

NEW JERSEY: A STATEWIDE VIEW OF DIVERSITY

A Leadership Conference on Diversity Issues Impacting New Jersey

**Findings of the Statewide Survey of New Jersey Residents'
Attitudes About Race And Intergroup Relations**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 20, 2007
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As the most diverse state in the country, New Jersey faces unique opportunities and challenges to create inclusive communities, a productive workforce, a responsive educational system, bias-free institutions and a respectful society.

To measure New Jersey residents' attitudes and behaviors relative to diversity issues in our highly diverse state, the Presenting Partners have commissioned the Bloustein Center for Survey Research to conduct a statewide telephone survey of New Jersey residents.

This Leadership Conference will provide participants with the opportunity to hear first hand the survey results, to discuss the findings and recommend future steps.

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Hyatt Regency New Brunswick
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9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m

Conference Goals

- To share the results of the statewide survey *New Jersey: A Statewide View of Diversity*
- To bring together NJ leaders and stakeholders to review and discuss in depth the results of the statewide survey on race and intergroup relations relative to their areas of interest and expertise
- To provide a forum for open discussion of the issues raised and areas of concern as expressed by NJ residents
- To provide a mechanism for a deeper discussion of issues while developing concrete approaches and suggestions for policy, legal, educational and quality of life efforts to improve inter-group relations among diverse New Jerseyans.
- To further the development of public/private/governmental partnerships to enhance the lives of all residents.

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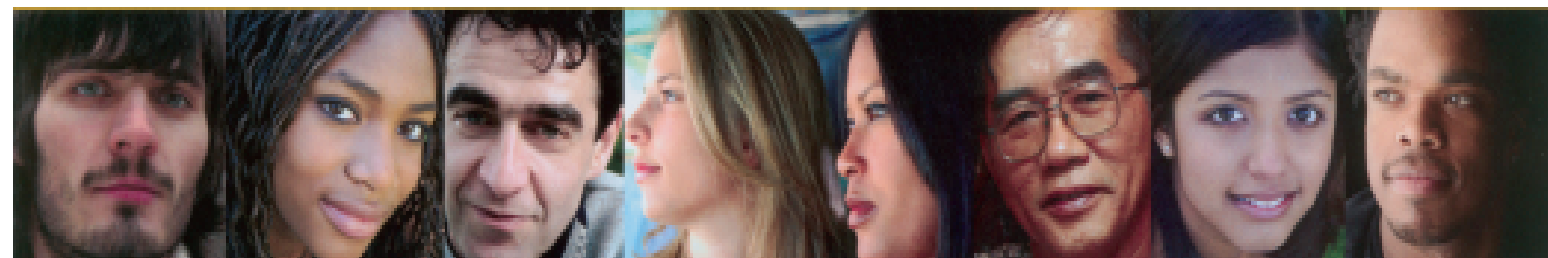
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Agenda

9 a.m.—10 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

10 a.m. Program Begins

WELCOME

Diane Schwartz, *President & CEO*
American Conference on Diversity

OVERVIEW: The Richness of New Jersey's Diversity

Nina Mitchell Wells, *Secretary of State, State of NJ*

The Survey – New Jersey Residents' Attitudes About Race and Intergroup Relations

Clifford Zukin, *Ph. D. Professor of Public Policy, Eagleton Institute of Politics and the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning & Policy, Rutgers University*

PANEL

Implications and Actions: Where Do We Go From Here?

- Moderator: Seema M. Singh, Esq., *President, Asian Indian Chamber of Commerce.*
- Panel
Tim Evans, *Research Director, NJ Future*
Mary Regina Guidette, Ed.D., *Superintendent, Middlesex County Schools (Ret.)*
David Matos, Jr., *Founder & President, The Matos Group*
Daniel Santo Pietro, *Executive Director, Hispanic Directors Association of NJ*
Nina Mitchell Wells, *Secretary of State, State of NJ*

12:00 NOON LUNCHEON KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Plan We Must – A New Jersey Snapshot of the Future

James W. Hughes, Ph.D., *Dean, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning Pubic Policy, Rutgers University*

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Moving Forward: Charting the Course for a Positive Future

- Education
- Immigration
- Public Policy
- Housing

REPORT BACK: Coming Together & Building for Tomorrow

3 p.m. Conclusion

FEATURED SPEAKERS

NINA MITCHELL WELLS



Nina Mitchell Wells, Esq., Secretary of State for the State of New Jersey, has an expansive career as a public servant, educator, philanthropist and lawyer. Charged with the promotion and preservation of the arts, history and culture of the Garden State, Secretary Wells brings a wealth of cultural experience to Trenton. She works to utilize her diverse background to build broad based coalitions, public-private partnerships and creative programs necessary to advance New Jersey's vast cultural resources. In 1996 Secretary Wells received the "100 Most Influential New Jerseyans Award", and continues to be recognized throughout the state as an innovator with unwavering determination, personal integrity and the commitment to continue the Department of State's mission to enrich the quality of life of all New Jersey's citizens through the arts, history and culture of New Jersey. *Ms. Wells will also be joining the morning panel presentation.*

