EAGLETON SCIENCE AND POLITICS WORKSHOP
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November 22, 2019

AGENDA

10:30am Arrivals and Coffee

11:00am Welcome
Anna Dulencin, PhD
Sr. Program Coordinator, Science and Politics Initiative, EIP

John J. Farmer, Jr.
Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics

11:10am Keynote
Beth Noveck, PhD
Chief Innovation Officer, The State of New Jersey
Professor and Director, Governance Lab
Tandon School of Engineering, New York University

12:00pm Q&A

12:30pm Closing
John Weingart
Associate Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics

12:45pm Lunch
Beth Noveck, PhD
Chief Innovation Officer, The State of New Jersey
Professor and Director, Governance Lab, Tandon School of Engineering, New York University

Beth Simone Noveck directs the Governance Lab (GovLab) and its MacArthur Research Network on Opening Governance. She is a professor in the Department of Technology, Culture, and Society and is an affiliated faculty member at the Center for Urban Science and Progress at New York University’s Tandon School of Engineering, as well as a fellow at NYU’s Institute for Public Knowledge. New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy appointed her as the state’s first chief innovation officer and Chancellor Angela Merkel named her to her digital council in 2018. She is also a visiting senior faculty fellow at the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University. Previously, Noveck served in the White House as the first deputy chief technology officer and director of the White House Open Government Initiative under President Obama. UK Prime Minister David Cameron appointed her senior advisor for Open Government.

At the GovLab, Noveck directs better governance programs, including work with public institutions on public engagement in lawmaking (CrowdLaw), expert-sourcing innovative solutions to hard problems (Smarter Crowdsourcing), and co-creation between cities and citizens (City Challenges). She also coaches “public entrepreneurs,” working with individuals to take their public interest projects from idea to implementation.

A graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School, Noveck is a member of the Scholars Council of the Library of Congress and the EPSRC Centre for the Mathematics of Precision Healthcare. She also serves on the International Advisory Board of the NHS Digital Academy and the Yankelovich Democracy Monitor. She is a member of the Inter-American Development Bank President’s Commission on Transparency and Corruption and the Global Future Council on Technology, Values and Policy for the World Economic Forum. Noveck is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Collective Intelligence Conferences and GIGAPP (Grupo de Investigación en Gobierno, Administracion y Políticas Publicas). She is co-editor of the Association for Computing Machinery’s Digital Government Research and Practice journal.

In 2018, she was awarded a Robert Schumann Fellowship at the European University Institute and a Richard von Weizsaecker Fellowship by the Robert Bosch Foundation. Noveck was named one of the “World’s 100 Most Influential People in Digital Government 2018” by Apolitical. Previously, she was selected as one of the “Foreign Policy 100” by Foreign Policy as well as one of the “100 Most Creative People in Business” by Fast Company and “Top Women in Technology” by Huffington Post.

John J. Farmer, Jr.
Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics
University Professor of Law
Director, Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience

John J. Farmer, Jr. has been Director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics since September 2019 and has also been the director of the Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience since its inception as the Faith-Based Communities Security Program in 2015. His career has spanned service in high-profile government appointments, private practice in diverse areas of criminal law, and teaching and law school administration.

Among other positions, Farmer has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, as Chief Counsel to Governor Christine Todd Whitman, from 1999-2002, as New Jersey’s Attorney General, and as senior counsel and team leader for the 9/11 Commission.

John Weingart
Associate Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics

John Weingart has been Associate Director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics since 2000. Prior to that, he held several posts designing and implementing state policy on environmental protection and land use including serving as Assistant Commissioner of the NJ DEP. He is the author of Waste Is A Terrible Thing To Mind: Risk, Radiation and Distrust of Government.

Anna Dulencin, PhD
Sr. Program Coordinator, Science and Politics Initiative, Eagleton Institute of Politics

Anna Dulencin develops the Institute’s Science and Politics Initiative which includes the Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop and the Institute’s latest project, the Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship for PhD-level scientists in New Jersey government. A scientist herself, Dulencin served as a biomedical research consultant at the New Jersey Autism Center of Excellence Coordinating Center prior to joining Eagleton.