

**Center on the American Governor**  
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**Participant Profiles**

**Richard H. Bagger** is senior vice president of corporate affairs and strategic market access for Celgene Corporation, a multinational biopharmaceutical company. He most recently served for two years as chief of staff for New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, responsible for managing implementation of the Governor's policy agenda and priorities. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Previously, Bagger was employed by Pfizer Inc. for more than 16 years in a series of positions of increasing responsibility within the company's U.S. Pharmaceuticals, Corporate Affairs and Worldwide Pharmaceuticals Divisions. From 2006 to 2009, he served on Pfizer's senior management team as senior vice president, Worldwide Public Affairs and Policy. Prior to joining Pfizer in 1993, Bagger was assistant general counsel of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey; before that, he practiced law with McCarter & English. Bagger's record of public service includes ten years in the New Jersey General Assembly, where he was chairman of the Appropriations Committee and was elected by his colleagues to be majority conference leader. In 2001, he was elected to the New Jersey Senate, where he served until 2003. He was also a councilman and mayor of Westfield. Bagger serves on the boards of numerous organizations, including the National September 11 Memorial & Museum Foundation, Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund, Global Intellectual Property Center, National Pharmaceutical Council, Wenzhou-Kean University Advisory Board, Rutgers Business School Lerner Center Board of Advisors and Overlook Hospital Advisory Board. He received an A.B. from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a J.D. from Rutgers University Law School.

**Nancy H. Becker** is program development associate for the Center on the American Governor. A resident of Princeton, she was the founder and guiding force behind the independent public affairs consulting firm Nancy Becker Associates for 30 years. Becker oversaw the firm's government affairs and public relations divisions. She retired from the firm in July of 2006. She currently serves on the boards of Rider University and Capital Health System, where she holds the office of vice-chair. Previously, she served on the boards of the Mental Health Association of New Jersey, Greenwood House, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, and the Christine Todd Whitman Excellence in Public Service Series. For eight years she served as the vice-chair of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority; she was also a long-time member of the board of the American Repertory Ballet, where she served as chair from 2002-2004. Her other affiliations included the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the Center for Non-Profit Corporations, Women in Philanthropy and the Trust Company of Princeton. In 2004 she received the Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award from the New Jersey Women's Political Caucus and

an award from the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners. She was also recognized by the legislature in 2003 as an outstanding woman in New Jersey. In 1998, Becker received a TWIN award from the YWCA. She also authored a handbook on lobbying for Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and received an M.A. from Manhattan College.

**Carol Cronheim** is New Jersey's assistant secretary of state. Her responsibilities include the cultural divisions in the Department, including the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the New Jersey Cultural Trust, the New Jersey Historical Commission, the State Museum, and the Archives. Her previous government experience includes serving as deputy chief of policy and planning in the Whitman administration, where she also served as a speechwriter, the senior advisor for cultural affairs, a policy advisor, and as Acting Secretary of State. Governor Whitman nominated Dr. Cronheim to serve on the first board of the New Jersey Cultural Trust, where she served as vice chair and chair until 2012. She also served as chair of the State Capitol Joint Management Commission. Dr. Cronheim has served on the boards of ArtPride NJ, (the statewide arts advocacy organization), Friends of the State House, the CTW Excellence in Public Service Series, and The Princeton Charter Club. She is a Republican committeewoman in Hunterdon County. From 2008-2011, Dr. Cronheim was the seminar director for Leadership New Jersey. Earlier, she was the legislative director to New Jersey Assemblyman (now Congressman) Leonard Lance (R-23). In 1990 and 1991, she served in the Bush Administration on the staffs of the National Endowment for the Arts and the President's Commission on the Federal Appointment Process. During the second Kean administration, she worked for the New Jersey Department of State and the Governor's Office of Constituent Relations. Dr. Cronheim has a degree in classics from Princeton University, a master's in politics from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, and a Ph.D. from the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers.

**Harriet Derman** is of counsel to DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., where she provides dispute resolution, case management and special master services. She has been appointed by Governor Chris Christie to the Judicial Advisory Panel (reviewing candidates for appointment to Superior Court) and by Chief Justice Stuart R Rabner to the Supreme Court Committee on Dispute Resolution. Derman served as a judge between 1998 and 2009 – as a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey until 2003, then as presiding judge of the Civil Division, supervising civil trial judges in Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties, and finally from 2006-2009 as chancellor and presiding judge of general equity and probate. In the Whitman administration, Derman served as commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, chief counsel to the Governor, and finally chief of staff to the Governor. She served one term in the New Jersey General Assembly representing the 18th district. She currently serves on the board of directors of Opportunity Project Inc. A past president of the Middlesex County Bar Association, Derman graduated from New York

University and Seton Hall Law Center and earned an LL.M. in taxation from New York University School of Law.

