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From the Dean



At a time when American universities increasingly seek to internationalize their scholarship and teaching, it remains crucially important that we not neglect the problems of the local communities that provide us our physical home. To this end, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and Princeton University created the Policy Research Institute for the Region (PRIOR) in 2003 to teach our students about and bring our intellectual resources to bear on the policy problems of the New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania region. While PRIOR's focus is the local region, it addresses many universal issues: quality education, migration, poverty, economic growth and opportunity, health care and environmental protection.

Under its first director, Anthony Shorris, PRIOR rapidly developed into the premier incubator of regional policy ideas. Within the past year, the institute has held conferences on such diverse topics as the effects of welfare reform, the migration of high-skilled labor, and the role of state governments in combating climate change. These meetings and the subsequent publication of their proceedings will undoubtedly affect key policy debates in the tri-state area and throughout the country.

Tony's departure for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will also be a great boon for the region, but certainly Princeton's loss. PRIOR has landed in terrific hands with the appointment of Richard Keevey as director. Rich comes to PRIOR with vast experience in government and public policy at the state

and federal levels. Most importantly, he shares the original vision of PRIOR as the conduit of the intellectual resources of a great international university toward our most pressing local problems. We can expect even bigger and better things from PRIOR under Rich's stewardship.

Nolan M. McCarty
ACTING DEAN

From the Director



Princeton University's location amounts to more than geography. In the heart of the New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania region, the University sits at the center of one of the most vibrant public policy arenas in the world, where many issues manifest themselves in some form. Looking both to capitalize on and contribute to this vitality, the Woodrow Wilson School founded the Policy Research Institute for the Region (PRIOR) four years ago.

This past year witnessed the expansion of PRIOR's role and profile. Further establishing itself as a preeminent forum for incisive discourse, the institute hosted six conferences, focusing scholars and practitioners from around the region, nation, and world on such timely and relevant subjects as human trafficking and climate change. One program literally spanned continents, linking experts in India and China with participants in Princeton for a real-time discussion of global labor trends. PRIOR also added to its impressive collection of publications, issuing a provocative consideration of the 10th anniversary of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act (TANF) and an in-depth analysis of megaregions, among other pieces.

This next year commences on a transitional note, as I begin my tenure as director. In a career that has taken me to senior management roles in state government, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Defense, I now come to PRIOR with enthusiasm for what we can accomplish. I look to build on the excellent foundation constructed by my predecessors and promote the vision that resides at the institute's core: to harness Princeton's vast resources to address the most pressing challenges in the region.

The coming months hold tremendous promise, with plans under way for a series of conferences and research projects. From an examination of the impact of the eminent-domain ruling on urban development to a reflection on the 25th anniversary of the *Mount Laurel* decision, PRIOR will work to influence regional policy advancement by generating innovative perspectives and actionable recommendations.

Overall, PRIOR will continue to pose the questions, initiate the dialogue, examine the alternatives, and propose the solutions that drive the policy agenda in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, all with a firm commitment to fulfilling the Woodrow Wilson School's mission of service to the world, the nation and, in our particular case, the region.

Richard F. Keevey
DIRECTOR

Convening



“States and Climate Change” panelists deliver remarks

Throughout the year, PRIOR convened a series of colloquia at which academics, government officials, and leaders from the private and nonprofit sectors investigated key issues and challenges in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. These gatherings yielded study, dialogue, and exposition that contributed to the enhancement of regional public policy scholarship and practice.

TANF at Ten: A Retrospective October 6, 2006

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act’s (TANF) passage, PRIOR and the Rescue Mission of Trenton collaborated on a conference to assess the progress achieved and promise unfulfilled since the implementation of the landmark reform. With a commitment to locate the human story occasionally lost in evaluation exercises, the program sought to reach beyond numbers and measurements to capture the reality endured by the men, women, and children directly affected by TANF’s implications.

The conference opened with the premiere of *Welfare as We Know It*, a documentary by Ted Alcorn and LynNell Hancock that supplied faces and voices to the overall portrait by chronicling the experiences of four recipients of TANF assistance. Congressman Charles Rangel, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, delivered a keynote address that drew on personal and historical references to outline strategies designed to ameliorate the plight of the nation’s impoverished.

