

# Dr. John Flateau, PhD

Chairperson of the Dept. Of Business Administration, Medgar Evers College



## EXPERTISE

Dr. John Flateau is Chairperson of the Dept. Of Business Administration, with 600 business majors, 20 faculty members and several degree programs and concentrations. This is one of five departments in the School Of Business at Medgar Evers College, CUNY, an Historically Black College (HBCU), where he previously served as a Vice President; and Dean, leading the Business School to national ACBSP accreditation. A PhD in American Politics, Government and Public Policy, he is also a Professor of Public Administration and Political Science; and leads Medgar's renowned think tanks, the US Census Information Center; and the DuBois Bunche Center For Public Policy.

John is a thought leader, public affairs commentator and author of *Black Brooklyn: The Politics of Ethnicity, Class and Gender*; *The Prison Industrial Complex: Race, Crime and Justice in New York*; contributor to: *Racial Inequality In New York City Since 1965* (SUNY Press, 2019); and interviewee in *VIDA 45*, an historic film on Brooklyn's political powerhouse that has changed the national, state, city and local landscapes.

## BIOGRAPHY

He is an architect of NYS's Vital Brooklyn health care reform and affordable housing initiatives. John is a top strategist and technician at the intersectionality of the Census, demographics, Voting Rights, Redistricting, campaigns and elections. He has worked on historic federal, state and local elections, Charter revisions, ballot propositions and community action campaigns. He was Chief of Staff and campaign coordinator for Mayor David Dinkins, NYC's first and only Black Mayor; campaign manager for Hon. Helen Marshall, the first Black Queens Borough President; senior campaign advisor to Letitia James, NYC's first Black Public Advocate; and other historic firsts.

A leader in Business and Economic Empowerment for women and communities of color, John was a senior vice president and chief diversity officer, Empire State Development Corporation, where he pioneered community economic development; city and state statutory minority and women business government contracting; job creation and project financing; and advised leading non-profit housing and community development groups on multi-million dollar ventures. He was Executive Director of the NYS Black, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus; Deputy Secretary for Intergovernmental Relations and 2010 Census Coordinator for the New York State Senate.

John co-chaired the NYC Black Leadership Action Coalition (NYC BLAC) in Census 2000 and Census 2020. He was appointed as a NYS Redistricting Member; NYC Redistricting Commissioner; NYC Board Of Elections Commissioner; and is presently a Commissioner of the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission, which will redraw New York's congressional and

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state legislative seats, resulting from the 2020 Census. A voting rights activist, Dr. Flateau, has worked on winning cases to end New York's prisoner gerrymandering; end illegal voter purges; end unfair election administration; and end racially discriminatory redistricting, including the landmark *Flateau v. Anderson* decided by the US Supreme Court.

Dr. Flateau is a Life member of the NAACP; member of the historic Bridge AWME Church; and resides in the Bedford Stuyvesant community. John's multi-generational family is a branch of the Great Migration, with African diasporan roots going back to centuries in Maryland, Virginia and Louisiana. His work is grounded in the truth that economic and racial justice, and political empowerment are inextricably intertwined.