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Jonathan Scott Holloway
AS THE TWENTY-FIRST PRESIDENT OF
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OF NEW JERSEY

November 5, 2021

This is what Excellence looks like

RUTGERS
On the Cover

The university mace, an ornamental staff symbolizing the authority of the president, incorporates signs of Rutgers’ traditions and history, including the university seal. A gift to Rutgers, the mace was commissioned to commemorate the university’s bicentennial in 1966.
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Piscataway, New Jersey
Jonathan Scott Holloway, a U.S. historian, took office as the 21st president of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, on July 1, 2020. He also serves as a University Professor and Distinguished Professor.

Prior to accepting the presidency of Rutgers, Dr. Holloway was provost of Northwestern University from 2017 to 2020 and a member of the faculty of Yale University from 1999 to 2017. At Yale, he served as dean of Yale College and the Edmund S. Morgan Professor of African American Studies, History, and American Studies.

President Holloway’s scholarly work specializes in post-emancipation U.S. history with a focus on social and intellectual history.

He is the author of The Cause of Freedom: A Concise History of African Americans (Oxford University Press, February 2021) as well as Confronting the Veil: Abram Harris Jr., E. Franklin Frazier, and Ralph Bunche, 1919-1941 (2002) and Jim Crow Wisdom: Memory and Identity in

Dr. Holloway, who began his academic career at the University of California, San Diego, received a bachelor’s degree with honors in American studies from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in history from Yale University.

He serves on boards of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Universities Research Association, the Institute of International Education, and the Academic Leadership Institute. In April 2020, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy appointed him to the Governor’s Restart and Recovery Commission, and in May 2020, New Jersey Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin appointed him to his Economic Advisory Council.

Dr. Holloway is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Society of American Historians. He is a fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations.

He is married to Aisling Colón. They have a daughter, Emerson, and son, Ellison.
INAUGURATION PROGRAM

Prelude
Scarlet Knights Jazz Trombone Ensemble
Abraham Burton, Guest conductor

Processional
On the Banks of the Old Raritan (Alma Mater)
Rutgers Brass Quintet

The Academic Procession
University Gonfalonier
Members of the Board of Governors
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President of the University

Trumpet Fanfare
Fanfare from La Péri (Paul Dukas)
Rutgers Brass Quintet

Order of Exercises
Welcome
Mark A. Angelson
Chair, Board of Governors

Invocation
Rev. Micah McCreary
President, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
Rabbi Esther Reed
Interim Executive Director, Rutgers Hillel
Imam Kaiser Aslam
Muslim Chaplain, Center for Islamic Life at Rutgers
Dipal Pandya
Hindu Chaplain, Rutgers University

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Mark A. Angelson
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Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Inclusion, and Civic Engagement

On Behalf of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences
Denise Rodgers
Vice Chancellor of Interprofessional Programs

Keynote Address
Dwight McBride
President, The New School

Musical Performance
Will the Circle Be Unbroken?
Rutgers University Voorhees Choir
Brandon Williams, Conductor

Inauguration of the President
Mark A. Angelson
Chair, Board of Governors

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Chair, Board of Trustees

Inaugural Address
Jonathan Scott Holloway
President of the University

Alma Mater
Rutgers University Glee Club
Patrick Gardner, Conductor

Recessional
Trumpet Voluntary (Purcell)
Rutgers Brass Quintet
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Dean of the Honors College, Rutgers University–New Brunswick

Lee Ann Westman
Director of the Honors College, Rutgers University–Camden
ABOUT RUTGERS

Founded in 1766, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is the eighth-oldest institution of higher education in the United States and New Jersey’s preeminent, comprehensive public university. With a charter signed a decade before the start of the American Revolution, Rutgers is the nation’s only university that is a colonial college, a land-grant institution, and a leading public research university.

From its origins as a small private men’s college, Rutgers has grown to comprise main locations in three historic New Jersey cities—New Brunswick, Newark, and Camden—as well as an extensive footprint throughout the state. Rutgers acknowledges that our many holdings exist on land that is the ancestral territory of the Lenape people. We pay respect to Indigenous people throughout the Lenape diaspora—past, present, and future—and honor those who have been historically and systemically disenfranchised. We also acknowledge that Rutgers, like New Jersey and the United States as a nation, was founded upon the exclusions and erasures of Indigenous peoples.

