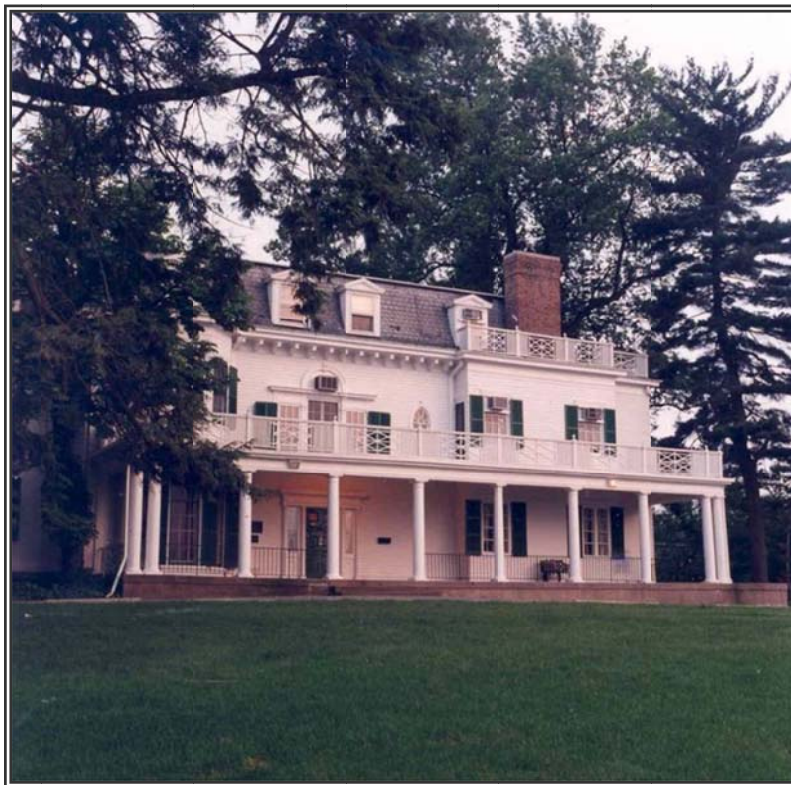


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## EAGLETON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Eagleton Fellowship Program was one of the first activities undertaken by the Institute after it was established in 1956 with an endowment from Florence Peshine Eagleton. The Institute has become a center of learning and inquiry about politics where attention and interest focus on how contemporary political systems work, how they change, and how they might work better.

Over the years, the Eagleton 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. in political science. Between 1995 and 2000, the program was administered in collaboration with the Department of Public Policy at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, with graduates earning an M.S. degree in public policy. Since 2000, the Eagleton Fellowship Program has been open to graduate students from all departments and schools on any of Rutgers' campuses who have an interest in politics and government. Recent Fellows have come from diverse departments and schools on the New Brunswick, Camden and Newark campuses, representing more than a dozen departments in the social sciences, humanities and natural sciences and nine different graduate and professional schools reflecting a wide variety of interests and perspectives. There are nearly 1,000 alumni of the program, with some choosing careers in public affairs and others applying their sophisticated knowledge of government and politics in the private and non-profit sectors or in education.

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 seminars in the fall to prepare them for a placement in the spring. Fellows are placed in the NJ Legislature, Office of the Governor, state executive agency or department, government offices at the local, county, state, regional and federal levels or related offices.

Up to 27 fellowships are awarded annually through four related programs: Harold and Reba Martin Fellowships, Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowships, Governor's Executive Fellowships, and an Eagleton Alumni Fellowship.

**Jui Agrawal** is currently pursuing a master's degree in public policy with a concentration in



social and disability policy at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. She grew up in Delaware, where she attended the University of Delaware, earning her bachelor's degree with a double major in political science and history. Since receiving her undergraduate degree, Agrawal has worked in Washington, DC, both at the Pew Charitable Trusts and at a boutique government relations firm focusing on environmental, tax, and healthcare policy issues. Inspired by her brother who has cerebral palsy, Agrawal has shifted her focus to disability policy, allowing her to combine her passion for policy and advancing the rights of the disability community. While in California, she has worked with The Arc of California on a project that led to the introduction in the California Assembly of abuse prevention legislation for people with disabilities. Most recently, she spent the summer at The Arc's national policy office in Washington, DC as their first Paul Marchand Intern, working on a variety of issues including health care, the Americans with Disabilities Act, affordable housing, and international disability rights. While at Bloustein, she works at the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, assisting with research related to disability employment. Last fall, Agrawal was elected vice president of public policy for the Rutgers Association of Planning and Policy Students. She is looking forward to the experience of working in a state agency and the exposure to state policy issues as a Governor's Executive Fellow, and she hopes to have a fulfilling career as an advocate for the disability community.

