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Bloustein School Student and Academic Services Notice September 2010

Items:

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2. Special Events Forum Lectures, Events for Fall
3. Undergraduate Advising Session
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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 several events scheduled in the school's **Special Events Forum** this Fall, among them with topics including: poverty and inequality, globally sustainable health care, and waterfront planning and civic engagement. More information on them 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 Friday, October 29th from 11:00am -- 1:00pm in the Civic Square Building Room 170. 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 or visit <http://www.policy.rutgers.edu/undergrad>.

4. The Bloustein School requires **all graduate students** to be certified in **Human Subjects Certification Training**. There is an online process and certification required, and students receive the training necessary to become certified in Human Subjects Protection and can participate work in classrooms, 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 online process completes this certification. Upon completion, a copy of your certificate is required to be turned in to Lynn Astorga, our Coordinator of Graduate Student Services. To learn more about the certification and to complete the process, please visit <http://orsp.rutgers.edu/Humans/hscp.php>.

5. Everyone is invited to attend the annual **Bloustein School Fall B-B-Q** to be held on Wednesday, September 8th 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. Please be sure to RSVP by Friday, September 3rd at rsvp@policy.rutgers.edu. Please put "BBQ" in the subject line.

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 10th at 10:30 am in the 5th floor computer lab. Please RSVP by Friday, September 3rd at 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 **Wednesday, September 22nd at 7 pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room of the College Ave. Student Center.

8. On Friday September 24th, second year MPP (Master of Public Policy) students will be holding their annual **Applied Field Experience (AFE) Presentations** all day in various rooms at the school 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. 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.