

EAGLETON SCIENCE AND POLITICS WORKSHOP
Public Decision Making in Health, Education, and the Environment

April 10, 2015

Eagleton Institute of Politics
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

AGENDA

- 9:30 am Welcome Ruth B. Mandel, Ph.D.
 Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics
- 9:40 am Panel Discussion
 Moderator: John Weingart
 Associate Director
 Eagleton Institute of Politics
- Thomas J. Carew, Ph.D.
 Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science
 New York University
- Upendra J. Chivukula
 Commissioner
 New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- Heather Howard, J.D.
 Director, State Health Reform Assistance Network
 Lecturer in Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School
- 11:00 am Break
- 11:20 am Plenary Discussion
- 12:00 pm Networking Lunch

ABOUT THE EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

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SPEAKER BIOS

THOMAS J. CAREW, PH.D.

Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science
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Thomas J. Carew assumed his role as Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at NYU in July 2011. He was previously the Bren Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior at the University of California, Irvine, where, in addition, he chaired the Task Force on Undergraduate Education and served as a member of the system-wide Commission on Undergraduate Education. He has also held leadership roles at Yale University and Columbia University.

A renowned scholar and the author of over 180 scholarly articles and three books, Carew has focused his research on the behavioral, cellular, and molecular analyses of learning and memory. Among his many honors are the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) MERIT Award, an NIMH Career Development Award, Yale's Dylan Hixon Prize for Excellence in Teaching in the Natural Sciences, and the Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award at the University of California, Irvine. He is an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and served as President of the Society for Neuroscience in 2008.

Carew earned a B.A. from Loyola University, an M.A. in physiological psychology from California State College, and a Ph.D. in physiological psychology from the University of California, Riverside. He also received an honorary M.A. from Yale University in 1984.

UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA

Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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Upendra Chivukula is a commissioner on the NJ Board of Public Utilities, nominated by Governor Christopher J. Christie. Prior to his nomination, Chivukula represented the 17th legislative district in the New Jersey Assembly for 13 years, chairing the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee. Chivukula also served as vice chairman of the Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee and the Commerce and Economic Development Committee and was a member of the Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

Chivukula was a founding member and co-chair of the NJ Science & Technology Legislative Caucus and the NJ World Languages & International Studies Legislative Caucus. He was a member of the Commission on Science and Technology and the Health Information Technology Commission. Before becoming a legislator, Chivukula was mayor of Franklin Township for one year and a councilman for seven years. He also served on the National Council of State Legislatures and on the Council of State Governments.

Chivukula currently serves on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Telecom Committee and is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC).

Chivukula was born in Nellore (AP), India. He received a bachelor of engineering degree in electrical engineering from College of Engineering, Chennai, India, and master of engineering degree in electrical engineering from City College, New York.

HEATHER HOWARD, J.D.

Director, State Health Reform Assistance Network
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Heather Howard is a lecturer in public affairs at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, where she teaches courses on implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and state and local health policy, and is a faculty affiliate of the Center for Health & Wellbeing. She is director of two Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded programs: the State Health Reform Assistance Network provides technical assistance to states implementing the ACA, and the State Health and Value Strategies program supports state efforts to enhance the value of health care by improving population health and reforming the delivery of health care services. She served as New Jersey's Commissioner of Health and Senior Services from 2008-2010, overseeing a cabinet-level agency with a budget of \$3.5 billion and staff of 1,700, responsible for public health services, regulation of health care institutions, senior services, and health care policy and research. Howard received a B.A. from Duke University and a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

JOHN WEINGART

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John Weingart is associate director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics. Before coming to Eagleton in 2000, Weingart worked in New Jersey state government during the administrations of two Democratic and two Republican governors focusing on environmental and land use issues. His experience includes helping to write and implement New Jersey's coastal zone management program and Hudson River Walkway Plan, directing a state commission's public process to encourage a municipality to volunteer to host a disposal facility for low-level radioactive waste and, while at Eagleton, chairing the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council from its initial meeting in 2004 through its 92nd five years later. Weingart's publications include the Eagleton Institute study, "Another Government Success Story: Citizen Volunteers on New Jersey State Boards and Commissions," the book, *Waste Is A Terrible Thing To Mind: Risk, Radiation, and Distrust of Government*, and an earlier book, *Reform of Undergraduate Education*, written with Arthur E. Levine. On Sunday nights from 7:00-10:00 pm, he hosts *Music You Can't Hear On The Radio*, New Jersey's longest-running radio show of folk music, bluegrass and other American roots music, on WPRB-FM and WPRB.com and also available by subscription at DAR.FM. He was in the Leadership New Jersey class of 1989 and holds a B.A. in Sociology from Brandeis University and M.P.A. from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School.