**Zunair Ashfaq** is a School of Social Work graduate student at Rutgers studying social services,



mental health and addiction. He is interested in health care policy, human services and government affairs. His passion is to continue working with policy-makers and clinicians to have a major impact in the field of mental health and addiction. He wants to research and analyze health care policy in order to promote the well-being of individuals, families and communities. He hopes to continue working tirelessly to solve complex problems at the local, state and federal-level. Ashfaq graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy with a master's degree in bioethics. He has interned for U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, Yale University, The Wharton School, U.S. Department of State and the United Nations. He is a Harold and Reba Martin Fellow.

**Olta Bejleri** is a third-year student at Rutgers School of Law – Newark. Born and raised in



Albania—a country plagued with political turmoil—her interest in politics was spawned at an early age. This interest was further fueled when her family immigrated to the United States and received political asylum. She attended Fordham University, where she earned a bachelor of arts in political science and sociology. While at Fordham, she was on the Dean's List as well as a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, and Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society. After being nominated by her professors, Bejleri also participated in the Fordham University Emerging Leaders Program. During college, she

was able to apply her interest in politics and women's issues through an internship for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. In law school, Bejleri is a notes editor for the *Rutgers Law Review*, a Legal Research and Writing teaching associate, and a Minority Student Program teaching fellow. She has served as an intern to the Honorable Esther Salas, U.S.D.J. and a legal researcher for the Planned Parenthood Affiliates of New Jersey. In her free time, she volunteers at Sanctuary for Families' Courtroom Advocates Project, where she advocates on behalf of domestic violence victims seeking orders of protection against their abusers. She was a summer associate at O'Melveny & Myers in New York, where she will return upon graduation from law school. Bejleri is honored to be a Governor's Executive Fellow and hopes that this experience will prepare her for her own future political career.

**Sara Bennett** is completing her final year of a dual degree program in law and social work from



Rutgers School of Law–Newark and Rutgers School of Social Work in New Brunswick. She grew up in Dallas, Texas and received her bachelor's degree from Indiana University, where she majored in theatre and drama and African American studies with a certificate in liberal arts management. After several years as a professional stage manager and production manager for theatre, opera, chamber and orchestral music in New York City and across the country, Bennett returned to graduate school to earn her master's degree in African American studies from Columbia University. During her time at Columbia, she studied racial identity

development and was fortunate to be mentored by the late Dr. Manning Marable. In spring 2008, Bennett interned with the William J. Clinton Foundation, vetting donors for the organization's initiatives. Following graduation from Columbia, she did outreach and event planning for the Darfur campaign at Amnesty International. Prior to law school, she also volunteered at Essex-Newark Legal Services, where she was inspired to pursue the J.D./M.S.W. dual degree. At Rutgers School of Law, Bennett has served as treasurer of the Public Interest Law Foundation and as an associate editor on the *Rutgers Race and the Law Review*. She has been a fellow with Legal One, researching education law, and at the newly launched Center for Law and Metropolitan Equity, researching white poverty in New Jersey. Bennett has been awarded two Public Interest Law Foundation grants for her summer internships. During summer 2012 she interned at the Vera Institute of Justice, researching black male disparities for the Pipeline Crisis Initiative. In summer 2013, she interned in the district office of Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg. This fall, she will continue her social work field placement at the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice in the Workforce Development and Education program. She is a Harold and Reba Martin Fellow.

**Steven Brody** is a student at Rutgers School of Law – Camden. He was raised in Ocean



Township (Monmouth County) and is a graduate of Ocean Township High School. Brody graduated from The College of New Jersey and holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting. While at TCNJ, he served on the executive boards of the Jewish Student Union, Delta Sigma Pi, and Lions' EMS. After his sophomore year, he was selected to intern at the New Jersey State Police Division Headquarters, where he continued to intern through his senior year, when he was offered full time employment as an



accountant. At the State Police, he manages a portfolio of over \$100 million in grants and works with multiple federal agencies, including the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and US Coast Guard as well as numerous state agencies, sheriff's offices, police departments, and county and municipal governments throughout the region. At Rutgers, Brody is the managing technology editor of the *Rutgers Journal of Law and Public Policy*. He has also served as vice president of the Student Bar Association and is currently in his second term as part-time student representative in the SBA. Additionally, for two years he served as the student member of the Scholastic Standing Committee. In June 2012, Brody was one of six students from the law school who traveled to Havana, Cuba, where he studied political campaigning in the communist nation. In December 2012, he went to Israel on a Yameena Fellowship from the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, meeting with multiple government officials and studying the effects of global politics on property rights in the West Bank. Brody is a two-time recipient of the Monmouth County Bar Foundation Scholarship and recipient of the Raymond E. Caruso Memorial Scholarship Award. This past summer, he was a legal intern in the litigation department at the global healthcare company Novo Nordisk in Princeton. Brody is a state-certified firefighter and emergency medical technician and has volunteered for multiple departments in New Jersey. He is very honored to have been selected for the Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowship for 2014 and looks forward to his placement in the New Jersey Senate Republican Office.

