

Center on the American Governor  
**Governor Christine Todd Whitman Archive**

**FORUM ON THE WHITMAN ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC POLICIES**

Monday, October 28, 2013  
9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
Eagleton Institute of Politics

9:30 am      **Registration/ Coffee**

10:00 am      **Welcome:**

Ruth B. Mandel, Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics

**Program Overview:**

John Weingart, Associate Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics

Nancy Becker, Program Associate, Center on the American Governor

**Opening Comments:**

Governor Christine Todd Whitman

10:15 am      **Session I:      Setting the Stage: Rules of Engagement**

Moderator: Judy Shaw, 1<sup>st</sup> Chief of Staff to Governor Whitman

**I.      Backdrop:**

A. National and Garden State economies: early 1990s

B. Campaign strategies in reaction to these economies

**II.      Early Positioning:**

A. Transition and Inaugural

1. Selecting cabinet members

2. Cutting taxes and growing jobs

3. Creating the Economic Master Plan Commission

12:00 pm      **Lunch**

12:45 pm

**Session II: Revitalizing New Jersey's Economy**

- I. State Budgeting :**
  - A. Slowing budget growth
  - B. Decreasing the number of "One Shots"
  - C. Going forward – slowing the growth of government spending
    - 1. Discretionary vs. mandated
    - 2. Federal vs. state monies
- II. Restructuring Government**
  - A. Eliminating the Department of Higher Education
  - B. Eliminating the Office of the Public Advocate
  - C. Reducing the size of the Governor's Office
- III. Pension Bond Financing**
  - A. Legislative response
- IV. Private Sector Initiatives**
  - A. Government support
    - 1. International trade
    - 2. Privatization
    - 3. Regional cooperation; Port Authority
  - B. Economic Development Authority Initiatives
    - 1. BEIP Grants
    - 2. Technology funding

2:45 pm

**Report Card/Closing Remarks**

- I. "Promises Kept"
- II. Closing Remarks

3:00 pm

**Adjourn**