

# Convocation

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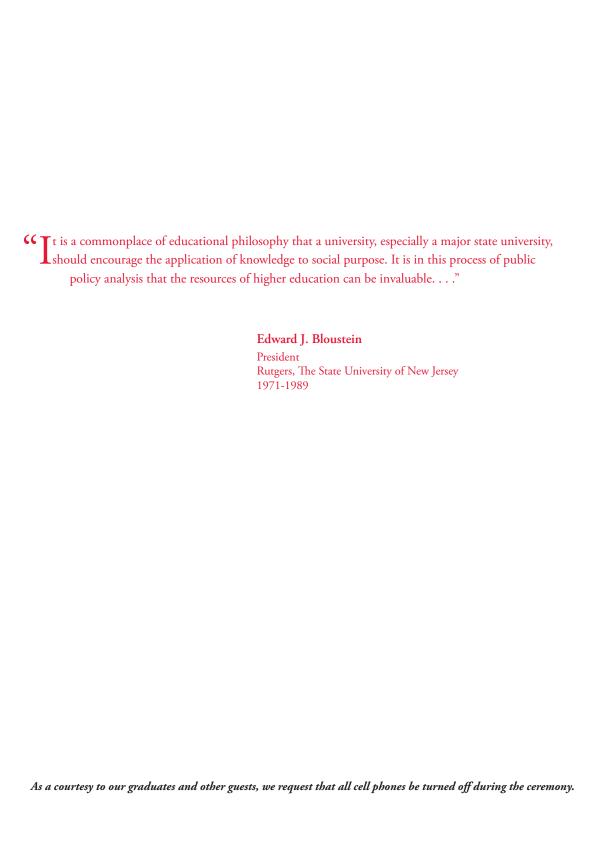
Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey



Saturday, May 14, 2022 9:30 A.M.

Jersey Mike's Arena 83 Rockafeller Road Piscataway, New Jersey



# The Order of Events

Interim Dean Stuart Shapiro, presiding

Processional and The National Anthem Opening of the Ceremony Stuart Shapiro Professor and Interim Dean Presentation of Undergraduate Awards Marc D. Weiner Associate Research Professor Associate Dean of Academic Administration Executive Director of Undergraduate Programs Presentation of Graduate Awards Professor Kathe Newman Director, Program in Urban Planning Associate Professor Julia Sass Rubin Director, Program in Public Policy University Professor Raphael J. Caprio Director, Program in Health Administration Associate Professor of Practice Jim Samuel Director, Program in Urban Informatics Recognition of Doctoral Candidates Distinguished Professor Robert B. Noland Director, Doctoral Program, Planning and Public Policy Graduation Remarks — Graduate Representative Alexandra Jacques Doll Master of Health Administration Graduation Remarks — Undergraduate Representative Isaac Velez Bachelor of Science, Public Policy Conferring of Degrees Dean Shapiro Professor Newman Professor Rubin Professor Caprio Professor Samuel Associate Dean Weiner Associate Director Christina Torian Assistant Dean Stephen Weston

Dean Shapiro

Presentation of Graduates

Recessional

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

# The mission of the Bloustein School is to create just, socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable and healthy local, national and global communities.

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, public health and health administration. 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.

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.

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 and strive to improve the quality of public discourse by producing ideas and measures that have impact.

#### **BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

Stuart Shapiro, Interim Dean and Professor

Clinton Andrews, Associate Dean for Research and Professor

Theresa Kirby, Associate Dean

Marc D. Weiner, Associate Dean of Academic Administration;

Executive Director of Undergraduate Programs; and

Associate Research Professor

Raphael J. Caprio, Director, Program in Health Administration and

Distinguished Professor Kathe Newman, Director, Program in Urban Planning and

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

Public Policy and Distinguished Professor

Julia Sass Rubin, Director, Program in Public Policy and Associate Professor

Jim Samuel, Director, Program in Public Informatics and Associate Professor of Practice

Ronald Quincy, Special Advisor to the Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging,

Professor of Professional Practice

Amana Kaskazi, Assistant Director for Assessment and Accreditation Stephen D. Weston, Assistant Dean for Student and Academic Services

Lynn Astorga, Associate Director, Student Recruitment

Courtney Culler, Assistant Director for Graduate Student Services

Emilio Del Valle, Coordinator, Graduate Student Services

Cheryl Egan, Career Management Specialist

Andrea Garrido, Career Management Specialist

Christina Torian, Associate Director for Undergraduate Student Services

Natashia Huff, Coordinator, Undergraduate Student Services Alicia Nesser, Coordinator, Undergraduate Student Services Jessica Reyes, Coordinator, Undergraduate Student Services

Marie O'Brien, Administrative Assistant, Student Services

Karyn Olsen, Director, Communications, Marketing & Public Relations

Janet Cole, Director of Development Madison Welch, Development Specialist

Amy E. Cobb, Director of Engagement and Special Projects

Thomas W. Calhoun, Operations Supervisor, Civic Square Building

Martin O'Reilly, Director of Information Technology Services

Joseph Abraham, Unit Computing Manager

Michael Samman, Instructional Course Designer

Tamara Swedberg, Instructional Technology Specialist

Robert Urbanowicz, Systems Administrator

Obiageli Agbu, Assistant to the Dean

Claire Padovano, Program Coordinator, Academic Program Support

Madelaine Corcoran, Director, Business Services and Human Resources

Keri Ferreira, Department Administrator

Fran Loeser, Business Manager

Olufunke Odukoya, Business Specialist

Stephanie Kose-Crozier, Business Specialist

#### 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 Health Administration (traditional 2-year program)

Master of Health Administration (executive 18-month program)

Master of Public Policy (two-year program)

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

Master of Public Informatics

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 #\*

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

% degree awarded by the Rutgers School of Graduate Studies

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

#### Research Centers, Institutes, & Initiatives

Bloustein Center for Survey Research

Bloustein Local Government Research Center

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

New Jersey State Policy Lab

• Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

Planning Healthy Communities Initiative

R/ECON Forecasting Service

Rutgers Center for Green Building

Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center

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

Ralph W. Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement

<sup>\*</sup> degree jointly awarded with Rutgers–New Brunswick undergraduate schools