**Spencer Clayton** is a third year doctoral student in the public affairs program at Rutgers-Camden. He received his B.A. in psychology at Yale College, where he conducted research in the Autism Program at the Yale Child Study Center. Prior to that, he received his M.Div from Yale Divinity School where he interned for the Capitol Region Conference of Churches in Hartford, CT and helped to implement the first FaithWorks Summer Leadership Institute for leaders of faith-based organizations in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Clayton's research is centered on the impact of local-level redistricting on local-level community development efforts. As an ordained Baptist minister, he is also interested in exploring the role of faith-based institutions in urban contexts. He is a Governor's Executive Fellow.



**Crystal DesVignes** is currently in her last year pursuing a master's in political science from Rutgers Newark. Having lived in Newark for most of her life, she is passionate about her community and totally engaged with the progress of the city. After high school, Des Vignes worked in banking for many years before entering Essex County College as a non-traditional student. During her time at ECC, from which she graduated with high honors, she served as treasurer of the student government and vice-president of the Christian Fellowship. She was first exposed to politics as part of the 2006 class of NEW Leadership New Jersey, which totally changed her life. She entered Montclair State University, where she was a part of the Psychology Club, the Democrats Club, and the Christian Fellowship, served as a senator for the Student Government Association, and was part of the Social Action Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She also worked as a senior advocate and educator for the Essex



County Rape Care Center. Des Vignes earned her B.A. in 2008, double majoring in political science/law and psychology, with a minor in African –American studies. During the 2010 Census, she worked as an assistant manager for field operations, overseeing more than 700 field employees and office staff. In 2011, she welcomed her son into her family and resumed her studies at Rutgers Newark, where she is currently conducting research on the influence religion has on the decisions of African-American women who run for elected office. Most recently, Des Vignes interned at Eagleton’s Center for American Women and Politics, where she worked on the Teach a Girl to Lead (TAG) national education initiative. She also served as an action project advisor for NEW Leadership 2013. She has attended CAWP’s annual campaign training, Ready to Run, three times and plans to run for elected office. In addition to her duties as a mother and student, she is active in local politics as an ambassador for Newark’s Central Ward Councilman, a praise dance minister in her church, and a regular volunteers at area soup kitchens. She is overjoyed to receive the Harold and Reba Martin Fellowship and looks forward to her year as an Eagleton Fellow.

**Leah DiMatteo** is in her final year at Rutgers University School of Law – Camden. She graduated with honors from Westfield High School in Westfield, New Jersey in 2005. After completing her freshman year of college at the University of Delaware, DiMatteo transferred to Reed College in Portland, Oregon, where she earned a bachelor of arts in English. Once in law school, she developed an interest in law making and public policy. In addition to being selected as a staff editor for *the Rutgers Journal of Law and Public Policy*, she also worked closely with her criminal law professor on an independent research paper. Called “Enacting Death With Dignity in New Jersey,” the paper examined the history and content of “Death With Dignity” statutes in Oregon and Washington and compared those statutes to existing and pending end-of-life legislation in New Jersey. In March 2013, DiMatteo garnered support from four student organizations and the Camden County Bar Association and hosted a public forum at Rutgers-Camden on the proposed New Jersey Death With Dignity Act. Included among the six-person panel of attorneys, lobbyists, doctors, and clergy was Assemblyman John Burzichelli, who first introduced the bill into the New Jersey legislature in September 2012. DiMatteo is a Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellow. With hopes of soon becoming a New Jersey lawmaker or government researcher, DiMatteo is excited and eager to begin working at the Office of Legislative Services this spring.



