sequential Elections, Reform and U.S. Presidential Nominations*, will be published in 2010 by the University of Chicago Press.



Rutgers Program on the Governor

The Rutgers Program on the Governor, developed by Eagleton, is the only center in the nation to explore the role of the state executive branch. The program hosts an extensive web-based archive and sponsors a range of academic activities, including public forums and publications relating to the office of the governor in 50 states, with a special focus on New Jersey. A central feature of the program is an extensive virtual archive that presents the careers of governors.

Former Governor Thomas H. Kean, shown here with John Holt, former State Senator Bill Schluter and Rutgers President Richard L. McCormick, took part in the symposium reviewing accomplishments of his administration.



In April, senior policy fellow Don Linky and program consultant Nancy Becker organized a colloquium at Eagleton to launch the Governor Thomas H. Kean virtual archive, now under development along with that of Governor Brendan Byrne. The day-long event brought together former members of the Kean administration and legislators for a discussion of some of the issues and challenges faced during Governor Kean's tenure. Three panels explored "Politics and Governing," "The Governor and Legislature," and "Economic Development." The entire colloquium is accessible on Eagleton's website.

Program staff members have begun videotaping interviews with prominent members of the Kean administration, including attorneys general, treasurers, and commissioners to capture their perspectives from the Kean era. These living histories, along with an online archive of articles, papers and photos, will provide unrivalled resources for scholars, students, journalists and future administrations to examine the office of the governor.

Efforts are now beginning to develop comparable archives for former New Jersey Governors Florio and Whitman.

Youth Political Participation Program

In its fourth year, Eagleton's RU Voting project, led by political scientist Elizabeth Matto, Eagleton research associate, was well positioned to take a lead in organizing student voter registration efforts at Rutgers. A dynamic group of Rutgers students spearheaded this year's activities. Their enthusiasm for the presidential election was contagious, catalyzing high levels of student civic participation and registering nearly 6,000 Rutgers students to vote. From the start of the academic year through the election, Eagleton's RU Voting team:

- Introduced to the Rutgers community the "Student Vote Widget," an online tool that significantly eases the registration process for students. Rutgers was publicly recognized for the success of this initiative at a conference hosted by Harvard University.
- Hosted a well-attended student debate-watch, organized a public forum for students with representatives from the McCain and Obama campaigns, and mounted a get-out-the vote drive.
- Compiled and advertised a comprehensive bi-partisan listing of campaign-related campus activities in the weeks leading up to the voter registration deadline and Election Day and maintained the RU Voting website, an informative resource for students on all three campuses that provided information on registering and voting.

RU Voting students organized a presentation on the presidential elections featuring Edison Mayor Jun Choi and Bill Spadea speaking on behalf of candidates Obama and McCain.



Through Eagleton's RU Ready, a hands-on civic engagement project administered in New Brunswick High School (NBHS), seniors learned about the importance of politics in their lives and the roles they might play in the political process upon graduation. A hallmark of the program is peer-to-peer interaction, with teams of Rutgers students leading the seniors through in-class workshops at NBHS and a culminating Young Leaders Conference at the Eagleton Institute. This year's conference included a keynote by Rutgers Professor of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Caribbean Studies Juan Cartagena, who inspired students with his personal story of civic engagement. The interactive program provided students with opportunities to practice public speaking, develop problem-solving skills, and have lunch with local community leaders. Blanquita Valenti, Middlesex County Freeholder and member of the New Brunswick City Council, delivered the closing remarks.

Rutgers Initiative on Climate and Social Policy

In 2007, Eagleton became home to the new Rutgers Initiative on Climate and Social Policy (CSP). Chaired by Martin Bunzl, professor of philosophy, CSP is the hub of University climate change research and education in the social sciences and humanities. CSP researchers examine the social and political challenges posed by global warming to uncover policy implications and determine how government can respond most effectively.

This year, Bunzl testified before the Geoengineering and Climate Ethics panel of the Royal Society. CSP continued its research and contract work for the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and also began a new partnership with New Jersey Natural Gas, which signed on as a lead sponsor of CSP's research programs.

With corporate support from PSE&G, CSP faculty designed and conducted two surveys of more than 1,000 public utility customers to gain an understanding of beliefs and attitudes about climate change and how those factors might affect their energy consumption habits. The full report is available at www.csp.rutgers.edu. Among the key findings: While 85 percent of respondents believe that government should play a role in mitigating climate change, their support for intervention wanes dramatically if they view the action as having a direct negative impact on their current lifestyle. As New Jersey and the nation move to implement regulations to reduce greenhouse gases, CSP provides data and analysis to identify the contours of support for government action.