# Candidates for Graduate Degrees

As of May 1, 2022

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Offered through Rutgers School of Graduate Studies

Holly Berman † CCRR
Or Caspi †
Franklin Halprin †

Evan Iacobucci † Diren Kocakusak † Annie Lee †

Yun Suk Lee† Katharine Nelson \$ Yonghong Wang

#### MASTER OF CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING (M.C.R.P.)

Aishwarya Anandavasagan †
Randy Lee Bagley
Nimisha Deshwal
Brandon Alexander Elliott % 
Nadya Rizki Fadilah
Kiran Kumar Ghosh
David Michael Glaze RE
Benjamin Joseph Gordon
Brane Gradina
Noah Alexander Harper

Zixuan He

Andrew R. Herrera

Hashaam Jamil

Mihail George Kaburis Pl
Jeffrey Matthew Kapala
Ani Karabashian
Ananya Kashyap ®
Zainab Ahsan Kazmi
James P. Kenah %
Goddard Elliot Lewko
Jessica Lindenberg ®
Marjoly Stéphani Mascarenhas
Rebecca McCormack
Amal A. Muse
Jesse William Nelson
Nisan Mayer Novack HP ③ \* RE
Amanda C. O'Lear CCRR

Liliana Alejandra Ordóñez
Harrison Pippin
Richa Rashmi
Justine Angela Bernal Recio %
Yatharth Saxena @
Elana Rachel Simon
Ankit Singh 
Elizabeth Thorne
Ooha Uppalapati
Maximo Vazquez
Nirupama Manjunath Vidyarthi % PP
Gregory James Woltman
Grethel María Zavala Castro

#### MASTER OF CITY AND REGIONAL STUDIES (M.C.R.S.)

Chang Min Chae <sup>%</sup> Donguk Choi <sup>%</sup>

Sang Won Choi <sup>%</sup> Hyewon Kim <sup>%</sup> Hyejin La <sup>%</sup> Je Young Oh Hyung Gyu Park <sup>%</sup>

#### MASTER OF PUBLIC INFORMATICS (M.P.I.)

Ali Naim Butt <sup>%</sup> Yingchen Zhang <sup>%</sup>

#### MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND POLITICS (M.P.A.P.)

Ian Allen Jennifer Hall Elliott Steven Galante Myeong Keun Jeong <sup>%</sup> Gisam Kang <sup>%</sup> Jana Kathrin Schwarz Hyeryun Son <sup>%</sup> Ciro Louis Ulinski <sup>@</sup>

August 2021

† October 2021 Graduate

Manuary 2022 Graduate

\$ Rutgers School of Graduate Studies Outstanding Doctoral Student Award Dual MPP-MCRP degree
 Dual MPP-MPI degree

CCRR Certificate in Coastal Climate Risk and Resilience

© Certificate in Geospatial Information Science

\* Certificate in Energy

PI Certificate in Informatics

PP Certificate in Public Policy

HP Certificate in Historic Preservation

Certificate in Real Estate/Real Estate
Development and Redevelopment

Development and Redevelopment

Certificate in Transportation Studies

### Candidates for Graduate Degrees

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#### MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY (M.P.P.)

Nathaly Stephania Andrade López Saquiba Aziz Garin William Bulger Erin Catherine Clifford <sup>@</sup> Henry Maxwell Fessant-Eaton Tristan William Gibson Tracy Prescilla Glova Kermina Adel Hanna William James Harrison Shaun Michael Moran Maggie-Leigh O'Neill

Kevin Patrick Petrozzo
Sabrina Cristina Rodríguez
Jessica Susan Rueb
Ooha Uppalapati
Mckenna Emmaline Winnie
Yingchen Zhang % ~

#### Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.)

Iveanyi Guerrero@

Ana Guliashvili @

Priyanka Abraham Emefa Adjokatcher@ Nida Ali Berruche Cardin Archille Shannaya A Armand Alexandra Atiencia Karina Bahshiyants@ Prathibha Balan@ Jeff Berrette@ Tatyana L. Blinder % Carol Ivette Brush % Nicole Alexis Carroll@ Sajeela Madhut Chaudhry % Saida Raja Chowdhury@ Michael A. Colley Danica Camille David Cordon@ Surbhi Dave % Nisha Samir Desai Alexandra Jacques Doll Kayla Fiordaliza Duran-Urena % Ogechukwu Erechukwu@ Jannatul Farzana % Lisette Felipe Massa Aisha Fofana@ Sophia Pasqualena Frank Stèphanie Gaillot Adekunle Rahman Gbadamosi % Zarifa Ghafoor@

Taylor Lynn Gibson

Matthew Anthony Golden %

Steffanie Haripersaud % Abdelrahman Hasba % Autumn Mae Hayes John Hemphill Robert Charles Hicks % Alesia Victoria Hines Reena Hoff % Komali Jonna@ Catharine Alice Kelly@ Memoona Rubab Khan Michelle Ann Kinsella Cindy Kodua Krampah@ Radika Kumar@ Damilola Oyindamola Longe@ Ananya Maganti Erin Malast Christelle Emy Marc Juliet Matthew Shealyn Christine McNamara % Giulia Membreño Vivian Adjoa-Korkor Mensah Rebecca Elizabeth Miller Jessica Lynn Molina Easha Mondal Katrina Giselle Moreno Pritesh Nayee % Daphne Nelson % Domonique Elise Noel

Bayan Imad Omar@ Francis Osei-Bonsu@ Ndidi Osian <sup>†</sup> Jesika Pandya % Mansi Siddharth Pandya% Krishna Bharat Patel Neel Patel Surbhi Patel Shivani D. Patel % Johvensky Plaisime % Shayna Sara Pollack Mariah Pong% Anna Pryamkova Mustafa Abdul Rahman@ Melville Anthony Riley % Hyeyeon Roo@ Angelique Jendaya Saunders Jarlynne Chantel Severino Anmol Kirankumar Shah Huzaifa Abbas Shakir % Nicole S. Shehady % Saif Imtiaz Siamwalla % Dhanshree Devanandbhai Solanki % Carla Stephens Vaishnavi Premal Thaker% Selena Nicole Thorne@ Etido J Umo % Romal Praful Vaidya@ Kiana Jade Workman

Summera Zaheer %

As of May 1, 2022

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

Janet Cazares ^ SAS *	Christina Hutchins SAS *	Robert McCormack + EJB ** SCL
Youn Cho SAS ***	William Idell EJB	Joseph Nam EJB ***
Vincent De Carlo SAS	Thomas Kozma ^ EJB *** SCL	Sitwat Syed ^ SAS *

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC POLICY (B.S.)