**Margaret (Maggie) Dobbs** is a second year student at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, New Brunswick. She is pursuing a master’s degree in urban planning with a concentration in community development and food systems planning. Her interests include economic development, social justice, and environmental sustainability, and she is very dedicated to community service and public outreach. She was a member of the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega as an undergraduate and currently serves as the service chair on the Rutgers Association of Planning and Policy Students. She has helped to organize a food and clothing drive in conjunction with Rutgers Against Hunger and coordinates volunteers to



help with monthly deliveries to a local food pantry as well as tutoring for a local daycare center. Dobbs is heavily active in local food organizations and is a member of the New Brunswick Community Food Alliance as well as the Community Garden Coalition; she also sits on the Food & Economic Development and Advocacy & Policy Workgroups, both of which are working to improve food access, education, and job creation in New Brunswick. After graduating summa cum laude from Gettysburg College in 2008 with a double major in Environmental Studies and Anthropology, Dobbs pursued a culinary degree in baking and pastry from the Art Institute of Philadelphia. She worked as a pastry chef for four years in Philadelphia, where she became involved in local food movements and community gardening. She hopes to apply her background and knowledge in food and restaurants to her current career path to create healthier, more self-reliant communities. She challenged her innovation as a group participant in the social entrepreneurial Hult Prize International Competition, sponsored by the Clinton Global Initiative, on the topic of food security in urban slums, making her way to the regional finals. She currently works as a research assistant at the Ralph W. Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement, looking at production yield metrics in community gardens, developing guidelines for food preservation techniques, and researching residential gardening patterns. She is looking forward to future policy development work as a Governor's Executive Fellow.

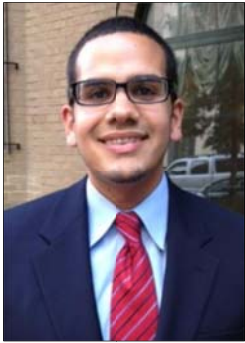
**Roosevelt Donat** was born in Brooklyn, NY and spent his youth between Irvington and Newark, New Jersey. He attended St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, NJ, where he earned the Presidential Award, recognizing all-around excellence in academics, leadership and extra-curricular activity.



Donat attended Georgetown University on a full academic scholarship, earning a dual bachelor's degree in government and sociology. With no prior football experience, he won a position on the Georgetown University football team, earning varsity letters and setting a series of records. Donat is a fourth-year evening student at Rutgers School of Law--Newark. He

works in the urban economic development industry in Newark as a director of government relations and strategic planning. At Rutgers, he is a recipient of the Dean's Merit Scholarship and the 2013-2014 Garden State Bar Association Scholarship. He serves as an associate editor for the *Rutgers Business Law Review*. He also served as the director of corporation relations for the Northeast Black Law Student Association, will be the organization's chief of staff this year. Donat views his philanthropic efforts as integral to his work, school and life balance. He routinely serves as a coordinator or speaker at workshops aimed at teaching inner city youth from historically underprivileged backgrounds about the value of higher education, ethical grounding, honesty, integrity, and hard work. Immediately after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, he was on the ground in Haiti volunteering as a translator and supporting medical staff at a UN affiliated clinic. In 2013, he returned to Haiti on a legal service trip, where he was part of a law student group addressing employment issues at a school which was employing indigent women workers. He has also traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico to build latrines and assist in other service initiatives. During the summer of 2013, preceding his final year of law school, Donat served as a summer associate for American International Group (AIG). He is a Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellow, and he is honored to have the opportunity to intern in the New Jersey State Legislature-Assembly Majority Office.

**Steven Fernandez** is a second year student in the master's of public administration program at the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers-Newark. Raised in Elizabeth, NJ Fernandez graduated from Montclair State University in January 2011 with a BA in political science and pre-law, cum laude. While at Montclair State, he interned with U.S. Senator Robert Menendez's Newark district office, focusing on constituent services. After graduation, he went on to work for the City of Elizabeth Law Department performing legislative and legal research. He also drafted numerous legal memoranda, briefs, ordinances and resolutions and advised senior administration officials. In late 2011 Fernandez was promoted to the Planning and



Community Development Department, where he is currently responsible for administering the City's Community Development Block Grant program, the Volunteer Income Tax program and the Mayor's CARE Task Force, which deals with quality of life issues. While working full time and pursuing his MPA, Fernandez interned for the Coalition to House the Homeless, helping with public outreach, internal policy development and fundraising. In June 2013, he undertook an eight-week public policy fellowship with the Washington, DC lobbying firm of Cavarocchi, Ruscio, Dennis Associates. He monitored legislation, identified new grant opportunities for clients, performed research pertaining to the Affordable Care Act and provided logistics for fundraisers and Capitol Hill briefings. Fernandez has also volunteered on several local and national political campaigns, including President Obama's 2008 and 2012 races, Senator Lesniak's 2011 and 2013 elections, and Mayor Bollwage's 2012 election. In June 2013, Fernandez was elected as his district's Democratic committeeman for Elizabeth and Union County. His interests are in government and non-profit management, public policy, public affairs and governmental relations. He is very excited to gain executive experience as a Governor's Executive Fellow.