Professor Martin Bunzl discusses survey findings about beliefs and attitudes on energy use and climate change.



In April, Eagleton hosted the Fifth Annual Magrann Conference, which this year focused on issues of governance, equity, and social justice as they relate to climate in South Asia. More than 40 scholars from Rutgers and universities across the country gathered for the two-day international conference, which included a keynote address by Professor Daanish Mustafa of Kings College, London and an introduction by New Jersey Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula. CSP co-sponsored the conference with the Rutgers Department of Geography, Office of International Programs and South Asian Studies Program.

The New Jersey Project

The New Jersey Project, directed by policy analyst Ingrid Reed, coordinates and expands Eagleton's endeavors to assist individuals, governments and organizations in increasing awareness and understanding of New Jersey politics.

During 2008-2009, Reed and senior policy fellow Don Linky continued to maintain Eagleton's widely-used website NJVoterInfo.org, a non-profit, non-partisan website about elections and public affairs issues affecting New Jersey. One popular feature allows users to determine their legislative districts and provides them with descriptions of legislative candidates.

Voter registration was a primary focus during the presidential election year. In October 2008, the New Jersey Project published a county-by-county comparison of New Jersey voter registration for the years 2000, 2004 and 2008.

Under Reed's guidance, the publication *Clean Elections: Public Financing in Six States, Including New Jersey's Pilot Projects*, authored by Benjamin T. Brickner with former Eagleton Fellow Naomi Mueller, was introduced at the New Jersey Statehouse and released on Eagleton's website as a resource for states working to implement clean elections programs. Reed, a guest speaker throughout the state on clean elections, also hosted several public forums at Rutgers,

Policy analyst Ingrid Reed presents the report on Clean Elections.



convening bi-partisan authorities on campaigns, elections, and election coverage in New Jersey. This included a March 31st panel of experts from the tri-state region discussing *Public Financing of Campaigns: Lessons from New Jersey, New York City and Connecticut*.

In June 2009, the New Jersey Project, with the research assistance of former Eagleton Fellow Anna Mitchell, completed a study, *The Financial Disclosure Requirement of the N.J. Local Governance Ethics Law and an Assessment of its Effectiveness*.

Program on Immigration and Democracy

Eagleton’s Program on Immigration and Democracy explores challenges and opportunities arising from increased levels of immigration to New Jersey and the nation. Bringing together more than 40 immigration scholars from a wide range of academic disciplines, the program analyzes the dynamics of immigrant inclusion and highlights policies and practices conducive to immigrant civic participation, equality of opportunity, democratic pluralism, and social cohesion.

As panel members and researchers, Eagleton faculty and students have made major contributions to Governor Jon Corzine’s Blue Ribbon Panel on Immigration Policy. The Eagleton Program’s first project manager, Nicholas V. Montalto, chaired a five-member panel task force that explored the need for a State Office of Immigrant Affairs. Eagleton Faculty Associates Janice Fine of the School Management and Labor Relations and Christine Thurlow Brenner of the School of Public Policy and Administration have helped author reports for the Labor and Workforce Development and State and Local Government subcommittees, respectively. The Blue Ribbon Panel also relied extensively on Eagleton Fellows who undertook specific research assignments. The panel delivered its final report to Governor Corzine in March.

In addition, over the course of the 2008-2009 academic year, the Program on Immigration and Democracy:

- Convened a symposium entitled “Immigrant Civic Participation: A Challenge for New Jersey and the Nation”. This was the third in a series of well-attended programs that brought together a mix of researchers, public officials, practitioners, and immigrant community representatives.
- Welcomed historian Anastasia Mann to staff the program. Mann contributed to the release of an economic impact study at a press conference at the New Jersey State Capitol in December 2008.
- Conducted roundtables on immigration to initiate cross-disciplinary dialogue and community-building on immigrant research and policy issues.
- Won a 2009 Academic Excellence Award from the University to develop the Rutgers Immigrant Infrastructure Map (RIIM), an interdisciplinary project involving researchers from Rutgers Camden, New Brunswick and Newark. RIIM will create an inventory of immigrant-serving community based organizations that are doing the work of immigrant integration in communities across New Jersey. Data about the organizations will be plotted onto a GIS map that will be of use to a broad audience including policy

Panelists Hector R. Corero-Guzman, David Schele, Jane Jann and Aldo Lauria-Santiago discuss research perspectives on immigrant civic participation.



makers, scholars, elected officials and the non-profit sector. Participating scholars come from Eagleton, the School of Management and Labor Relations, the Department of Anthropology, Department of Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies, the Bloustein School, the Department of Political Science, the Center for Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis and the Department of Public Administration in Camden.

