

Participant Profiles

Nancy H. Becker founded and led the independent public affairs consulting firm Becker Associates for 30 years until her retirement in 2006. Since 2008, she has been working on the Thomas H. Kean portion of the Center on the American Governor at the Eagleton Institute of Politics, where she is a visiting associate. She also serves on the boards of Capital Health System, the Mental Health Association of New Jersey, Rider University, Greenwood House, New Jersey Conservation Foundation, and the Christine Todd Whitman Excellence in Public Service Series. Previously, Becker served as the vice-chair of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for eight years. She was a long-time member of the board of the American Repertory Ballet, where she served as chair from 2002-2004. She also served on the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the New Jersey Advisory Committee of Channel 13-WNET, the New Jersey Council on Advertising, the Center for Non-Profit Corporations, Women in Philanthropy and the Trust Company of Princeton. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and received an M.A. from Manhattan College.

Saul Cooperman was appointed New Jersey's 21st commissioner of education, serving in that capacity from 1982-1990. As commissioner, his main focus was on improvement of the teaching force. In 1987 he was elected to the governing board of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, which issues biennial "Report Cards" on the state of American education. In 1990 he became president and CEO of the READY Foundation, which provided educational assistance for inner-city New Jersey children. Later he created the New American Schools, the nation's largest reform effort of the 1990's. He also created the 10,000 Mentors program, became a mentor himself and today continues to mentor an urban youth. In 2004 he created the Academy for Teaching and Leadership, an organization dedicated to improving the performance of teachers and administrators. He is author of two books, *How Schools Really Work* and *Eddie and Me*, and has published 67 articles. He also produced the DVD, "Sex Over Sixty." Before becoming commissioner, Cooperman had been a classroom teacher, high school principal, and school superintendent. He earned his B.S. degree from Lafayette College and his master's degree and doctorate from Rutgers.

Joseph V. Doria, Jr. has been a major force in New Jersey politics and governance since 1979, when he was elected to the NJ General Assembly. His 25 years in the Assembly included election by his colleagues as speaker for the 1990-1991 legislative session and as minority leader from 1992 to 2002. He was the longest serving member of the Assembly and also the longest serving Democratic leader of the Assembly in recent history. Doria was also elected mayor of the City of Bayonne, serving from 1998 through 2007. He served in the New Jersey State Senate from 2004 to 2007. Subsequently, he was in the executive branch as commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs from 2007 to 2009. Doria attended Marist High School in Bayonne and graduated from Saint Peter's College with majors in history, English and French. He holds a master's degree in American studies from Boston College. Doria attended New York University and Fordham Law School and received his doctorate in organizational leadership and education administration from Teachers College, Columbia University in 2000. Since 2003, Doria has been an adjunct faculty member at Eagleton, where he co-teaches the Graduate Seminar in American Politics for Fellows with Pete McDonough. He has received more than 200 awards and citations from both public and private groups.

Donald B. Edwards retired from the presidency of The American Boychoir School in 2007 after many years of service as trustee, vice president for institutional advancement, and president. He continues to serve as a trustee of ArtPRIDE New Jersey, the statewide arts advocacy organization. Edwards began his arts management career as president of the American Repertory Ballet. His work in the arts followed a long career at Rutgers, during which he helped to move Rutgers into the front rank of American universities. After serving as associate dean of Livingston College and executive assistant to the president, he became vice president for public affairs and development in 1976. In 1993, he was named vice president for government relations; in that role, he developed major new government relations initiatives in the state and national capitals. Edwards served on the board of directors of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges and chaired its Council on University Relations and Development and its Task Force on State Relations. His volunteer activities have included service as senior warden of Trinity Episcopal Church in Princeton and current service as people's warden of Christ Church, New Brunswick. He was president of Cranbury Housing Associates and a charter board member of Elijah's Promise, Inc. He is currently a trustee of the Procter Foundation, which supports campus ministries at Princeton and Rutgers, and a member of the Development Council of the Rutgers University Press. Edwards is a graduate of Yale and did graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary and Rutgers.