	Ashley Gomez-Jimenez SAS	Daniel Salowe + SAS *
Maleiha Ali SAS *	Elizabeth Haddad SAS *	Hadiqa Shahid SAS *
Tia Azzi SAS ***	Matthew Mai SAS ***	Andhrea Tagle Readi EJB **
Amanda K. Bruce SAS **	Amanda Melchiorri SAS ***	Daniela Velez Naranjo SAS **
Saidy Cedano SAS ***	Griselda Pachuca-Garcia + EJB	Isaac Velez SAS **
Shelina Chotrani SAS * HD	Shivani Patel + SAS **	Benjamin Wenberg + EJB * CL

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN (B.S.)

Jared Aisenberg SAS ***	Jennifer Dulitz SAS	Jad Salloum SEBS *
Justin G. Alexander SAS *** UP CS	Danyel Kenis SAS *	Jacqueline Simmons SAS 🏗
Aren Bedian + EJB *	Alexander Liz + EJB ***	Xinhai Zhang EJB *
Carlos Cabrera SAS	Collin Rapach SAS *	Jie Zhang SAS *
Tatianna Creer ^ SAS	Erik Romatowski SAS *	Tianyi Zhang SAS *

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (B.S.)

Ashley Adamo + SAS ** UPD R	Filobatir Beshay EJB **	Jennifer Desrosiers EJB
Hiba Adina <sup>EJB</sup>	Andre Bezerra ^SAS *	Andrew Dillon + SAS **
Selina Afzal SAS **	Tiffany Boateng SAS	Okia Dixon SAS
Sania Ahmed SAS *	Hanasia Booker + SAS	Amanda Dominguez EJB **
Jessica Ahn ^ SAS	Mattea Boyarsky ^ SAS ***	Ala Dorvil SAS
Zehra Ali SAS ***	Nicole Candelario SAS ***	Traci Drakeford EJB ** CL UPD
Ololade Aluko SAS *	Maria Carapucci EJB ** CL	Nour El-Zant SAS
Daniel Amaya ^ EJB *** SCL	Fatma Celik EJB	Ivan Espino + EJB *** SCL
Joseph Arning SAS	Sofia Centeno SAS *** UPD	Maliha Fayyaz <sup>^ EJB *** SCL</sup>
Hannan Arshad + SAS ***	Angelina Cerasani SAS *** UPD HD	Ryan Finnegan SAS
Lyzette Asare SAS **	Rose Y. Chung SAS	Gina Fuentes SAS *
Sylvia Asikaburu ^SAS **	Puja Contractor SAS ** UPD	Sierra Gandy SAS
Ashley Atubi SAS * R	Cameron Daniels + SAS	Dominique Garcia SAS *
Rebecca Ayala EJB *	Sydney Davis SAS *	Jenel Garcia SAS **
	Nicole DeCeglie + SAS *** UPD	Karina Garcia SAS
Sadaf Batool SAS  Catherine Bell AEJB SAS SCL	Ashley DeMichele ^EJB	Anthony Gonzales-Hoyos EJB

+	January 2022 Graduate
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CL Cum Laude

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EsG Eta Sigma Gamma Honorary Upsilon Phi Delta Honorary

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#### Bachelor of Science in Health Administration (B.S.)

Ashley Graham EJB ** MCL
Maahum Hassan + SAS ***
Angelina Haw SAS *
Eva He SAS *** UPD
Carolina Heleno SAS *
Jensly Hernandez EJB *
LaKiya Hill + EJB ** CL 💢
Shane Honkisz EJB *** SCL
Yasmin M. Ibrahim SAS
Ridda Insar SAS
Sharileen Javines SAS ** UPD
Alan Jin SAS
Andrew Joe SAS ***
Shahara Kabir EJB *
Alexis Kim SAS **
Kevin Kong EJB **
Deborah Lampley ^EJB
Shania Langford + SAS
Courtney Le SAS *
Jihong Lee SAS **
Natalie Lopes EJB

Ashley Lovo SAS **
Brandon Low SAS **
Derrick Luo ^ SAS *
Brian Lushaj SAS
Elina Makna + EJB
Haseeb Malik EJB ***
Adriana Malvone + SAS
Jacalyn McCarthy + SAS **
Kelly Mendoza EJB ** CL
Romulo Meneses SAS *** UPD
Julia Morris EJB ** MCL 🏗
Fatima Morsy ^ SAS ***
Anna Murphy SAS ***
Kajal Patel SAS **
Kamal Patel SAS
Nicholas Phillips ^ SAS **
Hanan Pickett EJB **
Lesley Pimentel-Sanchez SAS ***
Shafali Pradhan EJB ** CL
Emmanuel Ramirez SAS **

Brooke Riedy SAS *** UPD R
Anissa Rizzo SAS **
Saba Sarwar SAS **
Nusaiba Sayed SAS **
Preeti Sharma SAS * UPD
Chloe Shneiderovsky ^ SAS *
Abhijeet Simak SAS **
Samantha Speirs SAS **
Lori Srivastava EJB *** CL
Katherine Stein SAS
Rebka Tages EJB *** CL
Tiffany Tirado ^ EJB
Danielle Towle EJB *** SCL UPD
Courtess Tucker EJB
Devette Tyndall + SAS UPD
Julie Walker EJB
Jennifer Wang SAS **
Sarah Yih SAS *** UPD
Dove Youm EJB ***
Katarina Zonic ^ SAS *
Yamaris Zurita SAS

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH (B.S.)

