

Undergraduate Convocation

Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy



Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

May 10, 2018 10:30 A.M.

Louis Brown Athletic Center 83 Rockefeller Road Piscataway, New Jersey It is a commonplace of educational philosophy that a university, especially a major state university, should encourage the application of knowledge to social purpose. It is in this process of public policy analysis that the resources of higher education can be invaluable. . . . "

Edward J. Bloustein

President Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey 1971-1989

Please note: A professional photographer will take photographs of each graduate as diplomas are presented; consequently, the audience is requested to remain seated. Photographs will be made available at no charge on the Bloustein School website at http://bloustein.rutgers.edu/students/graduation/convocation-photos/ approximately 1 week following the event.

The School will also provide a webcast of the ceremony at the same website location at a later date.

As a courtesy to the graduates and other guests, we request that all cell phones be turned off during the ceremony.

The Order of Events

Interim Dean Michael R. Greenberg, presiding

Processional

Mason Gross Brass Quintet
Christopher Delgado, trumpet
Colton Duvall, trumpet
Giovanni Garcia, horn

Jerry Rivas, trombone Zhen Huang, tuba

The National Anthem Mason Gross Brass Quintet

Opening of the Ceremony Michael R. Greenberg

Distinguished Professor and Interim Dean, Edward J. Bloustein School

Presentation of Awards Raphael J. Caprio

University Professor and Director, Undergraduate Program

Dona Schneider

Professor and Associate Dean for Programs; Dean, University College

Graduation Remarks Sarah Lin

Planning & Public Policy '18

Conferring of Degrees Dean Greenberg

Professor Caprio

Associate Dean Dorothea Berkhout Professor Jane Miller

Professor Dawne Mouzon

Presentation of Graduates Dean Greenberg

Recessional Mason Gross Brass Quintet

Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy Mission Statement

The Bloustein School seeks to improve our increasingly urbanized and interconnected world by exploring planning approaches and public policy solutions that are healthier, greener, fairer, and generate greater prosperity than do current practices. It pursues equitable and efficient solutions to public problems at multiple levels from the global to the local and emphasizes the professional perspectives of urban planning, public policy, and public health. Within each of these domains, the school advances its aspiration to be a global leader in teaching, research, and service by engaging society's challenges with focused programs that align current strengths with emerging needs. Its mission includes:

- Solving public problems through constructive engagement of governmental, private, and non-profit actors;
- Addressing the challenge of urbanization in its various global manifestations;
- · Serving New Jersey's need for a rigorous and engaging public policy forum; and
- Preparing students for rewarding professional careers in public service.

Edward J. Bloustein — Rutgers president, constitutional scholar, active citizen, philosopher, and teacher — lived a life of civic engagement that the school's ethic seeks to perpetuate. Research, teaching, and outreach at the Bloustein School aim for intellectual originality and practical rigor in an atmosphere of spirited and open debate. Bloustein activities are rooted in diversity of experience and thought. They create settings where individuals and communities can flourish. The Bloustein ethic strives to improve the quality of public discourse by producing ideas and measures that have impact.

The Bloustein ethic engages those who do their jobs not just honorably, but with a passion for their work that alters their surroundings. The Bloustein School seeks to foster new research and thinking that achieve both scholarly recognition and public acceptance.

BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Michael R. Greenberg, Interim Dean

Dorothea Berkhout, Associate Dean

Clinton Andrews, Associate Dean of the Faculty

Dona Schneider, Associate Dean for Academic Programs

Stephen D. Weston, Assistant Dean for Student and Academic Services

Raphael J. Caprio, Director, Undergraduate Programs

Christina Torian, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Advising

Abby Stern Cardinale, Coordinator, Undergraduate Student Services

Nicole Martinez, Coordinator, Undergraduate Student Services

Lyna Wiggins, Director, Program in Urban Planning and Policy Development

Andrea Hetling, Director, Program in Public Policy

Robert B. Noland, Director, Doctoral Program in Planning and Public Policy

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Doctor of Philosophy in Planning and Public Policy

Master of City and Regional Planning (two-year program)

Master of City and Regional Studies (one-year program)

Master of Public Policy (two-year program)

Master of Public Affairs and Politics (one-year program)

Master of Health Administration (traditional and executive programs)

Bachelor of Science in Health Administration #*

Bachelor of Arts in Planning and Public Policy # *

Bachelor of Science in Public Health #*

Bachelor of Science in Public Policy # *

Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning and Design #* (began enrollment Fall 2015)

Concentrations and professional joint-degree programs in business, law, public health, global affairs, and infrastructure planning.