Harold W. Eickhoff served as president of The College of New Jersey for 19 years from 1980 to 1999. Eickhoff worked with an exceptional board of trustees and various political leaders, including former Governor Thomas Kean, to implement a vision of a residential campus dedicated to service, excellence, diversity and community. He believed that such a college, with an academic environment featuring a talented faculty and staff, small classes, and a beautiful residential campus, would attract the state's finest and best prepared students who traditionally left New Jersey to enroll elsewhere. During Eickhoff's tenure, The College saw an increase in scholarships and admissions applications, plus many new and renovated buildings that mirrored the original Georgian Colonial architecture of the campus. He is recipient of the Albert Einstein Education Award and the New Jersey Pride Award, and he was named Citizen of the Year in 1993 by the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce. He was also inducted into the Business Hall of Fame by Junior Achievement of Central New Jersey, served as chair of the board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, was named to the Advisory Council on Developing Character and Values in New Jersey Students, and was selected to be a member of the Governor's delegation to represent New Jersey at the President's Summit for America's Future in Washington, D.C. Eickhoff has continued to serve The College since 1999 as distinguished professor of humanities. He teaches entering students during their First Year Experience, a program to create a learning-living environment and implemented during his presidency. He is currently writing a memoir.

Edithe A. Fulton was an officer of the New Jersey Education Association from 1976 - 1985 and again from 1993 – 2005, holding the positions of president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer during each tenure. An educator by training, Fulton taught at Lakewood Elementary School from more than thirty years. She served on the board of directors of the National Education Association and on many state commissions, including the Department of Education School Monitoring Commission, Master Teacher Commission, Privacy Law Study Group and Task Force to Study School Efficiency. Fulton was appointed to the Department of Community Affairs Commission on the Status of Women and the State Board of Education. She currently serves as a board member of the Ocean County Literacy Volunteers.

Darryl Gentry Greer joined Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in January 2012 as a senior fellow, Higher Education Strategic Information and Governance and is affiliated with the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. Greer served as chief executive officer of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, Inc. from 1986 to 2011. Greer played a primary role in advising the governor and legislature on the Higher Education Restructuring Act of 1994. In 2012, Greer served on a New Jersey Task Force on School Completion, College/Career Readiness; he is also a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Task Force on Making Public Higher Education a Priority. Prior to beginning his New Jersey position in 1986, Greer served as director of government relations for The College Board in Washington, D.C., where he conducted a comprehensive program of public affairs at the state and federal levels. He joined The College Board's Washington D.C. office in 1981 after serving as policy planning officer since 1979 in the office of the president of The College Board, New York City, New York. Greer actively consults on national higher education policy. He has published widely concerning higher education politics and public policy, finance, governance, and equal opportunity. Greer earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in political science at Stanford University in 1979, and 1972, respectively. His B.A. in political science was earned at Indiana University in 1970.

Richard Kaplan is superintendent of the New Brunswick (N.J.) Public Schools, a position he has held since 2004. Previously, Kaplan was superintendent of Boonton Public Schools from 1998 – 2004 and the Eatontown Public Schools from 1990 – 1998. Kaplan began his education career as a special education teacher in Perth Amboy and Bayonne before assuming an administrative role as coordinator of special education in Long Branch. From 1982 – 1990, he worked for the New Jersey Department of Education, first as an assistant to the commissioner and ultimately as director of the division of compliance. Kaplan earned a B.A. from Jersey City State College and an M.A. from Seton Hall University. He has served as president of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators and on the governing board of the American Association of School Administrators.

Leo Klagholz, Ph.D., served from 1994 to 1999 as New Jersey's commissioner of education under Governor Christine Todd Whitman. He previously worked as director of teacher education and licensing in the administration of Governor Thomas H. Kean. Klagholz also served as a college administrator and professor and as an elementary school teacher and principal. He is currently retired.