**Peter Fu** is a third-year law student at Rutgers School of Law-Camden. He is an immigrant from Taiwan, Republic of China, and remains fluent in Mandarin Chinese. He attended the George Washington University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in international affairs and economics. As an undergraduate, he was intensively involved with promoting student rights in academic and disciplinary settings, played violin in the George Washington University Symphony, and interned at the Department of the Treasury and the House of Representatives. In 2010, he was recognized for his efforts while working at the Department of Justice. Currently, he is an editor on the *Rutgers Journal of Law & Public Policy*, a competitor on the



Wilhem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration moot team, a member of the Rutgers Pro Bono Mediation Project, a representative on the Student Bar Association, and the winner of Mr. Law School 2012. After his first and second years of law school, Fu had the privilege of being a summer associate at Cooper Levenson, Attorneys at Law. He is honored to be a Governor's Executive Fellow and would like to thank his parents, Chester and Polly, and his mentor, Robert Salad, for encouraging his interest in public affairs.



**Steven Galante** is a second year master's student in communications and information studies, studying media, policy, and social media. He is the recipient of the Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowship and will intern with the Office of Legislative Services during the Spring 2014 semester. He is interested in learning first-hand how policy is developed and adopted in the state. He graduated from Montclair State University in 2008 with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and philosophy. As an undergraduate, he interned with Senator Robert Menendez in his constituent services office in Newark. After graduation, he worked as a local reporter for *The Progress* newspaper in Caldwell, New Jersey for four years, covering news in eight municipalities. In 2012, he received a first place award from the New Jersey Press Association for news writing for his story covering the flooding of the Passaic River in March 2011. Galante is interested in issues such as building a more vibrant media ecosystem in New Jersey, press freedom, government transparency, and technology.



**Noah Glyn** is a candidate for a master's degree in public policy from the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. In 2012, he graduated from Rutgers University, *magna cum laude* and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He majored in economics and history and minored in Jewish studies. He received the John C. Daniel Award from the economics department for his outstanding undergraduate performance. In addition to his studies, was the president of the Rutgers College Republicans, and was active in New Jersey politics throughout his college career. Glyn also served as a research assistant for Rutgers University professor Azzan Yadin-Israel's upcoming book, and for *National Review* editor Rich Lowry's now published book about Abraham Lincoln, *Lincoln Unbound: How an Ambitious Young Railsplitter Saved the American Dream—and How We Can Do It Again*. He has also written for *National Review* and *National Review Online* since his senior year of college. His writing has appeared on *FirstThings.com*, *NextGenJournal.com*, and *TaxFoundation.org*. He is a Harold and Reba Martin Fellow. In his spare time, Glyn enjoys exercising, playing sports, following Philadelphia sports teams, reading history and economics books, and eating Italian food.



**Leonard Jones** is in his final year at the School of Law at Rutgers – Newark. He earned an M.P.A. in public service: leadership, governance and policy and B.A. in political science from Seton Hall University. Jones is an active member of the Student Bar Association, the Association of Black Law Students and the Rutgers Law Record. During his first law school summer, he was a legal intern with the litigation department of Prudential Financial, Inc. Most recently he was a law clerk at the office of the Union County Counsel. Jones is a Governor's Executive Fellow.



**Ian Liberty** is a third year law student at Rutgers University School of Law – Newark. He



received his undergraduate degree in political science from Rutgers University, where was an Undergraduate Associate at the Eagleton Institute of Politics. As an undergraduate associate, Liberty completed an internship with the New Jersey Democratic State Committee, where he worked with many of the state’s leaders and even had the opportunity to meet President Obama. Liberty’s dedication to public service and public interest law has been recognized on several occasions in his first two years of law school. He has received the Proskauer Rose Public Interest Fellowship, the Kinoy-Stavis Public Interest Fellowship, and the Charles

H. Revson Public Interest Fellowship. His focus in law school has been on issues of racial, social and economic justice. He worked at Volunteer Lawyers for Justice his first summer, providing legal advice on consumer debt issues to low-income residents of Newark. In his second summer, he worked at the Office of the Public Defenders in Essex County, providing legal representation to indigent criminal defendants. Liberty is editor-in-chief of the *Rutgers Race and the Law Review* and a member of the Rutgers Moot Court Board. Additionally, his note on the unconstitutionality of modern debt collection practices has been chosen for publication. Liberty is an Eagleton Alumni Fellow.