Individual research presentations by Georgetown University’s Peter Edelman, Mathematica’s Robert Wood, and the Urban Institute’s Olivia Golden on lessons learned over the decade and TANF’s future prompted meaningful exchanges among panelists from Columbia University, New York University, the Community Service Society, and the William Penn Foundation. The event also saw the release of the Global Strategy Group’s survey results on the perceptions of poverty and assistance within New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Marshaling Every Resource: State and Local Responses to Human Trafficking *December 1, 2006*

In December 2006, PRIOR partnered with the Vera Institute of Justice to address the insidious practice of human trafficking and the attendant policy challenges the matter raises within the region. “Marshaling Every Resource: State and Local Responses to Human Trafficking” substantively explored the trends of state-sponsored anti-trafficking legislation in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, highlighting how widely and thoroughly this issue of global origin and scope has permeated the jurisdiction of states and localities.

Research presented by Jim Finckenauer and Min Liu of Rutgers University illuminated the overall data deficit with respect to trafficking and endorsed methods geared toward prevention, prosecution, and protection. Amy Farrell of Northeastern University provided a broad overview of legislative responses to trafficking by states, while Daniel Tichenor of Rutgers University underscored how coalitions and interest groups have succeeded in heightening awareness and bringing about effective legislative measures.

Panelists representing entities such as Safe Horizon, the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services, the New Jersey State Senate, the Vital Voices Global Partnership, and the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services built on the research to lend insights into best practices and next steps.

Movement of Global Talent: The Impact of High-Skill Labor Flows from India and China *December 7 and 8, 2006*

The fluid movement of human capital over international borders sounds economic, political, and social reverberations that echo across global and regional landscapes. In December 2006, PRIOR joined the Center for the Advanced Study of India at the University of Pennsylvania, the Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program, the World Bank, and the Global Development Learning Network to shed light on the far-reaching influences of this high-skilled talent migration on New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, as well as on the specific source countries of India and China.

The symposium, which consisted of two sessions, began with research presentations by David Zweig of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and Devesh Kapur, director of the University of Pennsylvania’s Center for the Advanced Study of India. A transcontinental dialogue on the findings then occurred live via video-conference. The discussion included, from New Delhi, World Bank Senior Economist Mark Dutz; from Shanghai, Johnson Cao of the Shanghai National Accounting Institute and Huiyao (Henry) Wang of the China Western Returned Scholars Association Chamber of Commerce; from Washington, D.C., the Global Development Learning Network’s Juan Blasquez Ancin; and, from Princeton, David Good of the Tata Group and Xu Xin of the Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program.

The second session, held the following day, included presentations by Rachel Friedberg from Brown University and John McHale from Queen’s University on the impact of highly skilled Chinese and Indian workers on the regional economy. Loyola Marymount University’s Edward

Park shared his perspective on the phenomenon of H-1B workers, while B. Lindsay Lowell of Georgetown University concentrated on how federal immigration policies govern the exchange of talent between India, China, and the United States. The event was complemented by remarks from panelists representing organizations such as the United States Department of Homeland Security, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the American Council of International Personnel, and the Regional Plan Association.

The Economic Geography of Megaregions

February 9, 2007

The intermingling of economic activity, commercial exchanges, social networks, and travel patterns among proximate metropolitan locations has written the concept of megaregion into the public policy lexicon. This categorization carries with it a host of questions regarding how leaders and planners might harness the potential of these agglomerations to enhance the quality of life and heighten competitive advantages. Guided by these overarching objectives, PRIOR and the Regional Plan Association convened a roundtable of leading scholars and regional planning practitioners to discuss potential frameworks within which to approach the challenges related to megaregions.

Following opening remarks by Regional Plan Association President Robert Yaro on the need to promote strategies attuned to the unique dynamics of megaregions, Edward Glaeser of Harvard University offered observations based on his comparative analysis of 10 megaregions in the United States, and Columbia University's Saskia Sassen critiqued the suggested benefits of framing policy decisions within the context of megaregions. Princeton's Paul Krugman and Kip Bergstrom, executive director of the Rhode Island Economic Policy Council, provided in-depth responses to assertions made in the featured papers, which prompted extensive input from an audience of experts in business and urban planning, most notably Robert Geddes, the former dean of Princeton's School of Architecture.



Harvard University Professor Edward Glaeser speaks during “The Economic Geography of Megaregions”

States and Climate Change: Leaders or Lab Rats?

March 30, 2007

With the conference “States and Climate Change: Leaders or Lab Rats?”, PRIOR and partner organization Environmental Defense gathered scholars, industry leaders, and advocates to examine the intent, breadth, and efficacy of initiatives undertaken in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania to respond to the looming challenge of climate change, specifically measures aimed at the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Moreover, the event served to generate ideas about what to do to advance the issue regionally and nationally.

