

## **Bloustein School Fall Student and Academic Services Notice September 2009**

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Detail:

1. The **Bloustein School** welcomes you back to the start of the new academic year! Whether you are a continuing or new student in our undergraduate, masters or Ph.D. programs, we hope your summer was well and look forward to seeing you around! The student services staff especially is looking forward to the start of the year. As a reminder, we have a strong staff to support your needs, including answering basic questions to dealing with financial assistance. Steve Weston, Lynn Astorga and Christina Miller are here and available to help. Our hours and contact information:

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Again, welcome back and do stop in and say hello!

2. There are regular events scheduled in the school's **Special Events Forum** this Fall, with topics ranging from Economic Development, Politics of the Environment, Post-Carbon Cities, Remaking American Cities, and the Cultural Economy in New Jersey. When established, the lectures can be found here:

<http://policy.rutgers.edu/news/events.php>

3. A general advising session for all undergraduate students interested in public health and planning and public policy majors and minors on Thursday, October 29th from 11:00am -- 1:00pm in the Civic Square Building Room 187. Discussions will include changes in the curriculum as well as review the spring schedule, including course selection and class offerings. For questions, please contact Christina at [millercl@rutgers.edu](mailto:millercl@rutgers.edu) or visit <http://policy.rutgers.edu/academics/undergrad/>.

4. The Bloustein School will be offering two showings of the University's **Human Subjects Certification Training Film** on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, one from 9:15am to 12:15pm and the other 1:30pm to 4:30pm. By attending one of the sessions, students receive the training necessary to become certified in Human Subjects Protection and can participate in the work that research centers, institutes and others do on human subjects, including surveys, etc. This training is required of all graduate students at the Bloustein School, anyone working in this field and the film offered on the 17th certifies your training requirements as complete. More information on the film is available by emailing Steve Weston at [sdweston@rutgers.edu](mailto:sdweston@rutgers.edu).

5. Everyone is invited to attend the annual **Bloustein School Fall B-B-Q** to be held on Wednesday, September 16th (note this is a **change** from Wed. the 9th) at noon in the side courtyard of the school off the first floor. Free food and drinks. Join the festivities and get a chance to meet other members of the Bloustein community. This is a school-wide event and is open to all EJB students, faculty and staff. You **must** have a **ticket** in order to **attend**. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to [rsvp@policy.rutgers.edu](mailto:rsvp@policy.rutgers.edu). Please put "BBQ" in the subject line and you will be emailed back a ticket to use.

6. A graduate student information session will be held on the **Rutgers University Libraries' resources and services available** at Bloustein. The session will be held on Friday, September 11th from 10:30am-11:30am in the 5th floor computer lab. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at [rsvp@policy.rutgers.edu](mailto:rsvp@policy.rutgers.edu). Please put "Library" in the subject line.

7. The University's Office of Social Justice and LGBT Communities, in association with the Graduate Student Association is hosting a welcome reception to mark the start of the new school year for all LGBT graduate students at Rutgers. Come meet new friends from other graduate programs at Rutgers! Light refreshments will be served. The event will be held on **Thursday, September 17th from 7 - 9 pm** in the Graduate Student Lounge on the College Ave. Campus (located behind Au Bon Pain).

8. On Friday October 2nd, second year MPP (Master of Public Policy) students will be holding their annual **Applied Field Experience (AFE) Presentations** all day in rooms TBA. The presentations themselves are open to the Bloustein School community and will be announced via email at a future date. First year MPP students are also required to attend.

9. The school maintains and updates a **Career Development Website** offering a variety of information for all students. Current and full job, internship, academic and fellowship postings are now available online for students and alumni to use. To find these postings, go to the main Bloustein site, click on 'Current Students' and in the drop box click on 'Careers.' To reach it directly, go to <http://policy.rutgers.edu/students/careers.php> . There are also links to internet postings, and other available resources.

10. The **Bloustein School Student Calendar** is now posted in the hallway leading to the computer lab on the 3rd floor as well as online at:  
<http://www.policy.rutgers.edu/students/osascalendar.pdf>

If you have items for the calendar, please provide them to Steve Weston at [sdweston@rutgers.edu](mailto:sdweston@rutgers.edu). The calendar posts information important to students including but not limited to graduation deadlines, the academic schedule, career and advisory sessions, and other important considerations for students.