



## Rutgers-Newark newsmakers (March–May 2007)

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### Office of the Provost

**Provost Steven J. Diner** was quoted in an article in the *Star Ledger* May 16, on Mayor Booker's plans for economic development with large retailers in the city of Newark.

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### Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**Acting Dean Jan E. Lewis** authored an op-ed piece on mass violence for the April 24 edition of *The Record* (Hackensack).

**Jonathan Adams**, biological sciences, was quoted in the March 21 edition of *The Record* (Hackensack, NJ) about climate change and global warming, as well as in the March 20 *Herald-News*. He authored an op-ed piece on global warming and climate change for *The Record* on March 4.

*The New York Times* on April 25 published a letter to the editor from **Philip Cerny**, political science, regarding an Iraq timetable.

"The Most Important Fish in the Sea," the latest book by **Bruce Franklin**, English, was reviewed in the April 5 *Star-Ledger*, which called it a "fascinating, chilling yet hopeful account of fish we need for the health of our marine environment." The *Baltimore Sun* also gave the book a positive review in its May 6 edition.

**Annette Gordon-Reed**, history, appeared on PBS's *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer* May 4 as one of the panelists discussing Jamestown, now marking its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The April 11 *Star-Ledger* featured an article and photos about the RUN Art program and quoted **Nick Kline** and **Emanuele Cacciatore**, both in visual and performing arts.

*The New York Times* on March 10 quoted **Jack Lynch**, English, in an article about the role of salary in relationships and the differences between how salary information is discussed today vs. in the Victorian era.

**Alexander Motyl**, political science, co-authored an article, "The Myth of Russian Resurgence," which was published in the March/April 2007 issue of *The American Interest*.

**Clement A. Price**, history, was featured in a March 30 article in the *Star-Ledger* that discussed the closing of Bushberg's department store in Newark after more than a century in business. He also was quoted in *The New York Times* on April 8 concerning ethical standards for African-American elected officials. Price and his wife, Mary Sue Price, were pictured in the April 2 *Star-Ledger* in a photo accompanying an article on the StoryCorps Griot oral history project.

An online article at *Brain Based Biz* explained a study that found that listening to baroque music during math class enhanced the learning experience. The study's co-author is **Maya Ruvinshteyn**, math and computer science.

**Beryl Satter**, history, discussed the New Age self-help movement, and how it relates to the theories behind the self-help book "The Secret," in the March 5 issue of *Newsweek*.

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## **School of Law**

The *Asbury Park Press* quoted **Frank Askin** in its May 12 editorial calling for the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association to reverse its ban on same-sex civil unions at the town's boardwalk pavilion. He was quoted by the May 2 *Home News Tribune* about a proposed South Amboy ordinance directed at underage drinking on private property; by the April 1 *Star-Ledger* about Morristown's plan to deputize some of its police officers as federal immigration officers; by the *Record* and *1010 WINS* on March 29 about a public apology required as part of a defamation lawsuit settlement; and by the March 20 *Star-Ledger* about an indictment brought against an "electronic Peeping Tom." The *Courier-Post* and *101.5 FM* covered the May 21 Trenton conference he organized on homeowner associations. Askin and **Louis Raveson** were interviewed for a May 6 *Star-Ledger* article about unconstitutional statutes that remain in law books or online because they have not been repealed by the legislature.

**Bernard Bell** talked to the *New York Times* for a May 5 article about the disclosure by the head of the New Jersey state troopers union of personal information about *101.5 FM's* "Jersey Guys." An article in the April 7 *Guam Pacific Daily News* about banning Guam public school system employees from visiting an online news forum cited his March 2001 *Federal Communications Law Journal* article "Filtch, Filtering, and the First Amendment: Ruminations on Public Libraries' Use of Internet Filtering Software."

**Frances Bouchoux** discussed diversity at the law school, and attempts by a law firm to diversify its staff by acquiring an equity stake in an Hispanic law firm, in an article in the April 22 *Star-Ledger*.

*101.5 FM* interviewed **Sherry Colb** on April 5 about the possible impact on drunk driving convictions if the New Jersey Supreme Court finds that the Alcotest is unreliable. *Fox News* included her comments in an April 13 broadcast about a controversial child molestation conviction in Georgia.

An April 22 *Philadelphia Inquirer* story about pet owners seeking damages for emotional distress after their pets died from contaminated food included comments by **Gary Francione**.

**Anna Gelpern** was quoted in the March 7 *New York Times* article "Venezuela Disavows 1980s-Era Bonds"

and was interviewed about "vulture funds" by the Seton Hall radio station 89.5 FM WSOU for its international news show "Global Current."