The presentation of original research drove the day's agenda, with Clinton Andrews of Rutgers University speaking on energy technology options within the region, the University of New Hampshire's Stacy VanDeveer and Boston University's Henrik Selin examining climate-change innovations enacted in various states, and Dallas Burtraw of Resources for the Future and William Shobe of the University of Virginia touching on how states have influenced the national debate on climate policy.



Attendees watch the proceedings at “States and Climate Change”



Clinton Andrews of Rutgers University offers remarks during “States and Climate Change”

The conference featured remarks by Princeton’s Robert Socolow and Peter Goldmark, director of Environmental Defense’s Climate and Air Program, as well as a keynote address detailing New Jersey’s plan for climate change delivered by Lisa Jackson, commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection. The event included commentary by representatives of the Regional Plan Association, PSE&G, the New York State Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and the Center for Climate Strategies.

Diversity in Black America: Policy and Politics of Immigrant and Native-Born Communities

May 4, 2007

Seeking to augment popular political discourse on Black America, PRIOR and the Princeton University Center for African American Studies hosted a forum to explore current social, political, and economic interactions between native-born and immigrant black communities in the region. “Diversity in Black America: Policy and Politics of Immigrant and Native-Born Communities” brought together diverse outlooks to inform public initiatives and policies ranging from minority-focused economic development and educational diversity programs to national debates on immigration and labor laws.

In addition to remarks by Princeton’s Stanley Katz and Kwame Anthony Appiah, the event featured Princeton sociologist Douglas Massey’s demographic analyses of black students of immigrant origin, as well as contributions by Camille Charles, director of the Center for Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, on the mapping of racial identities among native, immigrant, and mixed-race black populations. The forum also included research by Kimberly Torres of Princeton University and Philip Kasinitz of Hunter College.

Connecting



New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Commissioner Lisa Jackson addresses students

PRIOR facilitated exchanges between Princeton's faculty and students and the region's government officials, public servants, and leaders from the business and nonprofit sectors. The institute also strengthened ties to other policy-oriented entities, in order to extend the benefits of these shared resources throughout the region.

INNOVATIVE PRACTICES LUNCH SERIES

PRIOR continued to provide Woodrow Wilson School faculty and undergraduate and graduate students with access and exposure to many of the region's leading policymakers through the Innovative Practices Lunch Series. These informal, weekly sessions have sparked research interests, opened doors to career opportunities, and enabled attendees to establish contacts with practitioners.

Speakers hailed from across the three states and represented a diverse cross-section of the public and nonprofit sectors, lending insights and leading explorations of topics that included workforce development, transportation, education, urban development and environmental protection. Speakers included:

John Delaney Jr., Founder, Youth Violence Reduction Partnership and Deputy District Attorney, City of Philadelphia

Shaun Donovan, Commissioner, New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development

John Feinblatt, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Office of the Mayor, New York City

Greg Goldman, CEO, Wireless Philadelphia

Sara Horowitz, Founder, Freelancers Union and Working Today

Lisa Jackson, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

John "Bo" Kemp, Business Administrator, City of Newark

Kris Kolluri, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation

Jane Oates, Executive Director, New Jersey Commission on Higher Education

Robert Walsh, Commissioner, New York City Department of Small Business Services

Sheena Wright, President and CEO, Abyssinian Development Corporation

Ken Zimmerman, Chief Counsel, Office of the Governor, State of New Jersey

EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS

PRIOR amplified the policy dialogue throughout the region and beyond by forging ongoing, collaborative partnerships with leading academic centers and entities devoted to the advancement of policy goals. These relationships have served to enhance the depth and texture of the region's research activities and to author creative approaches to the region's foremost policy challenges.

Partnerships included:

Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at the Bloustein School of Policy and Planning,
Rutgers University

Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University of School of Law

Center for Advanced Study of India at the University of Pennsylvania

Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania

Institute for Urban Research at the University of Pennsylvania

John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at the Bloustein School of Policy and
Planning, Rutgers University

