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THE NICHOLAS MARTINI CONFERENCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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THEME

In New Jersey, perhaps more than anywhere else, politics have been shaped by the overlapping of urban, suburban, and rural ideals and constituencies. Over the course of its history, the state has built up an incredible number of municipalities—566 at last count—and a dizzying array of political and administrative structures for allocating assets, resources, and responsibilities. In the conference's morning session, historians will discuss New Jersey's unique situation, focusing on the complex political interactions of urban and suburban communities. The key role of former Mayor Nicholas Martini of Passaic will be highlighted. The afternoon panel of elected public officials will discuss the pragmatic realities and challenges of growth and sustainability faced by twenty-first century Garden State residents.

CONFERENCE LEARNER OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the conference, participants will be able to:

- Identify historical precedents that have shaped current social and political issues in northern New Jersey
- Define the significance of Nicholas Martini in the politics and history of Passaic County
- Describe measures that local government may take to mediate the tensions between suburban and urban New Jersey communities
- Distinguish the impact of alternative plans for solving New Jersey's current socioeconomic problems.

SPEAKERS

Lizabeth Cohen, *"The Heartland of the Consumers' Republic: New Jersey's Landscape of Mass Consumption"*

Professor Cohen is the Howard Mumford Jones Professor of American Studies in the history department of Harvard University. Her recent works include *A Consumers' Republic: The Politics of Mass Consumption in Postwar America*, in which New Jersey figures prominently.

Michael H. Ebner, *"Becoming Nicholas Martini in Twentieth Century America: A Passaic Story"*

Professor Ebner is the A.B. Dick Professor of History at Lake Forest College where he has received several awards for excellence in teaching. He was born in Paterson and raised in Clifton and Passaic. His doctoral dissertation focused on the urbanization of Passaic.

William J. Martini (Commentator), *Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey*

Prior to his appointment as judge of the United States District Court, Martini held elected offices in Clifton and Passaic County. From 1995-97, he was a representative from New Jersey's Eighth Congressional District in the 104th United States Congress. He is the nephew of former Passaic Mayor Nicholas Martini.

PANELISTS

Michael Aron (Moderator), *Senior Political Correspondent, New Jersey Public Television & Radio (New Jersey Network)*
Aron cohosts and produces *Reporters Roundtable with Michael Aron* and frequently hosts *On the Record*, NJN's weekly public affairs program.

Nia H. Gill, *New Jersey State Senator*

Prior to her election to the New Jersey State Senate, Gill served as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly from 1993 to 2001.

Scott Rumana, *Mayor of Wayne*

Rumana is an attorney completing his first term as mayor of Wayne. Prior to his election, he was a Passaic County freeholder and held various township offices.

Jose Torres, *Mayor of Paterson*

A former businessman and official in the Paterson Housing Authority and City Council, Torres became the first Latino elected mayor of Paterson in 2002.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

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1. Send registration form and payment to: **Center for Continuing Education and Distance Learning, William Paterson University**, 1600 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 07474-0913. Registration fee is \$40. *Confirmation of registration will be sent via e-mail.*
2. Make checks payable to William Paterson University.
3. Refunds: Written notice of withdrawal is required to receive a refund. A full refund (less a \$15 administrative fee) will be given prior to October 17, 2005.
4. For further information about registration, contact Iris DiMaio at 973.720.2491 or via e-mail at DiMaioI@wpunj.edu.
5. For more information about the conference, visit www.wpunj.edu/cedl or contact Robert Wolk at 973.720.2289 or WolkR@wpunj.edu.