Michael W. Klein is executive director of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, a nonprofit advocacy organization representing New Jersey's nine state colleges and universities. He has published articles on intellectual property ownership, college finance, collective bargaining, and the First Amendment. He co-authored a chapter on New Jersey's higher education system in Richardson, R. C., Jr. & Martinez, M., (Eds.), *Policy and Performance in American Higher Education: An Examination of Cases Across State Systems* (2009). Klein has made presentations at national higher education conferences and at the international higher education conference of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris. He was a 2003 fellow of the Higher Education Law Roundtable at the Institute for Higher Education Law & Governance, University of Houston Law Center, and a 2010-2011 associate of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. Klein started his career as an aide to Governor Tom Kean in the Office of Constituent Relations. He

received a BA in history from Princeton University, a JD from Boston College Law School, and a PhD in Higher and Postsecondary Education from New York University.

Jeannine LaRue is senior vice president of the Kaufman Zita Group, the fourth largest lobbying firm in the state. She has almost 40 years of experience in New Jersey public and governmental affairs in both the public and private sectors. Her lobbying skills have spanned a gamut of industries, including healthcare, labor, K-12/higher education, and non-profit organizations. A champion of children and women's issues, her vision served as the catalyst for the founding of the NJ Governor's Conference for Women, originally called the N.J. Women's Summit. She has served in both elected and appointed positions ranging from township council to the NJ Casino Control Commission to former Governor Jon Corzine's deputy chief of staff. LaRue's decades long experience led her to Barnabas Health, the largest healthcare system in the state, as senior vice president of governmental affairs and at Rutgers University as vice president of public affairs. A consummate networker and social media expert, she is founder of the well-known blog, *The LaRuelist Report*.

Robert V. Maher played an active role in Governor Kean's Management Improvement Program and worked with the commissioner of education to develop a strategy and organization design for his department. Maher has also worked with several school systems and delivered seminars on leading change to groups of school administrators. He served two terms on his town's school board. He joined the Bell System after serving as an officer in the Marine Corps, and held management positions in the Southern New England and New England Telephone Companies, at Bell Telephone Laboratories and at AT&T. As a consultant, he has worked with firms in the United States, the United Kingdom, Portugal, and South Africa to support marketing, sales, engineering, manufacturing, human resources, customer service, accounting, product development, information systems, research and development, purchasing, training, and strategic planning units. Maher earned a BS degree from the University of Connecticut and a master's degree from Yale University, studied for his doctorate at NYU, and attended an Executive Management Program sponsored by AT&T at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Ruth B. Mandel is director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics, and Rutgers Board of Governors Professor of Politics. She has led Eagleton's expansion of graduate and undergraduate offerings and launched new program areas in youth political engagement, immigrant political behavior, and the study of governors. In 1971, Professor Mandel co-founded Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP). As CAWP'S director for over two decades, she developed the nation's premier research and education center for the study of women's changing political roles. Her *In the Running: The New Woman Candidate* was the first book about women campaigning for office. During three administrations (1991 to 2006), Mandel held a presidential appointment on the governing Council of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Named Council Vice Chairperson by President Clinton in 1993, she led the process to create the Committee on Conscience and became its founding chair. Her board service also includes the Charles H. Revson Foundation and the National Council for Research on Women. Recently she joined the board of the New Jersey Council on the Humanities. Mandel's B.A. from Brooklyn College and M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut are in English/American Literature. She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service by Chatham College and an honorary Doctor of Public Administration by Georgian Court University.

Edward R. McGlynn was chief of staff and deputy chief of staff for Governor Kean; earlier in the Kean administration, he was executive assistant deputy attorney general and special assistant deputy attorney general to Attorney General Irwin I. Kimbleman. In 1995, he founded ERM Government Affairs, Inc., specializing in lobbying, government affairs and business development. Prior to joining state government, he practiced law with the firm of McGlynn, McGlynn & McCormack and also served as borough attorney and planning board attorney for the Borough of Point Pleasant Beach. He is a member of the board of trustees of McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois; vice chairman of Meridian Nursing & Rehabilitation; and a member of the Meridian Realty Board of Trustees. He received his bachelor's degree from McKendree College and his law degree from Seton Hall University Law School.