National Governors Association

New Jersey Future

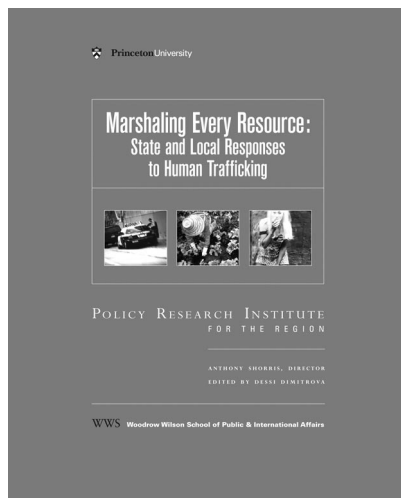
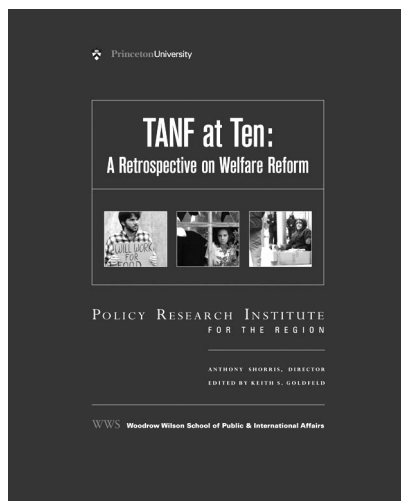
New York Academy of Science

Regional Plan Association

Rescue Mission of Trenton

Vera Institute of Justice

Creating



PUBLICATIONS

PRIOR added several new volumes this past year to a growing collection of publications. These works represent the culmination of the institute's mission to deliver original research and ideas gleaned from the conferences to a wide audience of scholars, leaders, and practitioners.

SPONSORED RESEARCH

- “Do Regional Economies Need Regional Coordination?” by Edward Glaeser, Harvard University
- “Megaregions: Benefits Beyond Sharing Trains and Parking Lots?” by Saskia Sassen, Columbia University
- “State Law and Human Trafficking” by Jim Finckenauer and Min Liu, Rutgers University
- “State Human Trafficking Legislation” by Amy Farrell, Northeastern University
- “The Politics of Modern Slavery in America: Advocacy Groups and Human Trafficking Reform” by Daniel Tichenor
- “The Mobility of Chinese Human Capital: The View from the United States” by David Zweig, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- “The Economic Impact of International Migration from India” by Devesh Kapur, University of Pennsylvania
- “The Economic Impact of Knowledge Workers from India and China” by Rachel Friedberg, Brown University
- “Tales of Talent: The Impact of Highly Skilled Chinese and Indians on the Regional Economy” by John McHale, Queen’s University
- “Unworthy of a Nation Built by Immigrants: The Political Mobilization of H-1B Workers” by Edward Park, Loyola Marymount University

“Federal Immigration Policies and the Movement of Chinese and Indian Knowledge Workers to and from the United States” by B. Lindsay Lowell, Georgetown University

“Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: The World of Welfare Reform from the Perspective of 2006” by Peter Edelman, Georgetown University Law Center

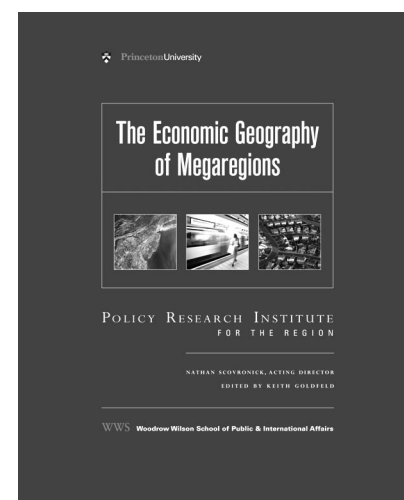
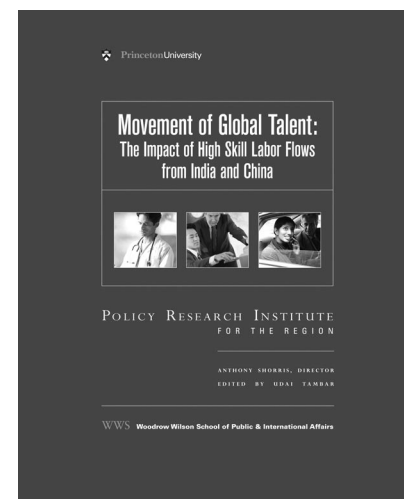
“An Examination of the First 10 Years under TANF in Three States: the Experiences of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania” by Robert Wood and Justin Wheeler, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

“Ten More Years: The Future of Welfare Reform” by Olivia Golden, The Urban Institute

“Regional Energy Technology Options” by Clinton Andrews, Rutgers University

“Climate Change Policy Innovation and Emulation among the States” by Stacy Van Deveer, University of New Hampshire and Henrik Selin, Boston University

“Local Options on Global Stocks: How the States Are Affecting the U.S. Debate on Climate Policy” by Dallas Burtraw, Resources for the Future, and William Shobe, University of Virginia



