

# Communicating Science with Decision-makers

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Mondays 6:10pm-8:40pm

Location: Rutgers Bloustein School

- Are you a student in a multidisciplinary graduate program who wants to build bridges between science and decision-makers?
- Are you a graduate student in the sciences who wants to be more effective at making sure your science has impact?

**Join us for this dynamic 3-credit course that will provide you with skills that you will use throughout your career to effectively work with all types of stakeholders and decision-makers on science-informed issues. Topics include:**

- ✓ Participatory processes and stakeholder engagement
- ✓ Effective writing on science-related topics for diverse audiences
- ✓ How to give a good presentation
- ✓ Ensuring equity in two-way science communication
- ✓ Communicating science uncertainty
- ✓ The role of values in science-informed decision-making

## Co-instructors

**Ashlyn Spector** and **Janine Barr** are Senior Research Specialists and *science communicators* in Rutgers Bloustein School's Environmental Analysis & Communications Group.

Ashlyn's current work focuses on enhancing climate resilience and natural hazards planning in collaboration with state agencies, communities, and non-profits. Ashlyn has a BS in Geology (University of Florida) and a MS in Earth Science (Rutgers University). She has previously worked for the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee on oceans, fisheries, manufacturing, and climate issues.



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Janine's current work focuses on natural resource management and community resilience in New Jersey in collaboration with stakeholders, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, non-profits, and academics. Janine has a BS in Biology and Environmental Studies (Gettysburg College) and a MS in Oceanography (Rutgers University). She has over 4.5 years of federal policy experience working for the Department of State, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Graduate students from all disciplines are welcome in this class.**

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