CLIFFORD ZUKIN



Clifford Zukin is Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at Rutgers where he teaches courses in public opinion and research methods. He was the founding director of the Star-Ledger/Eagleton Poll and the Center for Public Interest Polling. Zukin is co-author of *A New Engagement: Political Participation, Civic Life and the Changing American Citizen*, published by Oxford University Press in 2006 and recently served as President of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

DR. JAMES W. HUGHES



Dr. Hughes is Dean of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, and has been a member of the faculty since 1971. In addition, since 1988 he has also been the Director of the Rutgers Regional Report which, during its 19-year tenure, has produced 33 major economic/demographic/housing studies on New Jersey and the New York region and edits the SITAR-Rutgers Regional Report, a quarterly report on the economy and office market in New Jersey. A nationally-recognized academic expert on demographics, housing, and regional economics, and was a contributing editor to *American Demographics* and author or co-author of 33 books and monographs and more than 130 articles, appearing in numerous journals and publications. He 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.

PANEL

TIM EVANS



Tim Evans is Research Director for New Jersey Future and is responsible for developing and executing New Jersey Future's research agenda, through the collection and analysis of data from numerous planning-related sources and the preparation of a variety of research products including in-depth reports. Tim also serves as New Jersey Future's policy specialist on the issues of transportation, property taxes, and the relationship between energy use and development patterns. Tim holds a master's degree in city and regional planning from the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, and also holds a master's in statistics from the University of Virginia. His career experience includes six years as a mathematical statistician for the Bureau of the Census in Washington D.C.

MARY REGINA GUIDETTE, Ed.D.



Mary Jean Guidette, Ed.D., was Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools from 1992 to 2002. During her tenure, Mary Jean ensured fairness, balance and equity in reviewing and evaluating school districts in the seven-county central region through a newly-instituted auditing procedure. She also negotiated the agreement that secured a permanent home for the Middlesex County Arts High School and its formal affiliation with the New Brunswick Cultural Center.

DAVID MATOS, JR.



David Matos, Jr., founder and president of The Matos Group, is a seasoned government relations professional with thirty years of experience in government and community affairs. He has an extensive public policy background having served as a senior legislative staff member and a key advisor on major New Jersey public policy issues with an emphasis on health care, transportation, telecommunications, homeland security and urban affairs. Matos is a graduate of Rutgers College and the Rutgers University Graduate School of Social Work, where he received a Masters degree in administration and planning. He is also a graduate of the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University.

DANIEL SANTO PIETRO



Daniel Santo Pietro is the Executive Director of the HDANI, a network of thirty-three Hispanic organized community based organizations in New Jersey. He previously had nearly twenty-five years international experience in working with non-profits. He was program director in Northeast Brazil and Assistant South America Regional Director for Catholic Relief Services and Latin America Director for PACT, a consortium of international development organizations. Daniel served in 1997-98 on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Child Protection Services and in 1999 on the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Commission. In 2000 he was a founding Delegate of the Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey and continues on its Executive Committee. He serves on the board of the NJ Immigration Policy Network. In 2005, he co-chaired Governor Corzine's Department of Human Services transition advisory group. Daniel received his B.A. from Harvard College. He was a Fulbright scholar in Brazil and completed his graduate work in Political Science and Latin American Studies at Stanford University. He is fluent in both Portuguese and Spanish.

SEEMA M. SINGH, ESQ.



Seema M. Singh, Esq. is the President of the Asian Indian Chamber of Commerce (AICC), a non-profit organization committed to providing a forum for the Asian Indian Business Community in the tri-state area. Under her leadership the organization has grown to its current strength of over 550 members. The Chamber provides a platform for the Asian Indian business community to showcase its products and services by hosting an Annual Business Exposition each year and Promotes trade between New Jersey and India by organizing an Annual Trade Mission. In addition, Ms. Singh is the founder of the Asian Women's Safety Net (AWSN) a non-profit project under the Coalition for Battered Women. The AWSN was created in collaboration with diverse Asian organizations to assist, counsel and support Asian Women victims of domestic violence. The AWSN was launched in May 2002 by a candlelight vigil and currently has 80 volunteers who are undergoing DVRT training. Ms. Singh also is the former Ratepayer Advocate for the State of New Jersey under the Department of the Public Advocate. She represented and advocated for the state's consumers in all utility matters involving the electric, natural gas, telecommunications, cable television and water industries, and insurance matters at both the state and federal level.

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