Zeyneb Aamer ^ EJB *** SCL
Batool Abdi SAS
Robert Abrahams SAS *** PHP
Madeline Agresti SAS *
Tatyana Aguilar SAS ** ESG
Wajeeha Ahmad SAS ***
Laila Ahmed SAS ***
Sabrina Ahmed SAS ***
Salma Ahmed ^ SAS
Ariel Ajero SAS
Samirah Alauddin SEBS **
Alyanna Aldea SEBS **
Faton Alili SAS *
Anthony Allakis + SAS *
Aila L. Altunbilek $^{SAS}$ ** ESG $^{HD}$

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Jorge Alvarez * SAS *
Vanessa Amankwah * SAS
Rebecca Amoako ^ EJB
Chimaraije Amu-Nnadi ^ SAS ***
Eleni Aradas SEBS *** ESC
Valeria Arias EJB
Yara Assadi SAS *** ESG
Temilola Babalola SEBS * ESG HD
Shrivali Banerjee SEBS * ESG
Caleb Bartorillo * SAS *
Victoria Bertrand SAS * ESC
Aneesh Bhave SEBS *** ESC
Hardee Bhavsar SAS *
Mahidul Bhuiyan SAS *
Nicole Binkley SAS *** ESC
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Amndeep Binning SAS * PHP
Meghan Bissett ^ SAS **
Zoe Bond SAS ***
Nadia Boye SEBS
Anna Busler SAS *
Valbona Camaj ^ SAS
Ashley Campo ^ SAS ***
Michele Caporaso EJB ** MCL
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Christina Cartisano + SAS ** HD
Gaelle Casimir SAS * ESG
Kelsea Casselle SAS
Emelin Cazares SAS
Nicole Chalecki SAS * ESG
Lily Chang SAS ***

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Menaka Chawan + SAS * HD
Naomi Chee SAS ***
Grace Chelius SAS *
Emily Chen + SAS **
Michelle Cheng SAS **
Moumita Chowdhury SAS *** ESG
Madison Clark SAS ***
Caroline Clarke SEBS
Ryan Coleman EJB *** SCL
Keirstin Convers + EJB *** SCL
Arly Corado SAS ** ESG HD GHHP
Julia Cordaro SAS HD GHHP
Sara Costa + SAS
Shannon K. Costigan ^ SAS
Rotem Cudkevich SAS * HD
Angela D'Adamo SAS ** A HD
Marlana Dant SEBS * HD HP
Ivy Davis ^ SAS **
Gabriella De Oliveira SAS *** ESG
Nahom Deleta SAS ** HD
Laura Denis SAS *** HD HP
Tiana Dequattro ^ SEBS
Kathleen M. Dougherty SAS ** 🖹
Xinyu Duan ^ SEBS *
Jamiah Dunson EJB ** CL
Kevin Duran ^ SAS *
Olivia Echeverria SAS ** ESG
Sincere Estrada ^ SEBS
Randy Estrella ^ SAS
Betsally Falcones EJB
Jessica Fanfan + SAS **
Mohammed F. Fathin + SAS ***
Elizabeth Fayer ^ SEBS **
Abigail Faynshteyn SAS **
Gabrielle Fernan SAS
Francesca Ferri SEBS **
Gabriella Florio SAS
Caleb Fornes SAS HD GHHP
Raisa Franco ^ SEBS *

Lauren Freeman ^ SAS **
Mariah Gagliardi-Wilson SAS
Alexander Garcia + SAS ***
Aashna Gheewalla SAS ***
Jenna Goebel + SAS * HD
Avani Gohil SAS ***
Elizabeth Gomes + SAS
Jaime Gonzalez ^ SAS *
Sky Gonzalez EJB ESG
Julian Goodman SEBS
Julia Goodwin SAS * ESG
Brielle H. Gorrell ^ SEBS ESG
Hannah Greer SAS * ESG
Koran B. Green + SAS
Zeriyah Griffin ^ EJB *
Anthony M. Gutierrez SAS *
Irteza Hafiz + SAS PHP
Eruj Hamid SEBS * ESG
Jacqueline Hanley ^ EJB *** SCL ESC
Dina Haouari ^ SAS *
Eesha Hassan + SAS ***
Menatallah A. Hassan SEBS *
Caroline Heagen ^ SAS **
Larisa Hernandez ^ SAS
Soraya Herrera SEBS * ESG
Michelle Higareda + SAS
Caitlyn A. Horton SAS ** PHP
Jenna Huffman + EJB *
Soriya Huynh SAS
Jennifer C. Ignacio SAS
Isagemni Inofinada SEBS **
Ava Jalshgari ^ SEBS *
Madelyn Jarrell + SEBS * HD
Euikyeom Jeong EJB ** MCL
Brigitte Jimenez EJB ESG
Amanda Johnson SAS ** ESG
Siddhi Joshi SAS
Ilene Joy SAS
Esther Kabutey ^ SAS **