RESEARCH CENTERS, INSTITUTES, & INITIATIVES

Bloustein Center for Survey Research

Bloustein Local Government Research Center

Center for Energy, Economic & Environmental Policy

Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

Center for Urban Policy Research

Environmental Analysis and Communications Group

- Center for Transportation Safety, Security and Risk
- National Center for Neighborhood and Brownfields Redevelopment
- Sustainable Raritan River Initiative
- New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance

John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development

HIV Prevention Community Planning Support and Development Initiative

Planning Healthy Communities Initiative

R/ECON Forecasting Service

Regional Economic Network

Rutgers Center for Green Building

Rutgers Regional Report / State Data Center

Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center

- National Transit Institute
- New Jersey Travel Independence Program (NJTIP @ Rutgers)

Ralph W. Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement

[#] direct admit degree awarded solely by the Edward J. Bloustein School

^{*} degree jointly awarded with Rutgers-New Brunswick undergraduate schools

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PLANNING AND PUBLIC POLICY (B.A.)

Anthony Ashnault SAS Ariel K. Bae SAS *** Abigail Carroll EJB Runmin Chen EJB *** MCL UP Magda Comeau SMLR *** Evan Covello EJB ** CL Katrina Cruz ^ EJB Joseph Curran SAS Dylan Fisher EJB ** CL

Dana Fuchs SAS* Julian Grochowski SAS* Marie Guarino + EJB ** Mary Hall + EJB *** MCL UP Rigel Janette + SAS ** UP Grant King EJB CS Benjamin Levy EJB *** MCL Sarah Lin SAS *** Farid Mamoor + SAS *

Maria Martinez + SAS Leah Martins-Krasner SAS ** Andrew Natanagara SAS *** Paletza O'Loughlin + SAS Gabriele (Gaby) Podwin SAS ** Carolyn Rovito SAS Barbara Van Vliet SMLR*** Marcela Vasquez Calderon SAS * CS Zoe Zylowski SAS ***

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Daniella Bocchino SAS Anan Chen EJB* Jessica Dilley SAS *** Xuerong Ding EJB ** CL Zhiqian Fang EJB *** MCL Xuehao Gao EJB * CL Jay Gillespie EJB ** CL Yanjie Guo EJB*

Deena Hadhoud SAS ** Brianna Hanson SAS ** Bhavani Jaikara SAS* Samantha Lanni ^{^ EJB} Cindy Le SAS *** HD Joshua Levy ^ EJB * Sarah Lewis SAS ** Xiaotong Lin EJB ** CL Siyao Liu EJB ** MCL

Emilia Piziak SAS ** Jun Qian EJB ** MCL Amrutha Ramaswamy EJB Cecilia Salazar ^ SAS ** Ariel Simmonds SAS Julia Stadlinger EJB *** SCL Margaux Taylor + SAS ** Xinyi Xu EJB * CL

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Thomas Allen EJB ** CL Samantha Donovan SAS* Julia Furmanek EJB

Hailey Graf EJB CS Elias Guseman EJB ** MCL Jasmine Jones-Bynes SAS *** Simran Riar ^a