Francis J. Mertz is president emeritus of Fairleigh Dickinson University. He served as chair of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and was a board member of both the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority and the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. Mertz has been contributing to higher education for more than forty years, during which time he served on the boards of the Foundation for Independent Higher Education (FIHE) and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU). He has been a member of the boards of Felician College, Iona College, Fairleigh Dickinson University and Seton Hall University. Since 2007 he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the College of Saint Elizabeth. He served Saint Peter's College for sixteen years, during which time he held the positions of registrar, assistant to the president, vice president for development, vice president for finance and development, and executive vice president. Mertz holds a J.D. from New York University's School of Law and a B.A. in economics from Saint Peter's College.

Sybil G. Nadel was director of the Academy for the Advancement of Teaching and Management at the New Jersey Department of Education from 1984 – 1990. Prior to that she served as a program officer in the Department's Bergen County Office. She was director of curriculum and assistant superintendent of the Madison Public Schools in New Jersey from 1979-1984. Nadel was president of Professional Dynamic Consulting Firm from 1990-1994, and from 1995 – 2004 she was a professor in the Educational Leadership Program at NOVA University in Florida. Nadel chaired New York's Pan Asian Repertory Theatre from 1990- 2005 and is currently a reader for Lighthouse for the Blind. She holds a B.A. from Smith College, an M.A. from Hunter Graduate School, and an M.S. and Ed.D. from Teachers College at Columbia University.

Jeffrey Osowski has had a long and varied career in the education and science realms. His most recent position, from which he retired in 2009, was vice president for learning and teaching at Liberty Science Center, where he was responsible for oversight and development of all on-site, off-site and on-line educational programs. Prior to that, he was vice president for education policy at the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce. For twenty years, Osowski served in several leadership roles in the New Jersey State Department of Education, including assistant commissioner for the Division of Information and Management Services and director of the Division of Special Education. He also has been a school district administrator, school psychologist and teacher. Osowski earned his Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from Rutgers University, a master's degree in educational psychology from Kean University, and a B.A. in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. He retired in 2009, and currently serves as vice president of the Sterling Hill Mining Museum Board of Trustees in Ogdensburg, N.J.

George A. Pruitt has been president of Thomas Edison State College since 1982. Prior to coming to the college, he served in executive leadership positions at Illinois State University, Towson State University, Morgan State University, Tennessee State University, and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). He is active in the formulation of educational policy nationally and within New Jersey. He has chaired the board of trustees of the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning and has been a member of numerous other boards, including American Council on Education; American Association of State Colleges and Universities; National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, United States Department of Education; Sun National Bank; Trenton Savings Bank; New Jersey State Planning Commission; Rider University. He has also served as an advisor to the Kellogg National Fellowship Program, W.K. Kellogg Foundation. He is past chairman and a member of the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He chairs the boards of directors of Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation and Capital City Partnership, Inc., Trenton, New Jersey; he is also vice chair of the National Commission on Higher Education Attainment, and a member of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities. Pruitt has consulted widely in business and government, as well as within the higher education community. He has served in an advisory capacity to four Secretaries of Education under three Presidents of both parties. He is the recipient of four honorary degrees in addition to numerous awards, honors, and commendations. In a study of presidential leadership funded by the Exxon Education Foundation, Pruitt was identified as one of the most effective college presidents in the United States.

Norman Samuels is professor of political science and provost emeritus at Rutgers University – Newark. Samuels began his career in academia as a political science professor and subsequently spent three decades in college administration, including 20 years as the provost of Rutgers-Newark and as acting president of Rutgers University in 2002-2003. As provost, he developed the Newark campus into a nationally renowned research university in its own right and was a steadfast champion of access for underrepresented minorities. In 2003, Samuels returned to teaching in the political science department and in the School of Criminal Justice, as well as advising students. Samuels is a member of the New Jersey Commission of Higher Education and president of New Jersey Jewish News. He also serves or has served on numerous other boards, including Council on Higher Education in Newark, University Heights Science Park, Greater Newark Community Relations Commission, and Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Samuels is a graduate of McGill University and holds his M.A. and Ph.D. from Duke University.