Tabreez Kara SEBS * ESG HD GHHP
Aishwarya Karanam SAS * ESG
Robert Karch SAS *
Amirah Khan SAS *
Amy Khan SAS ***
Hamida Khatun SAS * ESG
Aysha Khawaja SEBS ** HD
Adem Kilic SEBS ***
Rachel Kim SAS **
Monaver Klenja SAS
Kate Kornitas ^ SAS ESG
Janelle Korsah-Yorke ^ SAS
Lizbeth Lanfranco + SAS
Melanie Lavake SAS ***
Taylor Lavalla SAS **
Sabrina Lew SAS * ESG PHAE
Tiffany Liao SAS *
Victoria Lipari SAS *
Stephanie Lopez-Cruz + EJB
Abiba Macauley SAS *
Milca Macenat ^ SAS
Gianna Mancini + SAS * 🏗
Jasmine Manglavil SAS ** ESG
Isatou Manneh SEBS **
Brooke Margolin SEBS ** ESG HD GHHP
Cecillia Marino SAS *
Bilal Matin SAS **
Gabriella Meier SEBS **
Obiamaka Melie ^ SAS
Megan Melville ^ SAS
Williow Meredith ^ SEBS
Derek Merino ^ SEBS
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Keith Miller SEBS *
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Tahmeda Munim SAS *	Mariana Posso SAS *	Kishan Sojan SAS ***	
Erin Murphy SAS *	Saira Prasanth SAS *** PHAE	Isabelle Souza SAS ** ESG	
Samantha Murray + EJB *** MCL	Sherell Pressley-Williams ^SAS	Christine Starozytnyk EJB * CL	
Solomiya Mykolyk SEBS *	Shealyn Prouflias SAS *** ESG	Kali Stewart + SAS **	
Justin Najimian SAS *** HD	Julia Purakal ^SAS	Suhaila Still SAS	
Gabriella Naletilic SAS ***	Shifan Qian SAS **	Thamena Sultan + SAS ***	
Angel Nguyen SAS **	Jailene Quiles ^SAS	Madina Tall SEBS	
Francesca Nicholson SAS *	Daniel Quizon SEBS ** ESG	Jacelyn Tarn SAS ** HD	
Kayla Ocasio ^ SAS	Samantha Ramos SAS *	Carlene Tavares-Walls EJB	
Sean M. O'Flaherty SAS **	Lamia Rashid + SAS *	Jayde Tedesco ^ SAS	
Teresa O'Keefe SAS *	Michael Ricciardi SEBS **	Nicola Teves SAS GHHP	
Olutosin Oladipo SAS ESG	Marivi Rodriguez SAS	Jasmine Thai SAS ESG	
Olusola Mary Olatubosun SAS *** ESG	Mark Rogers ^ SEBS *	Fatou Thiam ^SAS *	
Olamilekan Olorode + EJB *** SCL	Jaclyn Rosa SAS	Jenny Tian SAS ** ESG PHAE PHP	
Ifeoma Onyeukwu <sup>^ SAS *</sup>	Jaiden Rowe ^SAS ***	Ciera A. Torney SEBS * ESG	
Michael Osuji + SAS *	Irene Rubinacci + EJB	Sarah Tran SAS	
Alexis Oyediran SAS ***	Sharfaa Sabir SAS **	Julia Ullman SAS *** ESG	
Rayelle Pagan SAS	Facundo Saiegh SAS *	Marcela Umana + SAS	
Nicole Palacios ^ SEBS	Umayma Saifuddin ^SAS ***	Nila Uthirasamy SAS *** HD GHHP	
Nina Paranjpe SAS *** ESG	Farrah Salama SAS	Cristal Velez-Rosa ^SAS *	
Jeena Patel + SAS	Jazmin Sallit SAS **	Stefany Vigo SEBS *	
Jill Patel + SAS ***	Kayla Sampayo SEBS	Kayla Vuoso EJB *** SCL ESG	
Arma V. Patel SAS * ESG	Serah Sannoh SAS ***	Kristina Wahl ^SAS **	
Ayushi Patel SAS **	Carolina Santos ^ EJB	John Wakefield SEBS	
Himani Patel SAS ***	Sabrina Santos + SAS ***	Jenna Walling EJB *** MCL	
Kalindi Patel SAS * ESG PHP	Rachael Scarinci SEBS PHP	Yumin Wang SAS	
Kinjal Patel SAS **	Dora Schechter SAS *	Stephanie Warga + EJB ** CL	
Krupa Patel SAS *	Johnathaniel See SAS *	Adrienne Wartawan SAS *** HD GHHE	
Rachel Patel SAS * ESG HD GHHP	Samira Shah + SAS *	Remone White + SAS	
Reenal Patel SAS **	Aayush Shah SAS ***	Lauren Witkowski + SAS	
Richa Patel SAS **	Disha Shah SAS ***	Alexandra Wolinski SEBS HD GHHP	
Sarth Patel SAS *	Drashya Shah SAS *** ESG	Ritika Yadav SAS ESG	
Deven Patel ^SAS *	Nina Shah SAS **	Tianyi Yang + SEBS PHP	
Eliana Perez SAS ***	Pooja Shah SAS *** ESG HDGHHP	Quadjo Yeboah ^EJB * CL	
Lily Perrine + SAS	Christine Shamy-Cavezza ^SEBS * ESG	Jessie Yeung SAS ESG HD PHAE	
Melanie Petermann ^ SAS **	Alexa Shatilla EJB ** MCL	Amber Yuill SAS	
George Petkanas SAS *	Roshni Shenoy SAS **	Isabela Bello-Zap SAS ** ESG	
Mrinalini Pillai SEBS	Arushi Singh ^ SAS * HD GHHP	Yuxin Zhang ^SAS **	
Saivamsi Polavarapu SAS *	Bartosz Skiba SAS ** A HD	Zihao Zhou ^ SEBS	

### Graduate Awards, Endowed Awards, and Fellowships, 2021-22

#### **Outstanding Student Academic Achievement Awards**

Awarded to the student in each program achieving the highest caliber of academic excellence

KERMINA ADEL HANNA — PUBLIC POLICY OOHA UPPALAPATI — URBAN PLANNING ANNA PRYAMKOVA — HEALTH ADMINISTRATION YINGCHEN ZHANG — PUBLIC INFORMATICS

#### **Outstanding Student Service Awards**

Awarded to the student in each program who has demonstrated significant and positive contributions to the school and community during their time as a graduate student

MAGGIE-LEIGH O'NEILL — PUBLIC POLICY
ZAINAB KAZMI — URBAN PLANNING
NISHA SAMIR DESAI — HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
ALI NAIM BUTT — PUBLIC INFORMATICS

#### **Outstanding AICP Planning Student Award**

Awarded by the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Planning Association's professional institute, in recognition of outstanding achievement in the study of planning.

JUSTINE ANGELA BERNAL RECIO

#### Susan S. Fainstein Distinguished Doctoral Scholarship Award

Awarded for outstanding scholarship and excellence in doctoral research in the tradition established by Susan S. Fainstein during her distinguished career as Graduate Director and Director of the Doctoral Program at the Bloustein School.

#### DIREN KOCAKUSAK

The Bloustein School is grateful for the endowed scholarships that have been established due to the generosity of our donors who include alumni, parents, and friends of the school.

