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Jon S. Corzine Archive
Opening Colloquium
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Governor Jon S. Corzine

Jon S. Corzine is founder, chief executive officer and chief investment officer of the JDC-JSC Opportunity Fund, a global macro/event driven hedge fund.

Corzine served the State of New Jersey as a United States Senator from 2001-2006 and as its 54th Governor from 2006-2010. As Senator, he served on the Banking, Intelligence, Foreign Relations, Budget, Energy and Joint Economic Committees. He was an original co-sponsor of Sarbanes-Oxley, reforming corporate governance and accounting. He also chaired the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in 2003 and 2004. As Governor, he implemented policies to support children and families, including reforming education funding, instituting early childhood education, providing paid family leave and expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit. He also focused on infrastructure financing and criminal justice reform, including abolishing the death penalty.

Prior to entering public service, Governor Corzine served as senior partner of Goldman Sachs from 1994-1999, transforming it from a private partnership into a public company. He began his career at Goldman Sachs in 1976 as a bond trader and became co-manager of the Fixed Income, Currencies and Commodities Division. In 1980, he was named partner. He joined the Management Committee in 1984 and served as CFO from 1991-1994. Corzine served as chairman and CEO of MF Global from March 2010 until October 2011.

Governor Corzine has been active in higher education, serving on the University of Chicago’s Board of Trustees as well as an ex-officio member of Princeton University’s Board of Trustees. Corzine is currently working with Fairleigh Dickinson University to establish the graduate School of Public and Global Affairs as chairman of its advisory board, while also serving as a visiting lecturer on politics and public policy at the University’s UK Wroxton campus.

Corzine has served on several civic boards, including the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, the New York Philharmonic, the New York Child Study Center and the NYC Partnership. He has served as co-chair of the National Commission on Capital Budgeting under President Clinton, chairman of the Treasury’s Government Borrowing Committee and chairman of the Public Securities Association. He is currently a member of the International Board of Covenant House.

Governor Corzine received a BA from the University of Illinois in 1969, graduating Phi Beta Kapa, and earned his MBA from the University of Chicago in 1975. He also served in the United States Marine Corps (R) from 1969-1975.
Program

2:00 pm  Welcome: Ruth B. Mandel
Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics
Introduction: John Weingart
Associate Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics
Director, Eagleton Center on the American Governor
Opening Remarks: Governor Jon S. Corzine

2:15 pm  Staffing, Office Structure and Setting Policy Priorities
Matt Boxer
Director, Authorities Unit
State Comptroller
Ron Chen
Public Advocate of New Jersey
Chair, Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Immigrant Policy
Heather Howard, Convener
Chief Policy Counsel
Commissioner of Health and Senior Services
Tom Shea
Chief of Staff
Carl Van Horn
Vice-Chair, Governor-Elect Corzine's Transition
Chair, Board of Directors, Economic Development Authority

3:30 pm  Crafting and Passing the FY 2007 State Budget
Brad Abelow
Treasurer
Chief of Staff
Bill Castner
Deputy Chief of Staff
Heather Howard
Josh Margolin
Statehouse Reporter, The Star-Ledger
Patti McGuire
Deputy Chief of Staff
David Rosseau
State Treasurer
Senior Budget & Fiscal Policy Advisor
Tom Shea, Convener

4:45 pm  Closing Remarks: Governor Jon S. Corzine

5:00 pm  Celebratory Reception
The Center on the American Governor, an initiative of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, seeks to promote research and discussion on the varied roles, powers and legacies of governors in the United States in order to inform present and future state executive leadership and enhance historical knowledge and perspective. The Center is building an extensive digital archive and sponsoring a range of academic activities and public forums on topics and issues relating to the office of the governor across the country, as well as the administrations of selected governors in New Jersey and other states.

The Eagleton Institute of Politics explores state and national politics through research, education, and public service, linking the study of politics with its day-to-day practice. The Institute focuses attention on how contemporary political systems work, how they change, and how they might work better. Areas of interest include: governors; state legislatures; public opinion polling and survey research; women’s political participation; public safety and community resilience; minority and immigrant political behavior; campaigns, elections and political parties; ethics; science and politics – policy and career intersections; civic education and political engagement; young elected leaders; and New Jersey politics. Eagleton offers education programs including an undergraduate certificate, graduate fellowships, research assistantships and internships, as well as opportunities to interact with political practitioners.