The Arthur J. Holland Program on Ethics in Government

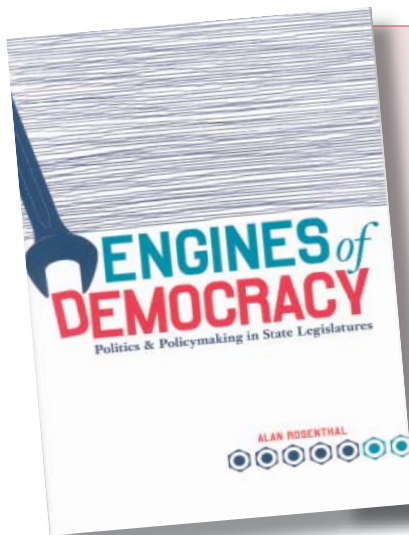
The Arthur J. Holland Program on Ethics in Government found a new home at Eagleton this year. The program was first established at Rutgers in 1989 to honor the distinguished Rutgers alumnus and long-time mayor of Trenton. Mayor Holland was a proponent and practitioner of open, responsive, and ethical government.

At the Holland Program lecture in March, Institute director Ruth B. Mandel thanked the Holland family for making the program possible and for bringing it to the Institute, noting that the program's goals are consistent with Eagleton's mission to promote honesty in public affairs and improve public policy and government by replacing apathy with awareness. It is an especially apt match because the Holland family includes two distinguished Eagleton alumni – Betty Holland-George, the widow of Arthur Holland, was a member of the first class of Eagleton Graduate Fellows, and son Matthew Holland was an Eagleton Fellow in 1994.

This year's Holland program activities included:

- A panel session at New Jersey's League of Municipalities titled *Office of the State Comptroller - Accountability, Transparency and Efficiency*.
- A public lecture by former Congressman Jim Leach entitled *Obama's First 10 Weeks: Leadership, Governance and Ethics*.
- Presentation of Eagleton's first Holland Ethics Award to Nicole Siegel (Newark Law '09, Eagleton Fellow '08-'09). As an Eagleton Institute Governor's Executive Fellow, Siegel was placed in the Office of the Inspector General in Trenton. With the Holland stipend, she will work on a project with the State Ethics Commission.

Institute director Ruth B. Mandel and associate director John Weingart with former Congressman Jim Leach (center) and members of the Holland family.



Professor Alan Rosenthal's latest book, *Engines of Democracy: Politics and Policymaking in State Legislatures*, was published in October 2008 by CQ Press. According to William T. Pound, executive director of the National Conference of State Legislatures, "Alan Rosenthal's years of observation and work with state legislatures uniquely qualify him to provide insight into these 'engines of democracy.' His experience provides the best analysis of the modern state legislature yet written. If you are only to read one book about American government, this is the one."

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Consistent with the University's emphasis on offering students opportunities for research and direct work with faculty and professional experts, Eagleton has a long history of active experiential learning that characterizes all its educational offerings. In all program areas at the Institute, students interact with faculty and members of the professional research staff, exploring connections between theory and practice.

Eagleton Fellowship Program

The Eagleton Fellowship program has been in existence since the founding of the Institute in 1956. Now open to Rutgers graduate students in any school or discipline, the program connects students to the practice of politics and public affairs through a fall-semester course followed by a spring-semester part-time placement in a government office or agency. The one-year fellowship, which also includes special seminars and informal interaction with political practitioners, offers a deep, hands-on understanding of politics in the context of each student's field of academic study.

Out of 92 applicants, 27 students were selected for the 2008-2009 academic year program, including J.D. students from Rutgers Law Schools in Newark and Camden; Ph.D. students in anthropology, criminal justice, ecology and evolution, educational policy, political science and urban studies; and master's students in city and regional planning, liberal studies, public policy and social work.

In the fall semester, eight Fellows took the course on legislatures taught by Professor Alan Rosenthal and the remaining 21 took the Seminar in American Politics co-taught by a bipartisan team of adjuncts, Joe Doria and Pete McDonough. Doria, the commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, is a former legislator and mayor, while McDonough is a communications, political and public affairs specialist with an extensive background in state and national politics and government.

The Fellows' spring placements enabled them to spend at least 15 hours each week immersed in government. Placements this year were in the five staff offices of the New Jersey legislature; 12 executive agencies of state government including the Office of the Attorney General, Council on the Humanities, Commission on Higher Education, NJ Network, and the Departments of Community Affairs, Corrections, Environmental Protection, Human Services and Military and Veteran Affairs; and seven municipal and multi-state agencies including the Newark Public Schools and Planning Department, the offices of Congressman Albio Sires and Edison Mayor Jun Choi, the Delaware River Port Authority, the Port Authority of NY and NJ, and the New York City Parks Department.