The below list of endowed awards were established to help support graduate students thoughout their program of study.

Bloustein School Alumni Association Annual Graduate Fellowship—Grant King Graduate Fellowship for Social and Environmental Justice—Sofia Barandiaran New Jersey Planning Officials Annual Graduate Scholarship— Kyle Cruz Edward J. Bloustein Memorial Scholarship—Rodas Bekele, Chelsie Riche

Dawne D. and Lawrence B. Burrows Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning and Public Policy—Erica Copeland

Dr. Robert A. Catlin Annual Graduate Fellowship—Robert Hayes

Isadore Candeub Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning—Erica Copeland

B. Budd Chavooshian Endowed Memorial Fellowship—Kevin Stephens

Peter C. Cosier IV Environmental Fellowship—Michele Snyder

Bob Cotter City Kid Endowed Graduate Scholarship in Planning—Grant King

Lawrence Downes Graduate Fellowship in Energy and Environmental Policy—Nimisha Deshwal

Walter C. Evans Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning—Olivia Simpson

Christiana R. Foglio Annual Graduate Fellowship in Planning—Olivia Simpson

Hon. Patricia Juliano Memorial Scholarship—Naomi Hogan

Susan Kirk Foundation Endowed Scholarship—Kathryn Jurenka

Dr. Donald A. Krueckeberg Memorial Scholarship—Soo Yeon Lim

Paul J. Larrousse Endowed Fellowship in Planning—Jackson Pierce

Jennifer S. Lightner Memorial Scholarship—Maximo Vazquez

Harold H. and Reba Martin Endowed Fellowship in Public Policy—Iman Mustafa

Brandon M. Poli Memorial Scholarship—Kiara Ryan

Mortensen/Voorhees Prize for Achievement in Transportation Studies— Mihail Kaburis

# Undergraduate Awards and Fellowships, 2021-22

#### 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.

SYDNEY MOORE — PUBLIC HEALTH

#### Miriam Barker Endowed Memorial Undergraduate Student Achievement Award

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

BARTOSZ SKIBA — PUBLIC HEALTH

#### 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, improve services to the public, or contribute to the communities in which they live—serve as a model and inspiration for others in their dedication to excellence.

#### BROOKE MARGOLIN — PUBLIC HEALTH

#### 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.

#### CHRISTINA CARTISANO, JAQUELINE HANLEY

#### 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 University. 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.

JORGE ALVAREZ, SAIDY CEDANO, BROOKE MARGOLIN, NEHA SAJU, ISAAC VELEZ

# Commencement Pageantry and Color and The Academic Costume

The wearing of academic dress dates back to the early days of the oldest universities in the world. In the American Council on Education's book entitled *American Universities and Colleges*, it is suggested that "Gowns may have been counted necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head. . . . "

Throughout the years, European universities have continued to show great diversity in their academic dress. When American universities decided to adopt academic dress, however, they immediately established a code of regulations that today is followed by almost all American institutions. The establishment of this code has made it possible to distinguish between the Bachelors, Masters, and Doctors, and, at the same time, recognize the university that has conferred the degree.

Gowns: The gown for the Bachelor's degree, designed to be worn closed, has pointed sleeves. Graduates of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences traditionally wear green academic robes, symbolizing the agricultural and environmental elements of the college's mission. The Master's gown, worn open or closed, has oblong sleeves, the front part of which frequently is cut away at the elbow. The Doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. It is worn open or closed. Cotton poplin or similar material is used for the Master's degree, and rayon or silk ribbed material is used for the Doctor's degree.

**Trimmings:** Gowns for the Bachelor's or Master's degrees are untrimmed. For the Doctor's degree, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the disciplines to which the degree pertains, thus agreeing in color with the binding or edging of the hood appropriate to the particular doctor's degree in every instance.

**Hoods:** The length of the hood worn for the Bachelor's degree must be three feet, for the Master's degree three and one-half feet, and for the Doctor's degree, four feet. The hood worn for the doctor's degree only shall have panels at the sides. All hoods are lined in silk in the academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. If the institution has more than one color, the colors are shown in divisions using chevrons. The binding or edge of the hood is usually made of velvet in the color designating the subject in which the degree was granted.

Below is a list of some of the colors as prescribed by the Intercollegiate Code for the binding of the graduate hood:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Medicine	Green
Business Administration, Health Administration	Drab (Tan)	Music	Pink
Economics	Copper	Nursing	Apricot
Education	Light Blue	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Engineering	Orange	Philosophy	Blue
Fine Arts, Architecture, Urban Planning	Brown	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Law	Purple	Public Policy	Peacock Blue
Public Informatics	Gold		

The color or colors of the lining of the hood for the nine colonial colleges are: **scarlet, Rutgers**; crimson, Harvard; green-gold-silver, William and Mary; blue, Yale; redblue, Pennsylvania; orange-black, Princeton; light blue-white, Columbia; brown, Brown; and green-white, Dartmouth.

Caps: Black mortarboards or soft hats are worn for all degrees. The gold tassel signifies a Doctorate.

Gonfalon: The gonfalon is a heraldic flag or banner, often pointed, swallow-tailed, or with several streamers, and suspended from a crossbar. It is displayed at the head of all formal school processions. Founded in 1992 as the School of Planning and Public Policy, the gonfalon represents the Bloustein School's original graduate-level disciplines of urban planning (brown) and public policy (peacock blue). These colors frame a central stripe of Rutgers Scarlet. Displayed at the top, surrounded by the name of the school, is a representation of the Civic Square Building, which was built in 1995 as the home of the Bloustein School. This year (2022) the school has added gold for the informatics graduate discipline. The colors are represented in the celebratory pom poms presented to all members of the graduating class.

#### **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 between 2020-22.

Hill, T. Patrick (2022). No Place for Ethics: Judicial Review, Legal Positivism and the Supreme Court of the United States. Rowman and Littlefield.

**Jagannathan, Radha** (2021). The Growing Challenge of Youth Unemployment in Europe and America: A Cross-Cultural Perspective. Bristol University Press.