Rena Pinhas SAS ** Adarsh Shah EJB Justin Singleton ^ SAS *

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Marryane Alves ^{AEJB}	Josephine Grana SAS	
Nwakaego Amaechi + EJB	Jezabel Guerrero ^{EJB}	
Gerard Arnold EJB	Amirah Hussain SAS **	
Nida Athar EJB**	Dai Huynh SAS***	
Nashwah Azam EJB	Risha Javines SAS	
Hena Bajaj EJB *** MCL	Brianna Johnson SAS*	
Dhara Balsara SAS	Harpreet Kaur EJB *** MCL	
Sneha Bardhan EJB	Harmeet Kaur ^{^ SAS}	
Maria Barros ^{^ EJB}	Javen King EJB	
Amanda Bloom ^ EJB **	Margaret Klein SAS***	
Nicholas Cai ^ SAS	Katie Kuang + SAS ***	
Chiara Carmelino EJB	Toni Kutne + EJB	
Michelle Castrillon SAS*	Linda Lam ^ SAS	
Shawnee Chaudhury EJB**	Madeline Lee EJB	
Jeevat Chhatwal ^ EJB ***	Kol Lin EJB **	
Christina Clarke EJB*	Christopher Lobo ^ EJB **	
Megan Coakley SAS ***	Sarah Maher SAS*	
Kiarra Coleman SAS	Alexandra Martino EJB *** SCL	
Daniella Commisso SAS*	Gregory Mayers ^ EJB **	
Margo Costidis EJB ** CL	Kaitlyn McDermott ^ SAS	
Yoku Crentsil ^{^ SAS}	Melissa McIntosh SAS	
Ankita Dasmunshi ^{EJB}	Bridget McVeigh EJB*	
Natalie Davila EJB ** CL	Shivani Mehta SAS **	
Marquel Davis + EJB	Sanjana Mohaniraj SAS **	
Jennifer Diaz ^{EJB}	Kayla Monroe SAS	
Angela Dong SAS	Kea Lani Moy EJB ** CL PHP	
Jonathan Dubin EJB ** CL	Numair Mujeeb EJB	
Mounika Ellanti SAS*	Faith Mutuku ^{^ EJB}	
Diane Ellard EJB*	Tiffany Ng + SAS *	
Lolade Fagbewesa ^{^ EJB}	Alessandra Nigro SAS**	
Emily Fernandez EJB	Ndidi Osian ^{^ EJB}	
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	David Park SAS*	

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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY APPOINTS NEW DEAN OF BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL

May 1, 2018—Rutgers University—New Brunswick has appointed Piyushimita (Vonu) Thakuriah as the new Dean of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, effective October 1, 2018.

She is currently the Ch2m chair of Transport and professor of Urban Studies and an affiliated professor at the School of Engineering in the University of Glasgow, UK. She succeeds Distinguished Professor Michael R. Greenberg, who has been interim dean since July 2017.

Dr. Thakuriah is the founding director and principal investigator of the Urban Big Data Centre (UBDC) funded by Research Council UK's Economic and Social Research Council. There, she led a large-scale nationwide urban data infrastructure with colleagues from 10 academic disciplines in the urban social sciences, data sciences and engineering, at the University of Glasgow, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Bristol, Reading, Sheffield and the University of Illinois-Chicago. In partnership with government agencies and industrial partners, UBDC promotes innovative data and analytics to address complex urban challenges.

"I am delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Vonu Thakuriah," said Wanda J. Blanchett, Ph.D., interim provost and executive vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at Rutgers-New Brunswick. "As dean of Bloustein, Dr. Thakuriah will play a major leadership role in working with the interdisciplinary faculty to enhance the school's visibility and impact, innovative academic programming and externally funded research and fundraising. Given her accomplishments and success in leading complex initiatives and working successfully across disciplines, she is precisely the proven and dynamic leader we need to lead Bloustein into the future."

Dr. Thakuriah's research interests are on smart, socially just and sustainable transport. She is more broadly interested in urban informatics, or the analytics of emerging sources of "big data" to understand complex urban problems. She has been principal investigator of several significant grants in the United States and UK funded by Research Councils UK, European Commission, National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Transportation, Department of Labor and other leading research sponsors.

********* IN MEMORIUM

The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy reports, with great sadness, the death of associate research professor **Stuart Meck** on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Stuart joined the Bloustein School in 2005 as a faculty fellow and director of the Center for Government Services, serving as director of CGS through June 2009. At the Bloustein School, he taught planning law, planning and land use administration, history and theory of planning, ethics in planning and public policy, and transportation impact analysis for development proposals. A superior teacher, one of his former students noted that Stuart was "like an encyclopedia of planning and could answer whatever questions asked."

A specialist in planning statute reform and land use controls, he was a former national president of the American Planning Association, had over four decades of experience as a professional planner, researcher, and municipal administrator, and wrote widely on planning and land use controls.

Stuart was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP) in 2000, one of the highest honors that the American Institute of Certified Planners bestows upon a member, and was a licensed Professional Planner (PP) in New Jersey. He received a B.A. and an M.A. in Journalism and a Master of City Planning from the Ohio State University, and an M.B.A. from Wright State University.