**James A. DiEleuterio, Jr.** was appointed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman as the New Jersey state treasurer, only the second time in 50 years that a career state employee had been chosen for this position. DiEleuterio spent the first 23 years of his career with the New Jersey Division of Taxation, having held various positions in the collection, processing and administrative areas. He first joined the treasurer's office to work primarily on tax policy issues and directed the consolidation of all processing and receivable functions from across the state government into the new Division of Revenue. He became deputy state treasurer in 1996 and treasurer in 1997. In 1999, he was appointed president and chief executive officer of the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority (NJSEA). After leaving the Sports Authority in 2002, he served as budget advisor to the Senate co-president when the Legislature considered the Administration's FY2003 budget proposal. Since leaving state service, DiEleuterio has operated an independent financial and management consulting firm providing a full range of financial, management, governmental affairs and procurement assistance to a broad range of clients. He served as chief financial officer for the 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City. DiEleuterio holds a bachelor of science degree from Rider University and an MBA from Widener University.

**Caren S. Franzini** is president of Franzini Consulting, LLC. From 1994-2012, she served as chief executive officer of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA), overseeing an organization with over \$500 million in assets, a \$28 million operating budget and over 150 employees. Franzini chaired the state's Urban Enterprise Zone Authority and was vice chair of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority and president of the Corporation for Business Assistance in New Jersey. She was a member of the board of directors and is the past president of the National Council of Development Finance Agencies and was a member of the boards of the New Jersey Technology Council, the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), and the Aviation Research Technology Park. Franzini has been recognized frequently for her contributions to business growth and economic development in the state. Prior to joining the Authority, she was an assistant state treasurer with the New Jersey Department of the Treasury. Before that, she was employed in the Finance Division of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and with Public Financial Management. Franzini currently serves on the boards of directors of NJM Insurance Group, LeadNJ, New Jersey Community Development Corporation and the NJ Alliance for Action. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in urban studies from the University of Pennsylvania and a master of business administration degree in finance and public management from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Beth Gates** is director of finance and administration for the New Jersey Water Supply Authority. She received her undergraduate degree in business administration and German languages from Lycoming College in 1984 and an MBA in finance from Rutgers Graduate

School of Management in 1986. Gates worked for the New Jersey General Assembly Republican staff from 1988 through 1993, first staffing the Appropriations Committee and then as budget director. She joined the Whitman administration in January of 1994 as chair of the Local Finance Board and the first woman director of the Division of Local Government Services. In 1998, Gates was hired by Elizabethtown Water Company as vice president of business development to grow the deregulated business in the area of water and wastewater privatizations. In 2005, she returned to government, joining the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, where she has responsibility for finance, accounting, budgeting and overall administration.

**Hazel Frank Gluck** has had a 40-year career in public service including elected and appointed positions at the local, county and state levels. In the 1980's, she held various positions in the cabinet of former Governor Thomas H. Kean. Gluck served as commissioner of transportation and chair of the New Jersey Transit Corporation (1986-1989), after joining Governor Kean's cabinet as commissioner of the Department of Insurance in 1985. She had previously been executive director of the New Jersey Lottery. She also served as a commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. In 1992, Gluck joined Christie Whitman in the formation of her political action committee to test the waters for her run for the governorship. In 1993, she co-chaired Governor Whitman's gubernatorial campaign and then co-chaired the Governor-elect's transition team. The rest is history.

**Louis C. Goetting** currently serves as deputy chief of staff to Governor Chris Christie. Earlier, he served as cabinet secretary to Governor Christie. Goetting was the principal and founder of Goetting Ahead, LLC and provided public policy consulting services to both public and private clients. Previously, Goetting was the executive vice president of administration at Brookdale Community College, where he led administrative operations and information technology. From 1998 -2002, Goetting served as vice president of administration at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, leading the capital planning initiative while managing core administrative offices. Goetting was a member of the Whitman administration from 1994 -1998, serving as assistant state treasurer and deputy state treasurer. He joined the Whitman administration as an established expert on municipal government and led the nationally recognized performance audit program. Goetting served in municipal government from 1973 – 1994 as administrator of three New Jersey communities. He has also served as a commissioner for the Public Employment Relations Commission and as chair of the NJ Pension and Benefits Review Commission.