Today’s Rutgers, ever mindful of the past and continually focused on where we are headed, is a university of opportunity that stands among America’s highest-ranked, most diverse public research universities. These distinctions propel its threefold mission: to meet the highest standards of excellence in teaching a full continuum of students, to conduct innovative research that breaks new ground and grows the economy, and to deliver services, solutions, and clinical care that help individuals and improve the local, national, and global communities where they live.

President Holloway seeks to reinforce Rutgers’ mission and build on our storied history through a vision defined by the three touchstones of his presidency: achieving the ideal of a beloved community, developing strategic institutional clarity, and relentlessly pursuing academic excellence. Underpinning that vision is President Holloway’s fundamental belief that the core responsibility of a university is to make a better world.
RUTGERS’ PAST PRESIDENTS

The 1766 Cornerstone commemorates the year of the university's original charter.

1786 to 1790  Jacob Rutsen Hardenbergh
1791 to 1795  William Linn
1795 to 1810  Ira Condict
1810 to 1825  John Henry Livingston
1825 to 1840  Philip Milledoler
1840 to 1850  Abraham Bruyn Hasbrouck
1850 to 1862  Theodore Frelinghuysen
1862 to 1882  William H. Campbell
1882 to 1890  Merrill Edward Gates
1891 to 1906  Austin Scott
1906 to 1924  William Henry Steele Demarest
1925 to 1930  John Martin Thomas
1930 to 1931  Philip M. Brett
1932 to 1951  Robert C. Clothier
1951 to 1958  Lewis Webster Jones
1959 to 1971  Mason W. Gross
1971 to 1989  Edward J. Bloustein
1990 to 2002  Francis L. Lawrence
2002 to 2012  Richard L. McCormick
2012 to 2020  Robert L. Barchi
2020 to present Jonathan Scott Holloway
TRADITIONS AND SYMBOLS

University Seal
The university seal is the official imprimatur of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. As such, it appears on official documents, such as contracts and deeds, and, most notably, on the diplomas issued to graduates of the university.

The outer ring contains the name of the university. The inner ring includes the date of Rutgers’ founding, 1766, as Queen’s College, the eighth institution of higher learning established in the American colonies. The university’s motto, “Sun of righteousness, shine upon the West also,” appears in Latin in the inner ring, surrounding a stylized sunburst. The motto is an adaptation of the motto of Utrecht University, in the Netherlands, connoting the original college’s early affiliation with the Dutch Reformed Church. It is today interpreted as a request for the enlightenment of learning to shine equally upon the New World.

University Mace
The university mace, an ornamental staff symbolizing the authority of the president, is borne before the president in academic processions by the secretary of the university.

The design of the Rutgers mace incorporates signs of the institution’s traditions and status as New Jersey’s state university. The head of the mace bears the university’s coat of arms and its seal worked in colored enamel and gold on silver, all surmounted by a facsimile of the crown of Queen Charlotte, for whom the university was originally named “Queen’s.” The staff is made of stained wood and silver on which are engraved intertwining ivy leaves, symbolizing learning; red oak leaves, representing New Jersey’s state tree; and violets, the state flower.

The mace was a gift to the university from the Raritan Valley Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management and the New Brunswick-Raritan Valley Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of Rutgers’ bicentennial commemoration in 1966. The mace was designed by J. Russell Price, director of design for the Gorham Manufacturing Company, and crafted by the Gorham silversmithing department.
Rutgers Shield

The Rutgers shield was introduced in 2015 as part of the university’s 250th Anniversary. The shield’s elements convey our past and present. The shield is divided into thirds, representing Rutgers’ deep connections to New Jersey’s three regions—north, central, and south—and denoting the university’s tripartite mission—teaching, research, and service.

Five symbolic elements both acknowledge our past and signify that as we evolve, we will uphold core values that have been integral to our identity from our earliest days.

The sunburst conveys illumination—light as metaphor for knowledge—and it is the motif of our seal and the heart of our motto, “Sun of righteousness, shine upon the West also.”

The crown represents our founding as Queen’s College, named in honor of Queen Charlotte, wife of Great Britain’s King George III who reigned over the American colonies when our charter was signed. The university’s founding in 1766 confirms its standing as one of America’s nine original colonial colleges. A decade later, as the American Revolution erupted, the college gave itself over to the cause of freedom, as all “who were able to bear arms immediately marched to oppose the enemy.”

The three stars represent the State of New Jersey, the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

The book is a timeless symbol of our enduring commitment to teaching, learning, academic inquiry, and scholarship.
The Class of 1883 Memorial Gateway is one of four entrances to the Old Queens campus.