Throughout the year, Fellows took part in special sessions at Eagleton, including networking dinners with Eagleton's Visiting Associates and monthly policy seminars in Trenton during the spring semester. This year's students also traveled to Annapolis, Maryland, following an Eagleton Fellowship tradition, to view a different state government in action and meet with legislative and executive branch leaders.

Three graduating Eagleton Fellows were awarded prestigious Presidential Management Fellowships. Emily Grant (Raimondo Fellow), Nicole Siegel and Saesha Carlile (Governor's Executive Fellows) won the positions, which allow them to serve in federal government agencies, participate in specialized classroom training and mentoring opportunities, and develop networks with other future leaders. The program is designed "to attract to the Federal service outstanding men and women from a variety of academic disciplines and career paths who have a clear interest in, and commitment to, excellence in the leadership and management of public policies."

Eagleton fellows sat in the Maryland Senate Chambers during their trip to Annapolis.



The Eagleton Fellowships are made possible through the generosity of Harold and Reba Martin, the alumni of the Fellowship program, and the New Jersey State Legislature and Governor's Office.

Undergraduate Associates Program

In collaboration with the Department of Political Science, the Eagleton Institute offers an Undergraduate Associates program, which has been in existence since 1974. Each year, approximately 25 second semester juniors begin a three-term program. Faculty from Eagleton and the Department of Political Science teach a three-course sequence focused on the context in which political decisions are made.

An important element of the Undergraduate Associates Program is an internship in government and public affairs. Students spend 10 to 15 hours a week working with a government agency, state office, or public interest group. Internship placements for 2008-2009 included: the Office of the Attorney General; Departments of the Public Advocate and of Children and Families; State Senate Republican Office; the district offices of three individual legislators; Camden County Superior Court; mayoral offices in three municipalities; Rutgers Office of Government Relations; New Jersey Business and Industry Association; a presidential campaign, and a political consulting firm.

Fifteen seniors completed the second year of the Undergraduate Associates Program in 2009. Eleven students came from Rutgers College, two from Douglass College, and two from Livingston College. Twelve students were political science majors, with the remainder majoring in journalism, psychology and Spanish.

In the fall of 2008, eighty-four students applied for the Class of 2010 Undergraduate Associates Program. Sixty-nine applicants were political science majors; others were majoring in East Asian studies, economics, history, journalism and media studies, philosophy and social work. Twenty-six students – 13 from Rutgers College, seven from the School of Arts and Sciences, four from Douglass College, one from Livingston College, and one from Camden – entered the program in spring 2009. The newly admitted class had a combined grade point average of 3.79.

Political Campaigning Course

For many years, the Eagleton Institute has been pleased to host the undergraduate course in political campaigning, one of the most popular political science courses offered each fall. As for the past twenty years, the 2008 course was co-taught by Roger Bodman and Harold Hodes, two of New Jersey's top lobbyists and public affairs experts. They were joined by Michael Murphy, another top lobbyist and political consultant who previously ran for governor and served as Morris County prosecutor. The three practitioners were assisted by Ph.D. political science student Benjamin Dworkin. The course offers students the experience of meeting and hearing from a series of guest speakers who are central players and political leaders in the state, including past governors, political party chairs, state legislators, candidates for Congress, campaign consultants, lobbyists, reporters and many others.

Courses taught at Wood Lawn 2008-09

Undergraduate

- Internship Seminar for Eagleton Undergraduate Associates (Alan Rosenthal)
- Internship Seminar for RU Voting Program (Elizabeth Matto)
- Political Campaigning (Roger Bodman, Harold Hodes and Michael Murphy, with Ben Dworkin)
- Seminar in Woman's and Gender Studies: Global Sweatshops (Ethel Brooks)
- Byrne First Year Seminar: Women in American Politics: Are We There Yet? (Ruth Mandel)
- Practice of Politics (Bert Levine)
- Processes of Politics (John Weingart)
- Women and American Politics/ Public Leadership Education Network (Anna Mitchell)

Graduate

- Advanced Topics in Women and Politics (Cynthia Daniels)
- Eagleton Seminar: Problems in American Politics (Joseph Doria and Peter McDonough)
- Legislative Policymaking (Alan Rosenthal)
- Proseminar: Women and Politics (Susan Carroll)
- Advanced Topics in Women and Politics (Kira Sanbonmatsu)

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