**James W. Hughes** has been dean of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers since 1995 and a member of the Rutgers faculty since 1971. Since 1988, he has also been director of the Rutgers Regional Report which, during its 25-year tenure, has produced 37 major economic/demographic/housing studies on New Jersey and the New York region. He is a nationally-recognized academic expert on demographics, housing, and regional economics, and was a contributing editor to the magazine *American Demographics*. He is author

or co-author of 33 books and monographs and more than 150 articles, generally focusing on housing, demographics and economic development patterns. Hughes has provided extensive budgetary and economic testimony before many New Jersey State Legislative committees, and has provided numerous policy briefings both in Washington and Trenton on demographics, housing and the economy. He has been both a Woodrow Wilson and Ford Foundation Fellow and has served as a consultant to numerous federal, state and local public bodies as well as to many private and corporate clients. He was recently a member of Governor Christie's Housing Opportunity Task Force. In the past, he has been on the NJ Governor's Commission on Jobs, Growth and Economic Development, and the Governor's Logistics Council. He was on the Real Estate Task Force of the Governor's Economic Master Plan Commission and was a member and Trustee of the successor commission: Prosperity New Jersey. He has also served on numerous other boards and task forces, including the board of directors of the Cooperative Housing Foundation (Washington, D.C.), the Economic Advisors Board of the Council of the City of New York, the (New Jersey) Governor's Property Tax Commission, and the (New Jersey) Governor's World Class Economy Task Force.

**Jane M. Kenny** is a founder and managing partner of The Whitman Strategy Group, LLC, an all-women firm specializing in sustainability issues, including energy and environmental policy and the marketing of innovative environmental technologies. Kenny is a director at New Jersey Resources and serves on the board of NJ Resources Clean Energy Ventures, which invests, owns and operates renewable energy projects. In 2001, she was appointed by President George W. Bush as the regional administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), where she oversaw the federal agency's work in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. She worked in senior positions for three New Jersey Governors and served as a cabinet member for two. She is a trustee for New Jersey Future and for the Sustainable State Institute of New Jersey. She is also a visiting associate at the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University. Kenny is the recipient of numerous national awards, including being named *Governing* magazine's Public Official of the Year.

**Roland Machold** is a graduate of Yale and the Harvard Business School. He worked at Morgan Stanley for twelve years in the corporate finance department and was a vice president and shareholder when he left to join the state's Division of Investment in 1975. He served as director of the Division for twenty three years; during his tenure, the assets under his responsibility grew from \$5 billion to \$76 billion, and for the five years prior to his retirement, the annual yearly return of the pension funds exceeded 15% and ranked at the top of the universe of public pension funds. A year later, Governor Whitman asked him to return to public service as state treasurer, in which capacity he served until Governor Whitman resigned in early 2001. The Governor's last full budget for fiscal 2001 projected a surplus in excess of the \$820 million. Machold was a founding director of the Council of Institutional Investors of the National Association of State Investment Officers. He has served on the boards of both Bryn Mawr College and Columbia Teachers College for an aggregate of over thirty years. At present, he serves on the board of the

Child Health Institute of New Jersey. He and his wife Pamela and her family founded the Princeton Child Development Institute, a school and research institute in Lawrenceville that provides services to the autistic community.

**Mark J. Magyar** serves as editor-at-large for *New Jersey Spotlight* and teaches Labor Studies at Rutgers University. He is also president of Community Informatics, a government database company, and serves as policy adviser to the NJ State League of Municipalities Property Tax Reform Task Force. Magyar served as policy director for the independent Daggett for Governor campaign in 2009.

**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.

**Peter J. McDonough, Jr.** now Rutgers University's senior vice president for external affairs, is a communications, political and public affairs specialist with over 25 years of experience in the private sector and at the highest levels of state and federal governments. From 1996 through 2000, McDonough served as director of communications and press secretary for New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman, where he was chief spokesman and the architect of communications and public affairs plans to promote the governor's image and initiatives. He previously served as New Jersey assistant state treasurer, chief of staff for two members of the US House of Representatives, associate staff member for the House Appropriations Committee, and executive director of the NJ General Assembly. McDonough has consulted on or directed dozens of state and federal political campaigns in the US and in the emerging democracies of Eastern Europe. He has provided media training to cabinet ministers and other officials in Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Kosovo, Uzbekistan and the Republic of Georgia. He also served as an international election observer for the presidential elections in the Republic of Nigeria. Articles by McDonough have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Star-Ledger*, *The*

*Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Moscow Times*. As a visiting professor, McDonough has taught the Eagleton Graduate Seminar in American Politics for Fellows since 2001. He has been a guest lecturer at the State University for the Humanities in Moscow, Russia, and at the Bloustein School at Rutgers. He lives in Pennington, New Jersey and is a graduate of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

**Betsy Pugh** specializes in financial management for non-profit and public entities. She both began and ended her career in the non-profit sector. She spent her first eight years after college working for advocates of community control of NYC schools and racial awareness. Later she became assistant director of the University Program at the Institute for World Order, where she organized faculty seminars on designing a values oriented global affairs curriculum. Her private sector experience was on Wall Street in public finance, first as a credit analyst at Standard & Poor's and later as an investment banker for Kidder Peabody and First Boston. Her public experience was serving in Governor Whitman's administration, first steering the \$2.7 billion dollar pension fund bond financing to a successful sale in the municipal bond market and later becoming Whitman's budget director and controller. After her experience in New Jersey, she returned to the non-profit sector, first as chief financial officer at the Central Park Conservancy and later as CFO at the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). Pugh now serves on the boards of the National Equity Fund, a syndicator of tax-credits for multi-family housing, and AccionEast, a microfinance lender.

