



LIVINGSTON AWARDS

LIVINGSTON LEGACY &
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to our 2018 Livingston College Distinguished Alumni and Livingston Legacy Awards. Thank you for joining us to celebrate the best and brightest of our college.

As we celebrate the outstanding achievements of tonight's honorees, we reflect on the core values of Livingston: social responsibility, cultural awareness, strength through diversity, critical thinking, and becoming responsible leaders. These values help to guide us everyday in both our personal life and our careers.

Events and programs such as tonight's dinner are organized by a dedicated group of Livingston Alumni Association members. I invite you to get involved and help us continue to build on Livingston's legacy.

In Rutgers Spirit,
Eric Schwarz LC'92, SCILS'92,'07
President, Livingston Alumni Association

ABOUT THE AWARDS

In September 2000, the LAA established its Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest award the LAA and Livingston College bestowed upon an alumnus/a. The award, given every two years, is presented to those alumni who have distinguished themselves by achievements in their field of endeavor, the leadership they exhibited, and the overall benefits to society resulting from their activities.

The Livingston Legacy Award was established in 2009 to recognize faculty and staff who played a key role in the establishment and growth of Livingston College and its mission, and who have contributed to the overall Rutgers and global communities.



**LIVINGSTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS**

**LIVINGSTON COLLEGE
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI
& LEGACY AWARDS
2018**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018 AT 6PM
AT THE RUTGERS CLUB, LIVINGSTON CAMPUS**



Welcome & Introductions

Dinner Buffet & Dessert

Presentation and Induction of Awardees

Livingston Legacy Award
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2018 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREES



STACI BERGER LC'94, EJB/GSNB'04

Staci Berger is the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey (HCDNNJ), a statewide association which supports the creation of affordable homes and community development in New Jersey. She is a recognized expert on housing and community development issues sought by national, regional and local press.

Berger previously served as HCDNNJ's Director of Advocacy and Policy, responsible for leading the community development policy staff team, including working with the policy coordinator and field organizers, to broaden and mobilize support for the network's public policy agenda.

Berger previously worked for nine years with New Jersey Citizen Action (NJCA), where she devised and implemented political, legislative, and electoral strategy for the state's largest nonprofit, non-partisan independent watchdog coalition. She continues to serve on the NJCA's Board of Directors.



JEANIE BRYSON LC'81

Jeanie Bryson is a vocalist of jazz, pop and Latin songs whose style has often been described as "intimate." A "world-class jazz department" at Rutgers and one of her professors, Kenny Barron, inspired in her a love of jazz singing, Bryson has said.

She has also been greatly influenced by her parents, the songwriter Connie Bryson and the late jazz trumpeter-singer-composer Dizzy Gillespie. For Gillespie's 90th birthday in 2007 (he had died in 1993) Bryson created and performed a concert tribute, The Dizzy Songbook, which played at the Guinness Jazz Festival and toured.

She left her day job in 1987 to sing full time. In 1996, music writer Peter Watrous noted the "conversational level" of her performance at the Village Vanguard.

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EVERETTE B. PENN LC'91

Dr. Everette B. Penn is working to transform the relationship between youth and law enforcement. In 2011, Penn co-founded the Teen and Police Service (TAPS) Academy in Houston, Texas, and continues to serve as its principal investigator. TAPS uses evidence-based results to reduce the social distance between youth, law enforcement and their communities.

Penn is currently writing the book *Police and YOUTH*, which presents the importance of, and methods to achieve, better police and citizen (youth) relations.

Penn is a Professor at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL), where he teaches graduate-level courses in Race and Crime, and Criminology. He also has served as Social and Behavioral Sciences Division Chair at UHCL. In Houston, he has hosted podcasts and spoken on several panels for Houston Public Media, on community-police relations and “spending time with people who don’t look like us,” among other topics.



CARLYLE E. SHELTON JR LC'80

Carlyle E. (Carl) Shelton Jr. is currently the Deputy Inspector General of the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) since January 2009. Shelton’s 30-year career as a Marine infantry officer spans 61 countries, two wars, the Los Angeles riots, and humanitarian and disaster relief operations at home and abroad. His vast array of assignments includes command at the platoon, company and battalion levels.

Shelton is the most senior civilian authority within the Office of Inspector General of the Marine Corps (IGMC). The IGMC promotes Marine Corps combat readiness, institutional integrity, effectiveness, discipline and credibility, through impartial and independent inspections, assessments, inquiries, investigations and training. Shelton reports to the Secretary of the Navy for Marine Corps matters and assists the Commandant of the Marine Corps with his constitutional responsibility to organize, train and equip Marine forces for worldwide deployments.

His personal accolades includes the Department of Defense Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with four Gold Stars), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and numerous unit citations and medals.