In honor of his long service to the field of planning and to the Bloustein School, his family will be establishing a lecture series at Rutgers University. "The Stuart Meck Memorial Lecture" will highlight the work of experts, emerging scholars, and professionals focused on land use law and affordable housing.

Faculty and Staff Recognition

PUBLISHED BOOKS

In addition to dozens of journal articles, approximately 175 reports, chapters, and reviews, and hundreds of presentations, the following books were published by members of the Bloustein School faculty and staff in 2017-18.

Jocelyn Elise Crowley. Gray Divorce: What We Lose and Gain from Mid-Life Splits. University of California Press. 2018.

Michael R. Greenberg. Explaining Risk Analysis: Protecting Health and the Environment. Earthscan/Routledge. 2017.

Michael R. Greenberg and Dona Schneider. Urban Planning and Public Health: A Critical Partnership. American Public Health Association. 2017.

Stuart Meck and Kenneth Pearlman. Ohio Planning and Zoning Law (22nd edition). Thomson-Reuters. 2017.

Stuart Shapiro. Not Normal: A Progressive's Diary of the Year After Trump's Election. CreateSpace Publishing. 2018.

GRANTS

Members of the Bloustein School faculty and staff have been the recipients of prestigious awards, appointments, and research grants in recognition of their extraordinary achievements and talents.

David Aimen is the principal investigator for an award of \$131,467 from ICF Incorporated for the Environmental Justice Analysis Course Instructor-Led Training project and an award of \$99,981 from the York County Planning Commission for the South Central Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organizations Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Process Development project.

Karen Alexander is the principal investigator for an award of \$35,000 from the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation for the Age Friendly Communities Initiative project.

Clinton Andrews is the principal investigator for an award of \$580,000 from the State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the Clean Energy Evaluation and Market Assessment project.

Charles Brown is the principal investigator for an award of \$650,000 from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Support Program project, an award of \$75,000 from the Cooper's Ferry Partnership for the City of Camden Bike Share Feasibility Study project and an award of \$50,000 from the People for Bikes for the Big Jump Project-Focus Research Group project.

Melody Bundy is the principal investigator for an award of \$40,000 from the Henry H. Kessler Foundation for the EMobility TIP Training project.

Jon Carnegie is the principal investigator for an award of \$150,000 from the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the New Jersey Land Use and Transit Data Application: Maintenance, Enhancement and Expansion project; an award of \$50,000 from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the NJTPA Innovations in Public Engagement project; and an award of \$49,958 from the Trenton Health Team for the City of Trenton Complete Streets Conditions Inventory project.

Deva Deka is the principal investigator for an award of \$360,178 from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation for the State of New Jersey Analysis of Local Bus Markets project.

Laurie Harrington is the principal investigator for an award of \$81,103 from the Kessler Foundation for the *Evaluation of the New York City Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities (MOPD) Initiative, NYC at Work* project.

Jeanne Herb is the principal investigator for an award of \$100,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for the Exploring Novel Data Sources to Advance Integration of Physical Environment Factors into Community-Based Planning and Decision Making project and an award of \$35,193 from the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation for the Advancing Sound Climate Change Policy in New Jersey through Collective Impact project.

Radha Jagannathan and Michael Camasso are the co-principal investigators for an award of \$158,722 from Johnson & Johnson for the Nurture thru Nature Opening Pathways to Science and Health Careers for New Brunswick Elementary School Children project and an award of \$45,542 from Johnson & Johnson, Inc. for the Bridge-to-Employment Program project.

Paul Larrousse is the principal investigator for an award of \$5,000,000 from the Federal Transit Administration for the National Transit Institute project, and \$25,000 from Transdev Services, Inc. for the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority 2016-2020 Strategic Plan project.

David Listokin is the principal investigator for an award of \$20,000 from the National Parks Service for the Economic Impact of the Federal Historic Tax Credit project.

Miriam Salerno is the principal investigator for an award of \$45,000 from the National Academy of Sciences for the Current State of Practice for Online Public Involvement project.

David Seith is the principal investigator for an award of \$32,137 from the State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the New Jersey Consumer Report Card System for the Center for Occupational Employment Information project.

