



## Scholar Spotlight: Elizabeth Matto

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Youth voter turnout is consistently low, and research shows that faculty engagement can be one of the best ways to boost student engagement. This week, we're highlighting Elizabeth Matto, a professor at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University and director of its Center for Youth Political Participation. In these roles, Elizabeth leads projects like RU Voting, which encourages students on her campus to participate in elections. She recently discussed her research on voter turnout at universities in a [WHYY piece](#).

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Matto's research focuses on civic engagement education and the scholarship of teaching and learning. Overarching themes in Matto's writings include youth political participation and civic education at all levels of schooling (primary to higher education). In addition to serving her students in the classroom, Matto serves as the director of the Center for Youth Political Participation at the Eagleton Institute and offers her expertise as a scholar-practitioner to fellow faculty and administrators on her campus as well as at the state and national level. She is also the lead editor of the edited volume, *Teaching Civic Engagement Across the Disciplines*, published by the American Political Science Association and edits the text's companion website.