Camasso, M. J. and **Radha Jagannathan** (2021). Caught in the Safety Net: Cultural Prescriptions for Youth Unemployment and Economic Dependency. Oxford University Press.

Hughes, James W. and David Listokin (2022). Population Trends in New Jersey. Rutgers University Press.

Kovats-Bernat, Christopher (2022). Anfans Difisil: A Study of Imperiled Childhoods in Haiti. Kendall Hunt Publishing.

Ghertner, D. Asher and Robert W. Lake (2021). Land Fictions: The Commodification of Land in City and Country. Cornell University Press.

Jane Wills and Robert W. Lake (2020). The Power of Pragmatism: Knowledge Production and Social Inquiry. Manchester University Press.

Miller, Jane E. (2021). Making Sense of Numbers: Quantitative Reasoning for Social Research. Sage Publications.

Nelessen, Anton (Tony) C. (2022). Community Visioning for Place Making: A Guide to Visual Preference Surveys for Successful Urban Evolution. Routledge.

#### **GRANTS**

Members of the Bloustein School faculty and staff have been the recipients of prestigious awards and research grants totaling almost \$14 million in 2021-22.

**David Aimen** is the principal investigator for an award of \$41,123 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the *Technology Transfer and Implementation Program*.

Karen Alexander is the principal investigator for an award of \$300,010 from the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the Mobility Management program.

**Francis Barchi** is the principal investigator for an award of \$43,991 from the U.S. Embassy for the *Expanding Participation in an Adult Women's Soccer League to Decrease Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Kenya* project.

Eliot Benman is the principal investigator for an award of \$157,804 from Somerset County for the Somerset County Investment Framework Update.

**Catherine Bull** is the principal investigator for an award of \$67,432 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Safety Network for the *Mature Driver Education* and *Training Program* and for an award of \$34,671 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the *New Jersey Crossing Guard Training Program*.

Melody Bundy is the principal investigator for an award of \$25,000 from the Kessler Foundation for the Kessler Community Employment Grant.

**Jon A. Carnegie** is the principal investigator for an award of \$50,000 from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the *Transportation Management Association Program Assessment*.

**Elizabeth Cooner** is the principal investigator for an award of \$192,144 from the New Jersey Department of Education for the *Evaluation of the Impacts of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds*.

**Devajyoti Deka** is the principal investigator for an award of \$300,000 from the National Academy of Sciences for the *Mental Health, Wellness, and Resilience for Transit System Workers* program.

Stephanie E. Dipetrillo is the principal investigator for an award of \$125,000 from Morris County for the Morris County Update.

**Laurie M. Harrington** is the principal investigator for an award of \$91,744 from the New Jersey Department of Education for the *New Jersey Career Assistance Navigator (NJCAN)* program and for an award of \$37,206 from Newark Youth Opportunity Network for the *Youth Workforce Development* program.

Maria Heidkamp is the principal investigator for an award of \$75,000 from the New Jersey Department of Labor for the Volunteer Generation Fund.

**Jeanne Herb** is the principal investigator for an award of \$39,911 from the NJ Department of Human Services for the *Developing a Community Based Grants Program* and for an award of \$50,000 from the Energy Foundation for the continuation of the *New Jersey Climate Change Alliance*.

Andrea Hetling is the principal investigator for an award of \$77,900 from the NJ Division of Family Development for the Building and Analyzing Longitudinal Data program; for an award of \$98,139 from Administration Children and Families for the Examining Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) as a Supportive Program; and for an award of \$146,091 from the New Jersey Division of Family Development for the New Jersey Division of Family Development - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) assessment.

**Radha Jagannathan** is the principal investigator for an award of \$30,363 from Johnson & Johnson, Inc. for the *Bridge to Employment Program*; for an award of \$24,000 from FHI 360 for the *Ewing Bridge to Employment Program*; and for an award of \$101,000 from Johnson & Johnson, Inc for the *Nurture Through Nature* program.

Michael L. Lahr is the principal investigator for an award of \$122,167 from Preservation Design Partnership, LLC for the *Economic Impacts of Flooding on Florida's Historic Communities* assessment.

**David C. Listokin** is the principal investigator for an award of \$60,000 from the U.S. Department of the Interior- National Park Service for the *Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives* program.

**Robert B. Noland** is the principal investigator for an award of \$213,635 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the *Newark Light Rail Re-origin Destination Intermodal Choice Study*.

Marc Pfeiffer is the principal investigator for an award of \$100,000 from the New Jersey Department of Treasury for the Digital Economy assessment.

**Kelcie Ralph** is the principal investigator for an award of \$5000 from Rutgers Internal Research Council for the study *Why is Induced Demand Missing From Engineering Education*.

Julia Sass Rubin is the principal investigator for an award of \$10,000 from New Jersey Policy Perspective for the Democracy in New Jersey and Nationally study.

**Miriam Salerno** is the principal investigator for an award of \$506,000 from the National Academy of Sciences Engineering and Medicine for the *Manual for Effective Equitable and Efficient Practices*.

Patricia Sanchez is the principal investigator for an award of \$100,000 from the National Academy of Sciences Engineering and Medicine for the Pathways to Effective Inclusive and Equitable Virtual Public Engagement program.

Stuart Shapiro is the principal investigator for an award of \$1,000,000 from the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education for the establishment of the New Jersey State Policy Lab.

Mi Shih is the principal investigator, with Kathe Newman, for two awards of \$32,037 and \$6922 from the Urban Studies Foundation. Part of the first award is to support conferences on Negotiating Social Futures: The Politics of Land Development and Value Capture During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic. A second part is the Knowledge Mobilization award which supports Research on Urban Land Financialization in Taiwan.

Sean Simone is the principal investigator for an award of \$1,000,000 from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the New Jersey Education to Earnings Data System (NJEEDS).

Billy Terry is the principal investigator for an award of \$5,000,000 from the Federal Transit Administration for the continuation of the National Transit Institute.

Carl E. Van Horn is the principal investigator for an award of \$287,105 from WorkRise for A Workplace Divided: Combining Robust Survey Research and Strategic Stakeholder Engagement to Advance Equitable Workplaces and Economic Progress for Workers of Color and for an award of \$14,802 from the National Center for Civic Innovation for the National Center for Civic Innovation.