**Anthony Marcum** is a third-year law student at Rutgers School of Law – Newark. Originally



from Appalachia, Ohio, Marcum attended The Ohio State University, where he earned a B.A. in history and political science with a minor in security and intelligence. As an undergraduate, he interned for a United States Congressman, a juvenile court, and the Ohio Republican Party during the 2008 presidential campaign. While at Rutgers - Newark, he has been vice-justice of Phi Alpha Delta – Jackson Chapter, finalist in the Nathan Baker Mock Trial Competition, and a member of the school’s National Mock Trial Team. Currently, Marcum serves as articles editor for the *Rutgers Law Review* and as a Legal Research and Writing teaching

associate. Last summer, he was a judicial extern for the Honorable James E. Seibert in the Northern District of West Virginia. This past year, he interned for the Essex County prosecutor’s office and The Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. This summer, he interned in the United States Department of Justice’s National Security Division, assisting attorneys and staff in the investigation and prosecution of terrorists from around the world. Marcum is honored to be a Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellow and looks forward to interning with the Assembly Minority Office this spring.

**Lauren Martinez** is a third-year law student at Rutgers School of Law – Camden. She is a magna cum laude graduate from Rutgers-New Brunswick (2011) where she earned a degree in honors psychology with a concentration in behavioral neuroscience. While pursuing her undergraduate degree, Martinez taught an introductory psychology seminar to first-year students and published her honors thesis in the *Journal of Behavioral Brain Research*. During her first two years at law school, she interned in the executive office of the attorney general and was responsible for analyzing legal issues for special assistants to Attorney General Jeffrey Chiesa, as well as the Governor’s Task Force for Recidivism Reduction. She was able to combine her scientific background



with her legal studies as an editor for *Rutgers Journal of Law and Public Policy*, in addition to her research assistant position with Professor Ruth Anne Robbins where she currently researches cognitive and visual theories behind persuasive techniques for writing legal briefs and presenting oral arguments. As a second year student, she was a semifinalist competitor in Rutgers’ Appellate Advocacy Hunter Moot Court Program, coming in second-place overall as the plaintiff-appellant team. Additionally, she has interned in New Jersey’s Appellate Division of Superior Court with the Honorable Paulette Sapp-Peterson, where she conducted legal research and composed appellate cases into opinion format for publication. Martinez has also worked at the United States Attorney’s Office, where she represented the United States in criminal indictments, briefs, and motions and argued various criminal proceedings for the District of New Jersey as a third-year law student. Throughout her career in both science and law, she has had several publications as well as multiple scholarships for her academic work, dedication to public service, and commitment to increasing diversity within the legal profession. She looks forward to interning with the New Jersey Senate Majority Office as a Henry J. Raimondo Fellow, as well as being able to use her acquired knowledge of the legislative process to influence the criminal justice system. In doing this, she hopes to influence public policy relating to laws that rely on accurate scientific findings, rather than political partisan opinion.

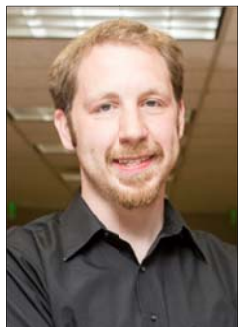
**Rachel Moody** is a third year law student at Rutgers School of Law – Newark working to complete a dual degree in the master’s of public policy program at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. Her concentration is in the economics of environmental problems. Moody is interest in environmental policy and regulation stems from her educational background in city and regional planning. Currently a legal intern with Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 within the Criminal Division, she previously served in a variety of positions in the fields of law and government at the United States Attorney’s Office - District of New Jersey, with the Criminal and Civil Divisions, the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Fraud Prosecution section, and the San Francisco Planning Department’s



Environmental Analysis division. She was also an AmeriCorps Backcountry Trail Crew corps member, living outdoors in remote camps, building three and one-half miles of trail in the Klamath National Forest, and maintaining trails in Yosemite National Park. At Rutgers Law – Newark, Moody held elected positions as co-vice chair of the Public Interest Law Foundation and was a member of the Student Bar Association. She was selected as a New Leaders Council –

New Jersey Chapter 2013 Fellow. As a bicycling advocate, Moody will pedal from New York City to Washington D.C. for Climate Ride to raise awareness about climate change issues and funds for New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition. She is a Governor's Executive Fellow.

**Brian Rock** is a high school social studies educator in East Orange, New Jersey. He has worked at East Orange Campus High School since September 2007, teaching a variety of social studies courses. He is currently teaching A.P. United States government and politics as well as modern U.S. history. He incorporates a passion for technology and civics in his teaching, and in 2012 he developed and piloted an online credit recovery course for use at the high school. Since 2008, he has been the yearbook advisor, teaching his student editors about photography and graphic design while guiding them in publishing the annual yearbook. From 2007 to 2010, he was the advisor for the Peer Leadership club, and since 2007 he has hosted a blood drive at the high school in collaboration with the Blood Center for New Jersey. In 2010, he was selected to represent NJ 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the House Fellows Program, where he traveled to Washington and worked with the House historian's office to explore ways to teach students about the House of Representatives. In 2013, he was selected to be a C-SPAN Teacher Fellow, spending a month working in C-SPAN's Washington office developing educational materials and training other teachers to incorporate C-SPAN video material in their social studies courses. After graduating from Edison High School, Brian attended Rutgers University and earned a B.A. in political science at Rutgers College in 2006. He continued to complete an Ed.M. in social studies education in 2007 with the Rutgers Graduate School of Education. He returned to GSE in 2009 to pursue an Ed.D. in social studies education, focusing on the use of technology in social studies classrooms and civic education. He is a Governor's Executive Fellow.