"Latino, African-American Violence on Rise Since riots" was the topic of **Tanya Hernandez's** April 29 op-ed in the *Los Angeles Daily News*. Hernandez discussed whether English should be the official language of the U.S. on the March 27 Santita Jackson Show (*WVON 1690 AM*).

**Barbara Hoffman** was quoted in the May 20 *Boston Globe* in an article entitled "Working Your Way Through Cancer."

**John Kettle** was quoted in the March 1 edition of *The Globe and Mail* (Toronto) in a story on Weblo.com, an online fantasy world where people can buy and sell real properties and celebrities. He cited dangers of copyright infringement, even though the sales are not real.

A May 12 *Star-Ledger* article about an ethics complaint filed against New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto included a comment by **John Leubsdorf**.

**John Payne** commented for the May 17 *Star-Ledger* about the rejection by a municipal board of a Hindu temple's expansion plans and for the March 14 *Star-Ledger* on the state Supreme Court decision allowing first responders to sue if they're hurt answering an emergency call. Payne was quoted by the May 22 *Herald News* about an appellate ruling regarding the affordable housing responsibility of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission.

The *Star-Ledger* interviewed **Louis Raveson** for a March 26 article on the evidence presented in a murder trial.

**Keith Sharfman** talked to the *Press of Atlantic City* for an April 28 story about a bankruptcy case.

**Kathleen Shreckgast** of the Environmental Law Clinic commented for a May 13 *New York Times* article on plans to widen the Garden State Parkway. The clinic is representing the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, a transportation advocacy group, in its discussions with the State over the proposed project.

**Carter Strickland Jr.** was interviewed by *New Jersey Lawyer* for an April 9 article on the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions in *Environmental Defense v. Duke Energy* and *Massachusetts v. EPA*. He commented for the April 25 *Ocean County Observer* about the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's proposal to give Category I status to the Toms River and other waterways. Strickland's Environmental Law Clinic students represented seven environmental groups in petitioning DEP for the increased clean water protections. The *Courier-Post* interviewed Strickland for a March 19 report on federal preemption of state and local regulation of rail transfer facilities.

The *Star-Ledger* (May 20) included comments by **George Thomas** about a case in which charges of a violation of attorney-client privilege have been raised and the *Home News Tribune* (April 25) a possible appeal in a murder case.

In an article entitled "Wonder Woman: Crusading lawyer fights for the underdog," the *Star-Ledger* profiled **Penny Venetis** as its May 6 "I am New Jersey" feature. Venetis was quoted in the *New York Times*, *Star-Ledger*, and *Asbury Park Press* in May articles about the Constitutional Litigation Clinic's lawsuit calling on the State to decommission New Jersey's electronic voting machines.

The May issue of *New Jersey Monthly*, in a major feature on the controversy surrounding the relicensing application for the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant, noted the role of the Environmental Law Clinic in representing opponents of the relicensing. The article included several comments by **Richard Webster**. Webster also was quoted in the *Asbury Park Press* and *Press of Atlantic City* about the clinic's Oyster Creek work, and by the *Cranbury Press* about the clinic's appeal of decision approving a land swap in Monroe Township.

The April 23 *New Jersey Lawyer* ran an article about the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chief Justice Joseph Weintraub Lecture, delivered on April 18 at the law school by retired Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz. Her topic was "The New Jersey Supreme Court: A Leadership Court in Individual Rights."

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## **Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick**

The appointment of **Michael Cooper** as the new dean of RBS was widely reported, including *The Financial Times* on April 24; the April 21 *Courier-News*; the April 20 *Star-Ledger*; the April 20 *Record* (Hackensack); the April 19 *Daily Record* (Morris); and *NJBIZ* April 19. *NJBIZ* also ran a Q & A with Cooper in its April 30 edition.

The Winter 2006/Spring 2007 issue of the *Newsletter of the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA)* included a front-page story on the RU Undergraduate Business Forum, taught by **Acting Dean Rosa Oppenheim** and **LaToya Battle-Brown**, and attended by more than 200 students.

**Ray Bramucci's** appointment as director of the Prudential Business Ethics Center was the subject of an editorial in the April 9 *NJBIZ*, and on the same day *NJBIZ* published a Q & A with Bramucci about his new role.

**Donald McCabe** was quoted in numerous media outlets, including *BusinessWeek*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Bloomberg*, *the Houston Chronicle*, *the Boston Herald*, *the Jackson Sun*, *the Associated Press*, and others, throughout March, April and May concerning ethics and academic dishonesty within higher education institutions. The *AP* quoted him in a March 29 article on Ohio University's efforts to end cheating.

A tribute to the late *emeritus* professor **Paul Nadler**, appeared in the *Star-Ledger* on May 13, and noted that "Nadler's teaching style was equal parts humor and erudition, delivered in a booming voice that jolted his students awake to the complexities of finance." Nadler passed away on May 4 at age 77.