**Judy Shaw** was the first woman to serve as a New Jersey governor's chief of staff, appointed to that position by Governor Christine Todd Whitman. Her responsibilities included the press office, the office of administration, briefings and advance, emergency management, scheduling and appointments, and liaison to the Governor's cabinet and Washington office; she also served as a policy and political advisor. Earlier she had served as chief of staff in the New Jersey Department of Transportation and marketing director for the New Jersey State Lottery. After leaving state government, Shaw was co-founder and a partner in The Gluckshaw Group and its successor, MBI-Gluckshaw, a government relations and public affairs firm in Trenton. Among her earlier roles were legislative aide and secondary school teacher. Her volunteer activities have included patient advocate at Jordan Hospital, volunteer for The First Tee while in Florida, chair of HomeFront, Inc. (an agency providing housing and programs to the working poor), board member for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, and charter member of the Pinelands Preservation Trust. She earned her master's degree in public policy at Rutgers University and her B.A. in Spanish at Pennsylvania State University.

**Michael P. Torpey** is the president and managing partner of A.F.T. Associates, LLC, a full service lobbying and business strategies firm in Trenton. Over the years his consulting practice has included representation of a broad array of clients before nearly every executive department of state government, the New Jersey State Legislature and the New Jersey Governor's Office, as well as in various state capitals and in Washington, D.C. Prior to consulting, Torpey enjoyed a 15 year career in state government, starting as an intern in the New Jersey State Legislature and

ending as chief of staff to Governor Christine Todd Whitman. His experience in the Legislature included serving under Speaker Chuck Haytaian as deputy executive director of the Assembly Majority Office. In that capacity, Torpey managed a comprehensive policy and political operation that included research, media relations and grassroots organizing. Recognized for his legislative expertise, he was recruited to join the Whitman administration, where he eventually was promoted to chief counsel, serving as the Governor's top legal advisor and chief negotiator with the Legislature. Following Governor Whitman's reelection in 1997, Torpey was appointed chief of staff, holding that position for the Governor's entire second term. Torpey attended American University and received his undergraduate degree from Saint Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont. He received his Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University School of Law and was admitted to the practice of law in New Jersey in 1989.

**Peter Verniero** is a member of Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. in Newark, New Jersey. Prior to joining the firm in 2004, he served for ten years in senior positions within the executive and judicial branches of state government, including chief counsel and then chief of staff to Governor Christine Todd Whitman, state attorney general, and associate justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court. While attorney general, Verniero argued major appeals before the New Jersey Supreme Court and United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He formerly served as chair of the state Supreme Court's Professional Responsibility Rules Committee and chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Legal Education. He is the current vice chair of the Civil Practice Committee. He also serves as chair of Governor Chris Christie's Judicial Advisory Panel. Verniero is the annotator of the *Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey*, a widely-cited treatise. His essays on legal and judicial subjects have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Star-Ledger of Newark* and elsewhere. He serves on the editorial board of the *New Jersey Law Journal*. Verniero graduated from Drew University and the Duke University School of Law. He served as a law clerk to Justice Robert L. Clifford of the New Jersey Supreme Court during its 1984-85 term.

**John Weingart** is associate director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics. Before coming to Eagleton, Weingart worked in New Jersey state government, focusing on environmental and land use issues, during the administrations of Governors Byrne, Kean, Florio and Whitman. He was a division director and assistant commissioner in the Department of Environmental Protection and subsequently served as executive director of the state's Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Siting Board. While at Eagleton, he also chaired the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission from 2002-2004 and New Jersey's Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council from its establishment in 2004 through 2009.

**John R. Whitman** is President of Sycamore Management Corporation ("SMC"), which he helped found in 1995. From 1990 until he joined SMC, Mr. Whitman was an advisor to various international entities including the Ford Motor Company, AT&T Venture Corp., the Hungarian-American Enterprise Fund, British and Commonwealth Holdings PLC, Coopers & Lybrand, the United States Agency for International Development (U.S.A.I.D.), and Prudential Securities Inc.

From 1987 through 1990, Mr. Whitman was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Prudential-Bache Interfunding Inc. ("PBIF"), an US\$800 million Merchant Banking Fund financed by the Prudential Insurance Company of America. From 1980 to 1987, while he was a Vice President of Citicorp Venture Capital, Ltd., he completed 11 major leveraged buyout transactions. From 1972 to 1980, Mr. Whitman held various positions at Citicorp in London and New York. Mr. Whitman graduated from Yale University in 1966 and received his MBA from the Harvard Business School in 1971.