**Nancy Santucci** is a second-year student earning her master's degree in public policy at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy with a concentration in social policy and women's issues and international development. She grew up in Toms River, where she graduated from Toms River High School East in 2007. She attended Rutgers and graduated in 2011 with a bachelor of arts in journalism and media studies and women's and gender studies. While at Rutgers, Santucci was a leadership scholar at the Institute for Women's Leadership, earning a certificate in women's leadership. She also studied abroad for a summer in Italy and worked as a copy editor for *The Daily Targum*. Before entering graduate school, Santucci worked in Miami as a corps member for City Year, an AmeriCorps program. This past summer, she interned for the Government Accountability Office in Washington, D.C., on the physical infrastructure team. Currently, she serves as chair of the Women's Leadership Conference at Bloustein. She is looking forward to experiencing the daily workings of the Office of Legislative Services this spring as a Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellow. In the future, Santucci hopes to have a fulfilling career in public service working on social policy issues.





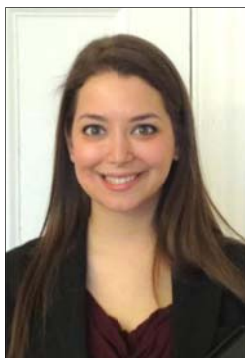
**Adam Scalice** is a third year law student at Rutgers School of Law- Camden. He was born and



raised in New Jersey and attended South Brunswick High School. Shortly after graduation Adam enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He graduated with distinction from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, Marine Combat Training at the School of Infantry, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and the United States Army Engineer School, Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri. In 2006 Scalice was sent to Okinawa, Japan to train with the Third Marine Expeditionary Force and participate in public relations operations designed to strengthen ties between the Marine Corps and the local population. In 2007 he participated in Operation Talisman

Sabre, a biennial joint Australia-United States military exercise designed to improve combat readiness and interoperability between the two militaries, as well as maintain an active military presence throughout the Asia-Pacific Region. Scalice received his bachelor of arts degree in 2008 from Rutgers University, where he majored in political science. In 2009 he deployed with Combat Logistics Battalion Forty Six to Anbar Province, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served as platoon sergeant in charge of Heavy Equipment Engineer Platoon, comprising forty Marines and over a million dollars of equipment. Their mission consisted of removing all Marine Corps equipment and personnel from Iraq and ensuring a smooth transition to the Iraqi Security Forces. As a result of their successes on the ground, Combat Logistic Battalion Forty Six was the last and final deployment of Marines to Iraq. Upon his return in 2010, Scalice was employed with Cohen, Placitella & Roth P.C. in Red Bank, New Jersey. After completing his 1L year, he returned as a legal intern in the summer of 2012. He is currently conducting directed research on high volume personal injury firms, known as "Settlement Mills," and their effect on insurance defense strategies and arbitration in New Jersey. He has volunteered with New Jersey's Veterans Transition Initiative, a program that provides support for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. After personally completing the program in 2010, he worked as Military Liaison, providing a direct link between the veterans and the program. Scalice has also volunteered countless hours, in dress uniform, between October and December, for the Marine Toys-for-Tots Foundation. Over his ten year military career, he has received several Meritorious Masts, Certificates of Commendation, and awards including the Navy Unit Commendation, Iraqi Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Metal. Scalice is honored to serve as a Governor's Executive Fellow and looks forward to being a part of Eagleton's great tradition.

**Barbara Silber** is a law student at Rutgers School of Law-Newark. She has a bachelor's degree



from Rutgers University in political science, graduating cum laude and as a member of the National Political Science Honor Society, Phi Sigma Alpha. She worked as an intern for the Honorable William Pascrell, Jr. at the U.S. House of Representatives during her last semester as an undergraduate. While there she wrote numerous memoranda on pending legislation, reporting her findings to the Congressman and his legislative assistants. At the conclusion of her internship, she spent a year working as a legal assistant for a small private law firm specializing in civil litigation. Silber began law school in the fall of 2011 and quickly became an active member. She has held a leadership position for the International Law Society,

volunteers for the Veterans Pro Bono Program, and is a member of the Moot Court Board. During her first summer in law, she interned for Knight Capital Group's in-house legal department. In her second year, she joined the firm of Brach Eichler, LLC as a summer associate specializing in health law. She is excited to be placed at the Office of Legislative Services as a Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellow.