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ROBERT W. SNYDER LC'77

Robert W. Snyder is a Professor of Journalism and American Studies at Rutgers–Newark. He writes widely on New York City history and journalism. From 2000 to 2005 he served as director of the Journalism program in Rutgers–Newark’s Department of Arts, Culture and Media, and from 2009 to 2014 as director of the graduate program in American Studies.

In addition to teaching at Rutgers–Newark and elsewhere, Snyder has worked as journalist, a journal editor, and a documentarian. He has carried out projects with journalists, museum curators, and documentarians to share history with a broad public. He has written widely and lectured on New York City history, oral history, workers, the media, painting and the arts, and other topics.

He is the author of *Crossing Broadway: Washington Heights and the Promise of New York City*; *The Voice of the City: Vaudeville and Popular Culture in New York*; and *Transit Talk: New York’s Bus and Subway Workers Tell Their Stories*.



MARIE VARGHESE LC'03

Marie Varghese is the Senior Advisor and Campus Trainer for the CUNY Start program At Bronx Community College, part of the City University of New York (CUNY). She helps students, activists and others to “survive and thrive” through her mentorship and support. In her writing, she explores the contours of immigrant family life, queer (in)visibility, spirit, grief and resilience.

Varghese works with students to develop and implement individualized plans to succeed in their first year of college. While supporting students on campus, she focuses on three interdependent areas of college success: academic content, academic behaviors, and academic systems.

Her poem, “Rearranging the Bones,” was recently published in *Imaniman: Poets Writing in the Anzaldúan Borderlands* in homage to Gloria Anzaldúa and her iconic work *Borderlands/La Frontera*. She is also an alumna of Voices of Our Nations Arts Foundation, a national network for writers of color.

2018 LIVINGSTON LEGACY INDUCTEES



MICHAEL R. GREENBERG

Michael R. Greenberg studies environmental health, environmental policy and risk analysis. He is the 2017-2018 Interim Dean and a Distinguished Professor of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers

University-New Brunswick.

Greenberg joined the faculty at Rutgers' Livingston College in September 1971, as an associate professor of urban planning, urban studies and geography. He served as a Livingston College Fellow. He also served on Livingston College's appointments and promotions (A&P) and academic standing committees; and led in building the undergraduate community health program, which became the undergraduate public health program. He and Bernard Goldstein of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) worked to establish what became the Rutgers School of Public Health. Greenberg has written more than 30 books and more than 300 articles on topics including water supply and quality, solid waste management, mathematical programming, population and employment projection methods, and environmental cancer.



WELLS HAMILTON KEDDIE

Wells Hamilton Keddie (1925-2006), was a Professor of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at Rutgers. Keddie was well-known for being outspoken about workers' rights, animal rights and social justice. Even after

his 2005 retirement from active teaching, Keddie regularly visited classes in the Labor Studies Department, particularly an introductory level class he helped shape. Keddie was the first director of Bachelor of Science in Labor Studies degree at Livingston College. He was hired as what he called a "one-person Department of Labor Studies at Livingston College" in 1972.

Keddie was a stalwart in the faculty union, the American Association of University Professors-American Federation of Teachers (AAUP-AFT), serving in virtually every leadership capacity, including several terms as president. At the time of his death, he was serving as vice president of the AAUP's New Jersey State Conference. Keddie was the first director of Bachelor of Science in Labor Studies degree at Livingston College, starting when the college opened in 1969, according to a history of Rutgers' Institute of Management and Labor Relations.

PAST INDUCTEES

Distinguished Alumni Award

NDIDI N. AMUTAH '03, academic and advocate in health disparities, reproductive health, infant mortality and HIV/AIDS in ethnic minority populations.

ROBERT BERTRAND '01, Chief Technology Officer at WAMU-FM 88.5.

AVERY BROOKS '73, actor and tenured professor at the Mason Gross School of the Arts.

GREG Q. BROWN '82, CEO of Motorola Solutions.

FRANK CARVILL '75, a member of the NJ National Guard serving in Iraq where he was killed when his convoy was ambushed by a roadside explosive device in Baghdad.

KENNETH COP '95, Executive Director of Public Safety and Chief of Rutgers Police.

GINA COLLINS CUMMINGS '84, director of Constituency Outreach for Physicians for Human Rights (PHR).

THE HONORABLE JUSTICE THOMAS F. DALEY '75, appellate judge in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeal in Louisiana.

MARLA DIAMOND '92, reporter for WCBS Newsradio 880 and has won the Art Athens Award for General Excellence in radio reporting.

NICHOLAS FERRONI '03, educator and historian who has received national attention for his unique and innovative mentoring methodology.

