



# WILLIAM J. HUGHES CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



From the very beginning of the Hughes Center, civility has been a key theme. We provide opportunities for citizens to engage with each other and with their leaders in ways that issues can be discussed with respect for each others'

opinion. We do this through public policy research, public opinion polls, candidate debates and the public lecture series.

This year, we are adding three more opportunities for civic engagement. The Center established the William J. Hughes Center Award for Civility in Government and Politics and a Legislator-in-Residence. The highly successful Washington Internship Program is now moving under the auspices of the Hughes Center.

These programs would not be possible without the support of the Hughes Center Steering Committee, President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., Provost Harvey Kesselman, and Founding Executive Director Sharon Schulman. Sharon's entrepreneurial spirit has established the Hughes Center as voice for Southern New Jersey issues. Fortunately, Sharon will not be far away as the Hughes Center will report to her in her continuing role as Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs. We thank Sharon for developing this foundation from which we will build.

*Dan Douglas*

Daniel J. Douglas, Director

## MAJOR ENDOWMENTS

### **Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Chazen Mr. & Mrs. William J. Hughes and Family**

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## UPCOMING HUGHES CENTER EVENTS



### **William J. Hughes Center Award for Civility in Government and Politics and Dinner Reception** Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 6 PM, Campus Center

The first annual William J. Hughes Center Award for Civility in Government and Politics is being awarded to the late W. Cary Edwards for his 30 years of public service.

Mrs. Lynn Edwards will accept the award in her husband's honor. Tickets and sponsorships are available through [www.stockton.edu/hughescenter](http://www.stockton.edu/hughescenter), emailing [hughescenter@stockton.edu](mailto:hughescenter@stockton.edu) or by calling 609-652-3542.



### **Campaign Debate** between Legislative District 2 Senate Candidates, Assemblyman Vince Polistina and Senator Jim Whelan. Thursday, September 15, 2011, 6:00 PM, Dante Hall, 10 North Mississippi Avenue, Atlantic City.

Discussions are underway for a debate among the four candidates for the Assembly representing Legislative District 2. It will begin at 7PM immediately following the Senate Debate.



### **Energy Symposium: The Next 40 Years of Energy.** The Energy Symposium is being moved to late February 2012 at the Stockton College Campus Center. Symposium date and program details will be forthcoming.

## HUGHES CENTER CIVILITY AWARD

### William J. Hughes Center Award for Civility in Government and Politics

The William J. Hughes Center Award for Civility in Government and Politics was established to recognize an appointed or elected New Jersey official that conducts the public's business with civility and respect for others.

The first annual William J. Hughes Center Award for Civility in Government and Politics is being awarded to the late W. Cary Edwards.

The Civility Award will be presented to his wife, Lynn Edwards, at a dinner reception at the Stockton College Campus Center on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 6 PM. All net proceeds from the award dinner will be dedicated to the development of scholarships for deserving students enrolled in the Washington Internship Program of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Tickets and sponsorships are available through [stockton.edu/hughescenter](http://stockton.edu/hughescenter), emailing [hughescenter@stockton.edu](mailto:hughescenter@stockton.edu) or by calling 609-652-3542.

Mr. Edwards is being honored for his 30 years of service to the people of New Jersey as a member of the General Assembly, Chief Counsel to Governor Thomas H. Kean, Attorney General for New Jersey and Chairman of the State Commission of Investigation. In all of those positions, he earned the reputation for fostering engagement and dialogue. While a determined advocate, Mr. Edwards reached across the aisle and sought to reach consensus on the many difficult issues he encountered in his time in public life.

The Hughes Center Civility Award Selection Committee was chaired by Ambassador Hughes and included former Congressman Jim Saxton; Hughes Center Senior Fellow Dr. David Carr; Jennifer Young, External Affairs Field Director for Verizon; Joe Donohue, deputy director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission and a 1975 Stockton graduate; Evelyn Ingargiola, student representative to the Hughes Center Steering Committee; and, Sharon Schulman, Founding Executive Director of the Hughes Center.



### STEERING COMMITTEE

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*Founding Executive Director*

### WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



The Washington Internship Program is coming under the auspices of the Hughes Center. It is one of the most successful internship programs in the country. Over 900 students have participated in the program producing one of the largest intern alumni groups in the nation. The program is headed by Dr. Michael Rodriguez, the Director of Research and Policy Analysis for the Hughes Center, and also Associate Professor of Political Science.

One of the graduates, Jonathon Moore, began an internship with New Jersey Congressman Steve Rothman in the fall semester 2006. He was hired fulltime as a Staff Assistant the following January. He moved up through the ranks as a Legislative Correspondent and Legislative Assistant. In January 2009, took on the role as primary adviser on Foreign Affairs and as Associate Staff to House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations. In January 2011, he was promoted to Senior Legislative Assistant to oversee the work of other Legislative Assistants as well as have a role in creating a strategic framework for the office.

In his own words, Jon relates how he advanced his career:

*"Through my internship placement, I was offered a job immediately after I graduated, where I have moved up over the past five years to a senior position in the office. Aside from helping me professionally, the internship program helped me personally by introducing me to other students from around the country."*

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## WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUED



Serena Curry is another of the successful graduates of the Stockton College's Washington Internship Program. Prior to her Washington internship, Serena also interned with United States Senator Frank R. Lautenberg and New Jersey State Senate Majority Leader Steve Sweeney. With a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Political

Science, Serena obtained an internship with Interpol through the United States Department of Justice.