Faculty and Staff Recognition

Jennifer Senick is the principal investigator for an award of \$255,000 from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Green, Resilient and Prosperous New Jersey: Updated Tools and Guidelines for Buildings and Land Use project.

Carl Van Horn is the principal investigator for an award of \$187,600 from the State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the Action Plan to Strengthen the Employment and Training Components of WorkFirst New Jersey project.

Leigh Ann Von Hagen is the principal investigator for an award of \$583,481 from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation for the *New Jersey Safe Routes To School Resource Center* and an award of \$25,000 from the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund for the *Crossing Guard Training and Resources Program* project.

Jennifer Whytlaw is the principal investigator for an award of \$25,000 from the State of New Jersey Department of Health for the Environmental Hazard Incident Prevention project.

Nancy Wolff is the principal investigator for an award of \$1,816,054 from the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services for the New Jersey Substance Abuse Monitoring System project. She has received awards totaling \$718,656 from several states including New Jersey, Connecticut, Michigan, Hawaii, Arkansas, North Dakota the District of Columbia, the city of Philadelphia and New York City for the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Study projects. She has also received awards totaling \$1,678,291 from various other sources.

APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

Charles Brown, Senior Research Specialist with the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, was nominated for the StreetsBlog Los Angeles 2017 L.A. Streetsies: Advocate of the Year in January 2018.

Raphael Caprio, University Professor and Director of the Bloustein Local Government Research Center; Henry Coleman, professor of public policy; Richard Keevey, Bloustein Senior Policy Fellow; Michael Lahr, Director of the Rutgers Economic Advisory Service; and Marc Pfeiffer, Assistant Director of the Bloustein Local Government Research Center were five of the 14 tax and economic experts named to NJ State Senate President Stephen Sweeney's Economic and Fiscal Policy Working Group. The group will have a broad mission to investigate possible changes to government efficiency, spending and taxation at all levels.

Professor Jocelyn Elise Crowley is the recipient of a 2018 Warren I. Susman Award for Excellence in Teaching, one of Rutgers University's highest teaching honors given in recognition of outstanding service in stimulating and guiding the intellectual development of students at Rutgers University by a tenured faculty member. She is also one of two recipients of the Bloustein School's Jerome Rose Teaching Award (2017-18), presented in recognition of outstanding commitment to student achievement and dedication to both teaching and student mentorship. She was named to the editorial board of Gender & Society for a three-year term beginning in 2018. (2018-2020). She was nominated for the Richard M. Kalish Innovative Publication Award by The Gerontological Society of America for her recently published book, Gray Divorce: What We Lose and Gain from Mid-Life Splits, which recognizes original and innovative publications in aging and life course research in the behavioral and social sciences. The book was also nominated for the Reuben Hill Award by The National Council on Family Relations.

Frank Felder, Director of the Center for Energy, Economic and Environmental Policy, was selected as one of seven judges for the Hult Prize at Rutgers Pitch Competition held on Friday, December 8, at the Rutgers Business School. This year's competition is "Transform: Harnessing the Power of Energy to Transform the Lives of 10 Million People."

Hon. James J. Florio, New Jersey's 49th governor and a Senior Policy Fellow at the Bloustein School, was the recipient of New Jersey Future's 2018 Cary Edwards Leadership Award, in honor of his 45 years of public service to the citizens of New Jersey; the award recognizes individuals who have an outstanding commitment to improving the quality of life and promoting smart growth in New Jersey through sustainable land-use policy and practice.

Michael R. Greenberg, Distinguished Professor and Interim Dean, was presented the *Livingston Legacy Award* in March 2018, honoring his key role in the establishment and growth of Livingston College and its mission, and for his overall contributions to the Rutgers and global communities. He is also serving on two National Research Council committees, the Committee on Plutonium Disposition and the Experts' Meeting to Consider Risk-Informed Decision-Making.

The New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance was the recipient of the American Planning Association-New Jersey chapter's inaugural James W. Hughes Applied Research Award, presented to an individual or organization whose applied research has affected change in New Jersey, as the substantive basis for legislative, regulatory or policy change, or as the driver of a shift in a fundamental approach to planning. Jeanne Herb, Associate Director of the Bloustein School's Environmental Analysis and Communications Group and Marjorie Kaplan, associate director of the Rutgers Climate and Environmental Change Initiative at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, accepted the award on behalf of NJCAA.