COLLEEN FRASER '74, an advocate for people with disabilities for 20 years.

JESSIE J. HANNA '07, founder of the Sean Hanna Foundation provides assistance to families and organizations battling cancer.

MARK HELIAS '74, a world-renowned bassist and composer.

RIKI JACOBS '80, was executive director of the largest private AIDS support agency in New Jersey.

FRANCOISE JACOBSON '78, project manager for Equality Works, Legal Momentum's economic justice program focusing on expanding women's participation in high-paying non-traditional employment, and is a former president of NOW-NYC.

EDWARD E. JOHNSON, JR '79, chief operating officer of Advent Capital Management, LLC. Named to Black Enterprise Magazine's Top 50 African Americans on Wall Street.

EDDIE JORDAN '77, SMLR'15 Rutgers and NBA basketball coach.

LIZA KIRSCHENBAUM '87, the founding state director of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Jersey.

SUSAN KILLE '74, editor of the in-house wire service connecting 14 regional newspapers of The New York Times Company.

CLIFTON R. LACY '75, president and chief executive officer for Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

MICHAEL C. LARACY '74, responsible for setting the grant-making agenda and initiatives in income security.

DAVID A. LASKOW, MD '77, chief of the kidney and pancreas transplant service at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Professor of Surgery at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

JOHN S. LIPORI '75, executive vice president and chief trust officer of The Bank of New York.

PAST INDUCTEES

ANDREA D. LYON '73, nationally recognized expert in the field of death penalty defense.

MARTHA NELL SMITH '85, an award-winning author and professor of English and founding director of the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities (MITH) at the University of Maryland.

STEVEN D. PLOFKER '78, real estate developer and attorney.

ALFRED E. RAMEY, JR '74, counsel to the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards and an assistant attorney general for the State of New Jersey.

DEBORAH STOKES '74, Curator for Education, Head of K-12 and Teacher Programs with the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art.

HARRY V. SWAYNE III '90, defensive tackle for the Scarlet Knights from 1983-1986 and member of four NFL Super Bowl teams.

Seth Dvorin '02 Distinguished Young Alumni Award

KEVIN APUZZIO '06, emergency medical technician in Rutgers Department of Emergency Services before his death in April 2006, trying to save someone in a house fire.

KAREN ROGERS '92, weather and traffic anchor for the morning newscast on WPVI-TV (6ABC) Action News in Philadelphia.

GREGG SPIRIDELLIS '93, the co-owner of JibJab Media.

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Livingston Legacy Awards

JEROME AUMENTE founding chairperson of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies and helped design the School of Communication, Information and Library Studies.

MARIA CANINO was the founder of the Rutgers Department of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Caribbean Studies in 1970 and served as its chair until 1982.

ROGER COHEN RC'65, radio news and sports journalist and longtime faculty member.

LEROY HAINES '71, retired director of residence life for Livingston College.

WILSON CAREY McWILLIAMS, political scientist at Livingston College and Rutgers University for 35 years.

EDWARD G. ORTIZ began as an associate professor of the Rutgers Department of Community Development, later renamed the Department of Urban Studies and Community Health, in 1970 and served as chair of the department from 1985 until his retirement in 2001.

GERALD POMPER, a founding member of Livingston College and professor of Political Science.

LARRY RIDLEY, the chief architect of the Rutgers undergraduate and graduate jazz performance degrees programs, and has performed and recorded extensively.

GORDON SCHOCHET, professor emeritus of political science and founding editor of the journal Hebraic Political Studies. He taught at Rutgers for 44 years, and was the last member of the Livingston planning group on the active teaching faculty.

SPECIAL THANKS

Dean Lea Stewart
The Rutgers Club
Zimmerli Art Museum
Luis Largo

ABOUT LIVINGSTON COLLEGE

Founded in 1969 as the first coeducational, residential liberal arts college at Rutgers University's New Brunswick-Piscataway campus, Livingston embodied the spirit of social responsibility and cultural awareness demanded by students of the time. Livingston College prepared students to think critically and to become responsible leaders through 2010, until a merger with other undergraduate colleges in New Brunswick. Livingston Campus continues to thrive, boasting some of the university's most notable innovations in academics, professional education, the arts, athletics and student life.

Relive your memories at livingstonalumni.org with the The Livingston Legacy Project where you can find scanned yearbooks, articles and more!



LIVINGSTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Livingston Alumni Association, an official charter group of the Rutgers University Alumni Association, is committed to connecting students, faculty and alumni in a diverse learning community. With generous support from alumni and friends, the LAA provides numerous opportunities for students, as well as stimulating programs and outreach opportunities that strengthen and enhance the connections among Livingston alumni, friends, faculty, administrators, staff and students.

For more information visit www.livingstonalumni.org

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