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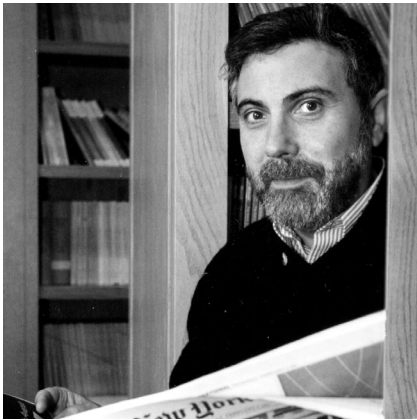
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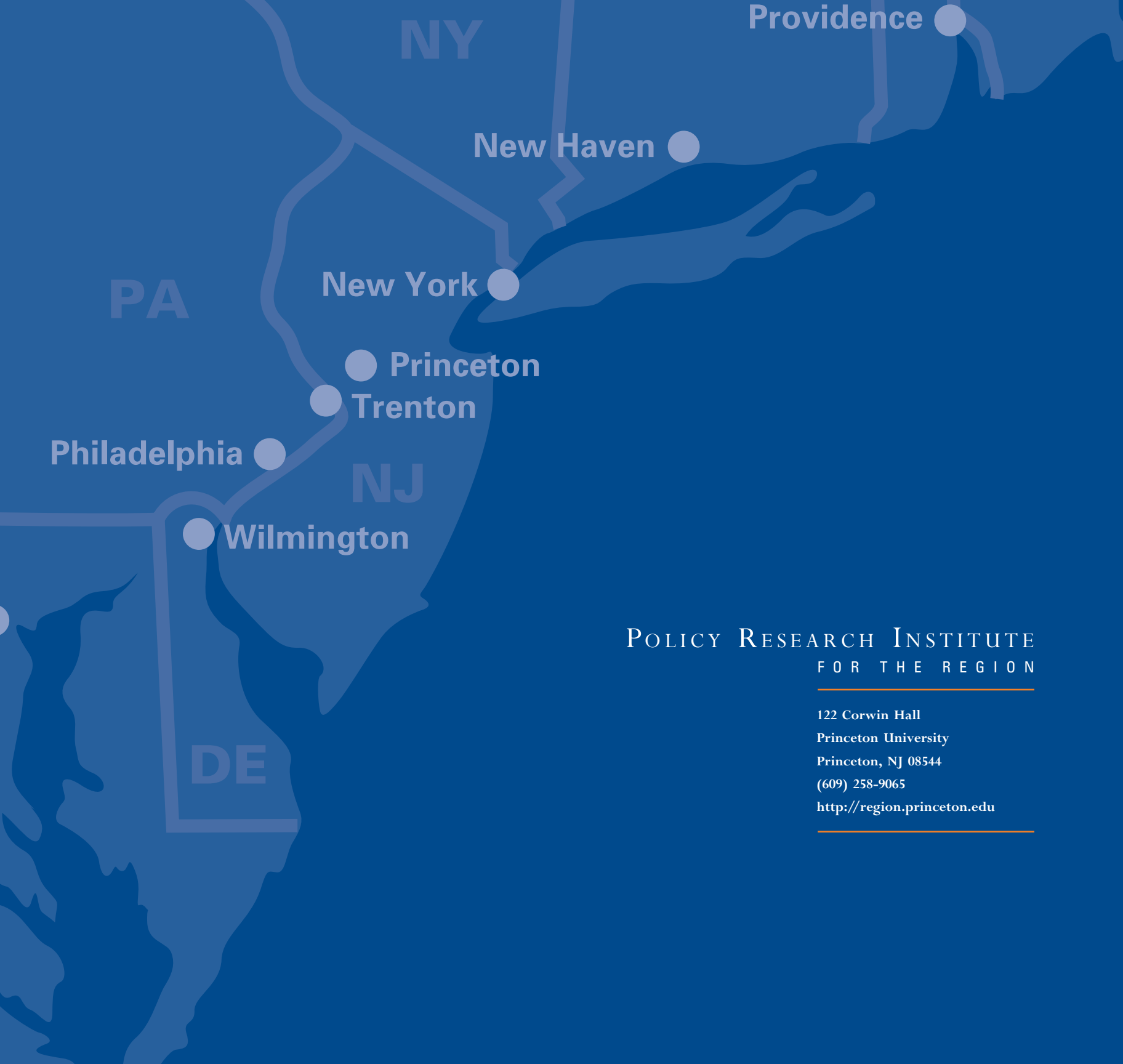
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