Linda Stamato is co-director of the Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution and a member of the graduate faculty at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. A mediator and facilitator, she is the author of a number of articles on mediation and negotiation and lectures frequently on these subjects. She has been involved in a number of cases involving large-scale public policy issues as well as disputes involving a few parties at high management levels. She has trained managers, judges, lawyers, graduate and undergraduate students, faculty and administrators, and labor and management representatives in public and private sector institutions and agencies. Stamato served on the NJ State Board of Higher Education during the Kean and Florio administrations, as well as on the Middle States Association's Commission on Higher Education, chairing its committee on governance and

serving on several accreditation teams in the region. With three colleagues, she conducted an evaluation of Delaware's system of higher education. She was acting dean of Douglass College, and, more recently, served as vice-chair of the Rutgers University Presidential Search Committee. A graduate of Rutgers and New York University, she has served as a consultant to the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations and as chairman of the Board of Governors at Rutgers University.

Robert J. Swissler has served in New Jersey schools for over 45 years, including 11 years as a teacher and administrator, 26 years at the NJ Department of Education and, after retirement from the Department, ten years as a consultant to statewide public school administrative groups. At the DOE, Swissler served under seven commissioners of education as well as five governors. He joined the Department of Education in 1970 and served in several capacities. In 1980 he was appointed the Department's director of legislative services, responsible for advancing the Commissioner's legislative agenda and advising the Senate and General Assembly on education bills. In 1989, Swissler was named assistant commissioner, division of finance by Commissioner Saul Cooperman. He also served as assistant commissioner, division of administration and planning as well as Somerset County superintendent of schools. He retired from the DOE in 1994. Swissler is a graduate of St. Joseph's University and Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

Marla Ucelli-Kashyap is assistant to the president for educational issues at the American Federation of Teachers. Previously, Ucelli-Kashyap was director of district redesign and leadership at the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University. During the 1990s, Ucelli-Kashyap was a senior program officer at the Rockefeller Foundation, where she was responsible for the Foundation's efforts to improve the education and development of school children in poor urban communities. Ucelli-Kashyap was special assistant for education to Governor Thomas H. Kean, serving as the Governor's senior advisor on state policy issues in elementary, secondary, and higher education, as well as on national education activities. Prior to that, she was special assistant to then-president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Ernest L. Boyer. She has also been an independent consultant in education policy, a political press secretary, and a reporter. She is a graduate of New York University and holds an M.P.A. from Rutgers. She served for nearly thirteen years on the board of Hudson County Community College in Jersey City, New Jersey, receiving local, state, and regional awards for her role in turning around the once-failing institution.

John Weingart is associate director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics. He also chaired New Jersey's Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council from its establishment in 2004 through 2009. Before coming to Eagleton, Weingart worked in New Jersey state government, focusing on environmental and land use issues, during the administrations of two Democratic and two Republican governors, including that of Governor Kean. His posts included director of the Division of Coastal Resources and assistant commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection; and executive director of the state's Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Siting Board. He chaired the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission from 2002-2004. His publications include the Eagleton Institute study, "Another Government Success Story: Citizen Volunteers on New Jersey State Boards and Commissions;" and the books, *Waste Is A Terrible Thing To Mind: Risk, Radiation, and Distrust of Government*, and *Reform of Undergraduate Education* (written with Arthur E. Levine) which was named "Book of the Year"

by the American Council on Education. On Sunday nights, he hosts *Music You Can't Hear On The Radio*, New Jersey's longest-running folk music and bluegrass radio show, on WPRB-FM and WPRB.com. He holds a B.A. from Brandeis University and a Master's in Public Affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School.