**Jay A. Soled** was quoted in a *New York Times* article (May 8); he expressed doubts that most of the tax cheating on capital gains income was by lower-income people. Soled also provided answers to answers to income-tax questions in *The Star Ledger*, April 4.

*NJBIZ* recently reported that the RBS' had unveiled a new curriculum for its full-time MBA program.

*NJBIZ* on March 14 reported that the undergraduate program of the Rutgers Business School-New

Brunswick is ranked 32 in *BusinessWeek* magazine's list of the best business schools in the nation.

The *Star-Ledger* and the *Home News Tribune* on April 12 reported on plans for several school districts to work with Rutgers MBA students to find ways to consolidate services and reduce school costs. The program also was the subject of an April 14 *Ledger* editorial.

The Prudential Business Ethics Center at Rutgers' lecture "The Ethics of Direct to Consumer Pharmaceutical Advertising," was covered in the May 7 edition of *NJBIZ* and the May 3 issue of *The Star-Ledger*.

The Nonprofit Leadership Index 2007 -- the inaugural survey conducted by the Center for Nonprofit and Philanthropic Leadership at Rutgers Business School -- was covered in the *Star-Ledger*, March 5,

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### **College of Nursing**

**Linda Flynn** commented on the projected nursing shortage in an article in the March 26 *Asbury Park Press*.

**Beverly Whipple**, *emerita*, was the subject of several media mentions in March related to her newest book, *The Science of Orgasm*, co-written with Barry Komisaruk, psychology. These included features on *foxnews.com*, *amNewYork*, and *CBS3*, as well as articles in the *Home News Tribune*, *Newsday* and *USA Today*.

**Geri Dickson** was quoted in articles in *The Record* (Hackensack) about nursing shortages in the state, as well as the salary ranges for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

The *Courier-Post's* April 29 issue included a story on the College of Nursing (CON) celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as did the April 21 and May 6 editions of the *Courier-News*.

The *Home News Tribune* on March 28 reported that the CON had received a \$25,000 "Promise of Nursing for New Jersey Nursing School" grant from the Foundation of the American Student Nurses Association.

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### **School of Criminal Justice**

**Marcus Felson** discussed the possible motivations for the actions of the so-called "Mad Hatter," a serial bank robber, in an article in the March 9 *Daily Record* (Morris County). Felson was also quoted in *NJBIZ* May 9 on the topic of workplace violence.

**George Kelling and Michael Wagers** co-wrote an op-ed piece for the *Star-Ledger* on April 9, discussing violence in Newark and how the city is working to make Newark safer. **Wagers** also was quoted in *The Record* (Hackensack) on May 9 in an article on a foiled terrorist plot to attack Fort Dix.

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### **School of Public Affairs and Administration**

The *New Jersey Business* magazine's March 2007 edition (Nov. 22.) reported that **Dean Marc Holzer** had introduced a Comprehensive Action Plan for the NJ Meadowlands Commission at the commission's January meeting.

**Suzanne Piotrowski's** report assessing New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act, published during Sunshine Week, was the subject of numerous media stories in mid-March, with articles appearing in *The Ledger*, *Newsday*, *The Record* (Hackensack), *The Cherry Hill Courier Post*, *the Asbury Park Press*, *the HeraldNet(WA)*, *northjersey.com*, *amNewYork*, and *myfoxny.com*.

SPAA's course on school financing was the subject of a May 15 front page feature in the *Star-Ledger*. The article compared the students' attempts to develop alternative ways to raise funding for public schools with state legislators' efforts to come up with a new finance plan.

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### **Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience**

**Mark Gluck** was quoted in the *Star-Ledger* on March 15 about the Pentagon's plans to end funding to a mind-mapping project that he and scientists from about 14 colleges were working on for the military. Also in the *Star Ledger*, on May 13, Gluck was quoted on the story, "When a memory fades; minorities miss early detection," about a pilot program being launched

by Rutgers' Memory Disorders Project, along with other universities, to partner with community-based organizations to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease among African-Americans

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### **Institute on Culture, Ethnicity and the Modern Experience**

The *Star-Ledger* "Art Notes" for April 21 included a write-up on a planned talk by "Cadillac Chronicles" artist Bill Gaskins at Dana Library, and noted that Gaskins is an artist-in-residence at the **Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience**. The *Star Ledger* also ran an article on May 15 about the public forum "Civil Rights and Civil Unrest: Jews and Blacks in Conversation," co-sponsored by the institute.

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### **Institute on Education Law and Policy**

An April 18 *Courier-News* story on school funding mentioned a report by the **Institute on Education Law and Policy** on the state's school funding freeze and its impact on schools. *The Gloucester County Times* also cited the report's findings in an April 4 article on funding for school districts.