*"I loved my position with Interpol that I obtained through the Washington Internship Program. Without the internship, I would not have the career I have now. I was hired right out of college as a criminal analyst at Interpol in Washington D.C. It provided me with a stepping stone on my current career path as a Border Patrol Agent for the Department of Homeland Security."*

## JERSEY STING

Three mayors. A retired burlesque stripper. Two New Jersey assemblymen. An illegal kidney broker. A former punk rocker. The president of the Jersey City council. Real estate developers. Five Orthodox rabbis. Political operatives and Hasidic businessmen from New York.

What do these seemingly disparate elements have in common? *The Jersey Sting* – a book written by then Star-Ledger reporters Josh Margolin (currently with *The New York Post*) and Ted Sherman (*Newark Star-Ledger*).

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy was fortunate to bring the authors of *The Jersey Sting* to campus on March 29th. They were joined by Michael Aron, NJN news director, who served as a moderator. The event was also taped for national broadcast by C-Span's popular "Book TV" series.

"This is not a novel, you just can't make these things up," said Sherman, a reporter with the Newark Star-Ledger.

Afterwards, both authors answered questions and signed books for members of the audience.

To see the program, [click here](#).

William Gormley, Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., Sharon Schulman, Josh Margolin, Michael Aron, Ted Greenberg, Bill Hughes, Jr.



## STEERING COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

### John R. Bigelow

President, New Jersey American Water



John R. Bigelow is president of New Jersey American Water; the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 2.5 million

people. In this role, Mr. Bigelow is responsible for customer, regulatory and local government relationships, operational and financial results, and is the principal external contact for American Water in New Jersey.

Mr. Bigelow joined American Water in 1994 and successfully held a number of senior management positions during his tenure. He most recently served as American Water's senior vice president of Regulatory Programs and Enterprise Risk Management where he co-led the company's national efforts to secure regulatory divestiture approvals in multiple states. He also served as the company's chief financial officer from December 2003 to February 2006 and was primarily responsible for the financial activities of the company.

Mr. Bigelow is not new to American Water's New Jersey operations. He served as vice president and treasurer of New Jersey American Water and director, vice president and treasurer of New Jersey American Resources Company. In these positions, his overall responsibilities included leadership of accounting procurement, information services, finance, business development, customer service, rates and contract pricing and negotiation.

Mr. Bigelow began his career with GPU System Companies, where he spent a total of 18 years in various leadership roles in the finance area.

Mr. Bigelow is also a board and/or committee member of Drexel MBA Career Services Advisory Board, New Jersey American Water Company, National Association of Water Companies, William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, and New Jersey Utilities Association.

Mr. Bigelow holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University and a master's in Business Administration from St. Joseph's University.

## CHANGES AT THE HUGHES CENTER

The Board of Trustees recently approved changes at the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. Founding Executive Director Sharon Schulman will turn over the leadership of the Center to Daniel J. Douglas who has been working for both the Hughes Center and the Office of External Affairs.

Schulman will continue as Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs and will oversee the Hughes Center for the next year to insure a smooth transition.



“Under Sharon’s leadership over the last several years, the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy has flourished beyond our expectations and is positioned well for imminent growth and prominence. At the same time, all of Stockton College is experiencing growth and transformation and is poised to celebrate its first 40 years of teaching and begin the next decade,” explained President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr.

Prior to joining Stockton, Douglas served as Public Information Officer for the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority. Previously, Douglas worked in higher education developing online graduate degrees and customized training. Douglas served as the Assistant Commissioner of Personnel for the State of New Jersey, responsible for Communications, Public and Government Affairs, Workforce Policy and Planning, and the Human Resource Training and Development Institute. He also served as Policy Advisor to New Jersey Governor James J. Florio, and has held staff positions in the New Jersey Legislature, a public interest association and a public opinion research firm. Douglas earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Arts in

Public Policy from Rutgers University, where he was a Fellow at the Eagleton Institute of Politics.

Dr. Michael Rodriguez, Associate Professor of Political Science, will be joining the Hughes Center as Director of Research and Policy Analysis. Dr. Rodriguez also directs our Washington Internship Program and has made it one of the premier programs in the nation. The Washington Internship Program will move under the auspices of the Hughes Center. Since the mid-1970s well over 900 Stockton students have completed internships in Washington, DC. One of the largest groups of Washington Center alumni is from Stockton College.



Dr. Rodriguez teaches courses in Public Policy, Religion & Politics, Race & Politics, and American Government. He holds degrees in Political Science from Princeton (A.B.), the University of Texas at Austin (M.A.) and Temple University (Ph.D.).

Dr. Rodriguez is conducting research, from the viewpoint of the business community, on immigration reform efforts in Congress and the various state legislatures. Presently, about half of the states have either enacted or are currently deliberating legislation to discourage illegal immigration, through punitive measures directed against undocumented workers and the employers who hire them. The latter is of particular concern to business owners who are often incapable of verifying the legal status of their current and prospective employees. Dr. Rodriguez is analyzing how the strategic decision-making of the business community in Atlantic County, New Jersey is affected by prospects for immigration reform.

## LEGISLATOR-IN-RESIDENCE



Legislator-in-Residence is designed to bring New Jersey lawmakers to Stockton programs to engage with the students and faculty and to share their experiences as legislators. By bringing their first-hand stories of the legislative process into the classroom, the legislators will provide additional insight to the subjects of the normal curriculum. At the same time legislators will benefit from engaging with students and faculty on the issues that affect their lives in the academic community.

Assemblyman Louis D. Greenwald (D) will be the first Legislator-in-Residence this fall. He is from the 6th District and chairs the Assembly Budget Committee.



In the spring 2012 semester, Senator Chris Connors (R) will be the Legislator in Residence. He represents the 9th District, which now includes Galloway Township. Senator Connors is also a graduate of Stockton College.

Assemblyman Louis D. Greenwald (above left), and Senator Christopher J. Connors (above right)

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## RECENT COLUMNS

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### **Michael Busler - Fellow of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy**

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