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SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday, December 4th, 2013
Cumberland County College, 1:00-4:00 PM

**Changes Across the Region:
People, Economy, and Well Being**
Presented by Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn, Ph.D.

Dr. Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn, Assistant Professor of Public Policy at Rutgers University-Camden, will outline his emerging research on population changes, economic development and public health in South Jersey.

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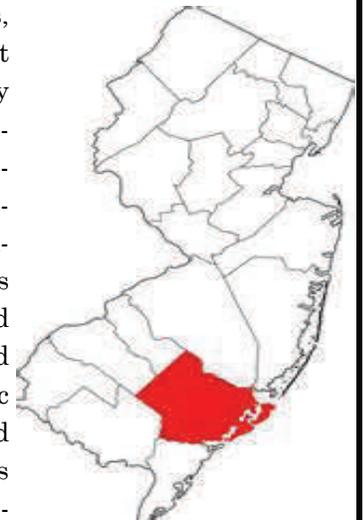
Fall 2013 Faculty Fellow

Dr. Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn

Dr. Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn received his Ph.D. in the field of public policy and political economy from the University of Texas at Dallas. He is currently Assistant Professor of Public Policy in the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Rutgers-Camden and the Data Center Manager at the Center for Urban Research and Education (CURE). He currently teaches graduate courses on Regional and Economic Development, Quantitative Methods, and Geographic Information Systems. He pursues research related to happiness, subjective quality of life and the impact of nature on physical and mental health. His research at WRI focuses on demographics, economy, and well-being across the South Jersey region. He will be presenting his findings at the WRI Forum about South Jersey on December 4. This presentation will address significant policy issues that are impacting the counties of Southern New Jersey. Researchers, government officials, policy makers, and other stakeholders are invited to be a part of this timely discussion.

Spotlight on Atlantic County

Encompassing 561 square miles, Atlantic County is the 3rd largest county in the State of New Jersey and is comprised of 23 municipalities. Comparable to most of Southern New Jersey, a large percentage of the 561 square miles consists of open space. The county has 100,294 acres of open space owned by municipal, county, state and federal governments. Atlantic County is the 6th least populated of the 21 New Jersey counties as well as the 6th least densely populated county. The most recent population estimate for 2012 is 275,422, which is an increase of 9% from the 2000 U.S. Census and outpaces New Jersey's 5% population increase over the same period. The highest populated municipality in the county is Atlantic City (40,517), while the least populated municipality is Corbin City (468). In terms of both housing and population density, the eastern border is more densely populated than the rest of the county.



There are a number of other issues affecting both Atlantic County and the Southern New Jersey region. Visit our website and read our profile of Atlantic County to get a broad look at data in other policy areas. Also, stay tuned for our next feature on Burlington County.

SPOTLIGHT

- Spencer Clayton is a new Graduate Assistant for the 2013-14 year. He is a third year student in the Ph.D program in public affairs. At WRI, he researches topics related to South Jersey including the socioeconomic and policy-related factors inhibiting and encouraging voter turnout.
- Tina Markowitz joined WRI as the Administrative Assistant in July 2013. She has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a concentration in Health Services Administration from SUNY Fredonia.
- Joseph Harris is one of our new Project Assistants. He has a B.A. in Economics from Rutgers-Camden. He is currently working on an MPA at Rutgers-Camden.

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