The **Nurture thru Nature** (NtN) program, directed by Professor **Radha Jagannathan**, was awarded the *Team Excellence Award* by the Rutgers School of Environmental & Biological Sciences. She was recently given a Visiting Faculty appointment at Princeton University, serving from September 2016-June 2019 and served as a panelist at the Fifth Annual Meeting of European Union-sponsored of the Cultural Pathways to Economic Self-sufficiency and Entrepreneurship project held in Brussels, Belgium in January 2018.

Richard F. Keevey, Senior Policy Fellow, has been retained by the Government Executive Media Group/RouteFifty media publication to write articles on state and local finance and government issues including the federal debt, revenue growth, and federal budget cuts.

Faculty and Staff Recognition

Michael Lahr, Research Professor and Director of the Rutgers Economic Advisory Service chaired the International Input-Output Conference in Atlantic City, NJ. He was named the co-editor of the journal *Economic Systems Research*, was an invited plenary speaker at the 7th meetings of Hispano-American Society of Input-Output Analysis in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, September 2017, and was an invited plenary speaker at the Conference of the Spanish Regional Science Association in Seville, Spain, November 2017. He was presented the *Robert T. Miki Award* for editorial service to the *Review of Regional Studies* 2007-2017 and was nominated to be a Research Fellow of the Southern Regional Science Association.

Fereydoun Nikpour, Associate Teaching Professor, is one of two recipients of the Bloustein School's *Jerome Rose Teaching Award* (2017-18), presented in recognition of outstanding commitment to student achievement and dedication to both teaching and student mentorship. Recipients are nominated by Bloustein School students and final selection is made by faculty at the school.

Robert Noland, Professor and Director of the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center and Director of the Ph.D. Program has been appointed to the editorial advisory board for the *International Encyclopedia of Transportation*. He was invited to be a VIP speaker at the 18th Chinese Overseas Transportation Association International Conference of Transportation Professionals (CICTP2018) in Beijing, July 2018.

Ronald Quincy joined the school as a Professor of Professional Practice in July 2017. He was presented the *President's Award* by the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in October 2017, and was named the *Faculty Partner of the Year* by the Rutgers Collaborative Center for Community-Based Research and Service. He recently presented the keynote for the White House Fellows Foundation and Association Annual Conference.

Voorhees Transportation Center staff Miriam Salerno, Trish Sanchez, and Sarah Tomasello were runners up in the annual Transportation Research Board John and Jane Q. Public Competition that awards creative and effective methods for communicating complex transportation issues to the public. The project, Innovations in Public Engagement, includes innovative tools such as a civic dinner party program and a pop-up radio booth to engage hard-to-reach demographics in the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's long-range transportation planning process. The project, developed with the NJTPA, was also the recipient of a Silver award for National Planning Achievement for Public Outreach.

Professor Hal Salzman was elected to Barrow Atqasuk Science Advisors (BASA), the science advisory committee for science research in the Alaska Arctic.

Assistant Professor **Mi Shih** was named a top peer reviewer for the *Journal of Planning Education and Research* (JPER). Peer reviewers contribute time, effort, and insight to our scholarly community, thereby helping authors deliver their best work and providing readers with reliably high-quality publications. She received an award from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy for the case study is "Floating TDR' and Land Value Capture in Taiwan: Designing a More Effective Land Finance Tool." She was also invited to give colloquium presentations on her research on peri-urban transformation in China at Columbia University and the University of Connecticut.

Linda Stamato, Faculty Fellow and Co-Director of the Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, is the recipient of a Rutgers College Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award which honors members of the faculty, student body, or staff in recognition of distinguished and non-compensated service to government bodies, professional or scholarly organizations, and/or the general public, such as voluntary community leadership, and personal acts of heroism. She is a regular contributor of articles on policy for the Star-Ledger and published "Making Research Matter: A Public Challenge to Scholars," in Inside Higher Education in October, 2017.

Peter N. Tabbot, Health Officer of the Rockaway Twp. Health Department and Bloustein School Part-Time Lecturer received the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association Lifetime Achievement Award in December 2017, recognizing his exceptional and significant public health contributions to the health and safety of the communities he has served. He was awarded the New Jersey Public Health Association's highest award, the Dennis J. Sullivan Award in October for outstanding contributions to the cause of health of the public in New Jersey.