**Aaron Washington** is a New Jersey native, born and raised in New Brunswick. He earned his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, where he majored in African American studies and minored in political science. After graduating, he pursued a career in the financial services industry, working at Citigroup, Merrill Lynch and J.P. Morgan Chase. Washington is in his final year at Rutgers-Newark School of Law. He is the business editor of the *Rutgers Law Review*. He has also served as research assistant for Professor Ellen Rice, a teaching associate for the legal research and writing program and a teaching fellow for the Minority Student Program at Rutgers-Newark School of law. This summer he participated in the Summer Honors Law Program at the



Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington D.C. After graduating, Washington hopes to leverage his background in financial services, along with his law degree, in a role that helps protect the financial interests of others. He looks forward to expanding his understanding of state government's role in financial policy formation and regulation as a Governor's Executive Fellow.

**Amanda Wenczel** is a doctoral candidate in the Graduate Program in Ecology and Evolution, where she splits her time between the main campus in New Brunswick and the Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory in Port Norris, New Jersey. Although a native of New Jersey, she has spent several years out of state prior to the commencement of her graduate studies at Rutgers. Wenczel began her journey at Smith College in Northampton, MA, where she first realized the need for better management of natural resources and enhanced communication between scientists and regulators. Fostering this newfound interest, she obtained her master of marine policy degree from the University of Delaware. While at Delaware, she focused her research on



the economic valuation of ecosystem services, specifically oyster filtration as a means of nutrient reductions within estuaries. After earning her master's degree, she had the opportunity to experience hands-on policy development and implementation as a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coastal Management Fellow with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management. During her tenure in Ohio, which included an additional two years as an environmental specialist with the same office, Wenczel worked as the project lead for the development of Ohio's Lake Erie Shore Erosion Management Plan. It was through working on this non-regulatory initiative that she was able to realize even greater gaps in communication, not only between scientists and regulators, but also between regulators and the stakeholders they serve. It was during this time that she realized the desire to go back to the study of coastal ecology and knew that additional knowledge and research experience were necessary to become a better resource manager. During her three years at Rutgers University, Wenczel has dedicated her time to the study of

the potential feeding interactions of native New Jersey shellfish (e.g. oysters, mussels, clams). Through her research, she hopes to provide results that inform multiple industries and cross into the realm of management and policy development. She sees her Harold and Reba Martin Fellowship as the ideal capstone to her studies, allowing her to work once again at the juncture of science and policy, and therefore incorporate management aspects within her ecological research.

**Michael Woodruff** is a third year law student at Rutgers University School of Law – Newark.



He grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and attended Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he earned a B.A. in philosophy and psychology in 2004. After graduating, he worked for three years at the Vera Institute of Justice, a nonprofit organization that works closely with government to improve the services people rely on for justice and safety. While there, he participated in the Fellowship for Emerging Leaders in Public Service (FELPS) at New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service. This past summer, Woodruff worked as a legal intern at the Office of the Appellate Defender, which provides high quality client-centered representation to indigent defendants in direct appeals and collateral proceedings in Manhattan and the Bronx. During his 1L summer, he worked as a legal intern at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, a nonprofit organization that employs an innovative, community-based, holistic approach to public defense. Woodruff is currently a Kinoy-Stavis Public Interest Fellow, an articles editor on the *Rutgers Law Review*, and a member of the Moot Court Board. He looks forward to being a part of the Eagleton Fellowship Program as a Governor's Executive Fellow.

**Benny Zheng** is a second year master of city and regional planning student at the Bloustein



School of Planning and Policy at Rutgers. His interest is in public transportation and its intersection with public policy, finance and planning. Zheng grew up in Vancouver, Canada and graduated from the University of Toronto in 2011 with an honours bachelors of arts in human geography, political science and German. He also received a certificate in financial analysis and investment management from the University of Toronto in 2012. During his time at the University of Toronto, he served as the president of the Victoria College Residence Student Council and was rewarded with a Student Service Award in 2010. In his first year at Bloustein, Zheng was part of a team that represented Rutgers at the Hult Competition for Social Enterprise. Over the summer, he interned at the New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTAHQ), where he was part of a team managing over \$5 Billion (5 year plan over \$24 Billion) for capital projects for the entire MTA system. Zheng is currently president of the Rutgers Association of Planning and Policy Students (RAPPS) and is also serving as the student recruiter for the Bloustein School. He looks forward to a great year as a Harold and Reba Martin Fellow, a title he is honored to receive.