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### **John Cotton Dana Library**

The *Star-Ledger's* art critic, Dan Bischoff, favorably reviewed an exhibition at Dana Library, "Selected Works of Art and Architecture -- Troy West: the Newark Years." The article appeared in the March 23 edition.

*New Jersey Monthly* magazine's March edition noted that **Dan Morgenstern**, director of the Institute of Jazz Studies, had just been named a Jazz Master by the National Endowment for the Arts.

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### **Paul Robeson Gallery**

The **Paul Robeson Gallery** exhibition, "Imago: The Drama of Self-Portraiture in Recent Photography," was spotlighted in the *Home News Tribune's* "off the wall" arts section on March 23. The exhibition was the

subject of a comprehensive feature story in the *Star-Ledger* by its art critic, Dan Bischoff, on March 11, as well as a listing in his column on March 22.

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### **Student Newsmakers**

*Star-Ledger* columnist Bob Braun profiled several members of the Class of 2007 in three separate columns. On April 30, he profiled NCAS graduate **Daphne Davilie**; on April 26, **Rutgers Law School-Newark** graduate **Ron White**; and on April 23, husband and wife PhD recipients, **Vahid Tohidi** and **Bahareh Hassanzadeh, Graduate School-Newark**. **White** also was profiled in the *Northern Valley Suburbanite* on April 23 and the *Jewish Standard* in January.

NCAS students **Sequoia Earl** and **Cindy Benjamin-Lowcre** appeared in photos of Earth Day activities on the campus in the April 26 *Star-Ledger*.

The May 2 *Record* (Hackensack) cited the DeStress program at R-N as one of the ways that colleges are helping students cope with final exam pressures, and quoted both **Pamela Heard** and an anonymous R-N student about the program. Heard is director of psychological counseling services.

The March 1 *Star-Ledger* reported that the Newark City Council had honored the (NCAS) student members of the **R-N Fed Challenge** team, along with their advisor, economics chair **John Graham**, at a council meeting. The council presented Graham and the team with framed copies of a resolution applauding their accomplishments.

*DiGiTAL50.com* reported April 19 on the results of the NYSSA Investment Research Challenge, in which a team of **Rutgers Business School** students placed second.

An April 14 *Star-Ledger* editorial addressing the partnership of five Middlesex County school districts, mentioned the advisory role played by the student consulting team from the **Rutgers Business School's** Interfunctional Management Consulting Program.

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## **Alumni Newsmakers**

### **School of Law-Newark**

The *New Jersey Law Journal* (April 23) and *New Jersey Lawyer* (April 30) reported that first-year student **Asha Abraham** was selected by Sills Cummis Epstein & Gross P.C. as the first Charles J. Walsh Scholar.

The appointment of law school alumnus **Dennis Baptista** as Phillipsburg municipal judge was noted by *The Express Times* on April 5.

*epluribusmedia.org* (March 15) and the *Staten Island Advance* (March 21) noted that **Margaret Chiara**, one of the eight fired federal prosecutors, is a 1979 graduate of the law school.

The May 1 *Home News Tribune* noted that **Judge Travis Francis '81** has been named assignment judge for Middlesex County Superior Court. He is the county's first African-American Superior Court assignment judge.

The May 6 *Star-Ledger* featured a profile of **Angelo J. Genova '78** and his work as chair of the 2007 Greater Newark Fresh Air Fund. Genova is a partner in Genova Burns & Vernoia.

The May 10 *New Jersey Law Journal* reported that the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the nomination of **Rosemary Ramsay '89** and **Michael Wright '89** as new Superior Court judges in Morris County. If confirmed Wright, chief assistant prosecutor in Morris County, would be the county's first African-American judge. Ramsay is a partner in Lowenstein Sandler PC.

A profile of **Jennifer Velez '96**, acting commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, ran in the March 25 *New York Times*.

### **Newark College of Arts & Sciences**

The March 14 *HeraldNews* reported that an immigration judge had allowed an R-N alumna to seek a green card, rather than deporting her. Because **Sharon Nyantekyi** ('06) had not known her family

had illegally brought her into the US as a child, the judge ruled, she should not be punished by deportation.

The mother of **Jason Surks**, a Rutgers-Newark student who died of a prescription drug overdose in December 2003, was featured in a *Star-Ledger* article about her efforts to have the state of New Jersey adopt "Jason's Law." Linda Surks wants officials to publicize the dangers of abusing prescription medications purchased over the Internet.

### **Rutgers Business School**

**Richard R. Sarles** (EMBA '84), has been named the new director of NJ Transit. (NorthJersey.com, April 2, 2007)



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