Carl Van Horn, Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and Director of the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development was appointed Senior Advisor for Strategy and Planning to Governor Philip D. Murphy. He was also appointed to the newly created Jobs and Economic Opportunity Council which will provide the governor with economic advice and recommendations for stimulating job growth and workforce development in New Jersey. In addition, he was appointed as a Visiting, Non-Resident Scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Voorhees Transportation Center staff Leigh Ann Von Hagen and Sean Meehan, together with partners from the Plainfield Public School District and the City of Plainfield, received a 2017 NJ Future Smart Growth Award and a 2017 New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association Outstanding Student Project Excellence Award for the state's first district-wide school travel plan. Created by graduate students in a fall 2016 studio, the plan undertook a thorough examination of the city's history, demographics, transportation data, and city and school cycling and walking policies. The plan supported an application for federal funding that was awarded a \$304,000 Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant. Both the plan and the wide-reaching process used to develop it are being replicated in towns across New Jersey.

Several Bloustein School faculty and staff were appointed to committees on Gov. Philip D. Murphy's Transition Team. They were: **Carl Van Horn**, Senior Advisor for Strategy and Planning and co-chair, Stronger and Fairer Economy Transition Advisory Committee; **Henry Coleman**, co-chair of the Budget committee; **Maria Heidkamp**, co-chair of the Labor and Workforce Development committee; **Joel Cantor** to the Healthcare committee; **Jon A. Carnegie** to the Transportation Committee; **Jeanne Herb** to the Environment and Energy Committee; **Andrea Hetling** to the Housing Committee; **Richard F. Keevey** to the Budget Committee; **Kathy Krepcio** to the Human and Children Services Committee; and **Garrick J. Stoldt** to the Healthcare committee.

Undergraduate Awards and Fellowships, 2017-18 at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

Edward J. Bloustein School Part-Time Lecturer Award

Awarded to a non-tenured instructor at the Bloustein School for exceptional service and dedication, as nominated by students and faculty.

KEVIN SUMNER

Sydney and Mildred Greenberg Memorial Award

Presented to a graduating senior, from any Bloustein School major, who has achieved the highest scholastic honors at the Bloustein School.

SARAH LIN — PLANNING & PUBLIC POLICY

Miriam Barker Endowed Memorial Undergraduate Student Achievement Award

Presented to a graduating senior, from any Bloustein School major, who demostrates exceptional academic and community service achievement and contributions to the greater good.

MEGAN COAKLEY — HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Governor James J. Florio Undergraduate Public Service Award

The Bloustein School is pleased to have on its faculty former New Jersey Governor James J. Florio who—like the namesake of our school, former Rutgers President Edward J. Bloustein—dedicated his life to public service and civic engagement. The Gov. James J. Florio Undergraduate Public Service Award at the Bloustein School seeks to honor an undergraduate who has embodied both the school's, and Gov. Florio's, public service ethic and whose contributions and accomplishments—whether seeking to initiate change, improving services to the public, or contributing to the communities in which they live—serve as a model and inspiration for others in their dedication to excellence.

JASMINE JONES-BYNES — URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN

Mary Ann and Steven J. Allard Fellowship in Public Health

This fellowship is for outstanding non-traditional students, including veterans making the transition from military service to the classroom, returning adults whose formal education has been interrupted and post-baccalaureate students pursuing a public health undergraduate degree or major, who have demonstrated a personal commitment and/or outstanding academic potential in pursuit of studies in public health at the Bloustein School.

REYNA MAYBLOOM, ALEXANDER BARTKE

Ralph W. Voorhees Fellowship Program in Public Service

The Ralph W. Voorhees Program in Public Service awards fellowships to undergraduate students from any major in any school at Rutgers. Selected students work on a community based research project during the Fall term as a class in partnership with a community organization. Fellows meet weekly during class time to work on the project, build skills, reflect on community experiences, and meet community leaders from New Jersey and beyond.

CAMILLE CHARLES, NAWEED KARIMI, SARAH LIN, ANANYASRI THIRIVEEDHI, ANJANETTE VAIDYAS



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