Leigh Ann Von Hagen is the principal investigator for an award of \$101,750 from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) for the continuation of the Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program.

Nancy L. Wolff is the principal investigator for an award of \$268,138 from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Birth Defects & Autism Registry; for an award of \$72,058 from the State of Michigan Department of Health & Human Services for the Michigan Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS); for an award of \$568,463 from the New Jersey Department of Health for the New Jersey Development Disabilities Planning Institute; for an award of \$1,908,672 from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the New Jersey Substance Abuse Monitoring System; and for an award of \$84,042 from the New Jersey Department of Education for Post School Outcomes.

Wenwen Zhang is the principal investigator for an award of \$19,989 from the University of Virginia for the Modeling Energy & Emissions of Autonomous Electric Vehicles study and for an award of \$126,337 Harvard University (NIH) for the National Institutes of Health Harvard Sub Contract.

#### **PROMOTIONS**

Amy Abruzzi was promoted to Associate Teaching Professor. She has conducted research involving multiple primary cancers as well as liver cancer associated with HBV or HCV and co-infection with schistosomiasis, a neglected tropical disease. She also has a general interest in public health informatics as well as the history and philosophy of epidemiology, public health, and medicine.

**Juan Ayala** was promoted to Associate Professor of Practice. His research seeks to improve evidence-based analysis and understand what metrics can be used to make sound decision about design, its performance, and its relevance to a place and its context.

Marci Berger was promoted to Associate Teaching Professor. Her professional interests include health policy, public policy and reproductive health.

Soumitra Bhuyan was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. At the graduate level, he teaches courses in the areas of population health, principles of health administration and professional development and at the undergraduate level teaches courses in population health.

Debra Borie-Holtz was promoted to Associate Teaching Professor. Her academic research interests include policy formation, implementation and politics, legislative leadership, and governing in the states, regulations, and rulemaking processes, women in government and gendered leadership, as well as methods.

Alan Cander was promoted to Associate Teaching Professor. His primary research interest is urban redevelopment particularly in how, in a changing regulatory climate that has attempted to place limits on blight declaration and the use of eminent domain, public and private entities in older or declining cities collaborate in both transparent and non-transparent ways to revalorize contested urban space.

Thomas Davis was promoted to Assistant Teaching Professor. He has taught public health literature and writing for professionals. In his professional work he specializes in housing, urban design and streetscapes.

Anita Franzione was promoted to Associate Teaching Professor. She has been in the field of health care for over 30 years working in all sectors of health care from ambulatory care settings to acute care hospitals, nonprofit agencies, long term care organizations, for-profit insurance companies, and quality improvement organizations and in different specialties, including mental health and HIV/AIDS services. She has broad experience in public health, research, and policy.

Andrea Hetling was promoted to Professor with tenure. Her research interests are in the area of domestic social policies that target disadvantaged or marginalized groups. She is particularly interested in evaluating the implementation and outcomes of social programs designed to reduce poverty, inequality, and family violence.

Michael Lahr was promoted to Distinguished Research Professor. An expert in input-output modeling, he serves as the Director of the Rutgers Economic Advisory Service ( $R/ECON^{\infty}$ ), which provides economic analysis of public policy issues for New Jersey and the region in the fields of housing, economic development, program evaluation, and fiscal and economic analysis.

**Alexandra Lopez** was promoted to Associate Teaching Professor. She has been training professionals in the counseling and addiction field for over 15 years and travels extensively providing workshops, motivational speaking, and continuing education credits. She has extensive experience in school law and policy.

Kathe Newman was promoted to professor with tenure. Her research explores urban change, what it is, why it happens, and what it means. Her research has explored gentrification, foreclosure, urban redevelopment, food security, community economic development and community participation.

Kelcie Ralph was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Her current research focuses on distracted driving and walking and how car crash reporting influences perceptions of distracted walking.

Mi Shih was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Her research builds on ethnographic fieldwork methods to examine Chinese urbanization, particularly focusing on the role of the state, shifting urban-rural boundaries, displacement, people's livelihood changes, and social conflicts over land development, as well as planning regulation, land development rights, land assembly instruments, and discursive and institutional practices of value capture in urban development in Taiwan.

#### APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

Hon. Paul W. Armstrong, JSC (ret). MA, JD, LLM, was presented the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law's Lighthouse Award, which honors an attorney or judge whose professional and community-based efforts serve as an inspiration to colleagues. Judge Armstrong, who retired from the bench in 2015, is currently a Senior Policy Fellow and Judge in Residence in the Bloustein School's Master of Health Administration program and teaches courses in healthcare ethics and law. He also serves as the Vice-Chairman of the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice where he has been a member of leadership since its inception 42 years ago.

**Debra Borie-Holtz** coauthored a chapter in a new book with Ashley Koning. The chapter is titled "Sampling in Disaster and Emergency Management Research" and can be found in Disaster and Emergency Management Methods: Social Science Approaches in Application.

**Soumitra Bhuyan** was named to the editorial board of *The Journal of Health Administration Education*, the flagship journal of Association of University Programs in Healthcare Administration (AUPHA).

Elizabeth Cooner was appointed as the Executive Director of the New Jersey State Policy Lab, a state-funded initiative housed at the Bloustein School which conducts rigorous, nonpartisan research and analysis of policy issues facing the state with an eye towards equity and social justice.

**Thomas G. Dallessio AICP/PP/CPM/FRSA** was recognized by the American Planning Association -- New Jersey Chapter with the 2020 Budd Chavooshian Outstanding Professional Planner Award for sustained dedication and service to the profession. Tom is an alumnus and a lecturer in the Bloustein School's graduate urban planning program, teaching Comprehensive Planning and Planning & Land Use Administration seminar courses and the Comprehensive Planning Studio.

James DeFilippis named to the Urban Affairs Association Distinguished Service Honor Roll, which recognizes the organization's most impactful service leaders.

**Aakanksha Deoli** was appointed Instructor of Teaching and Undergraduate Internship Coordinator. Her research interests include maternal health, population health, healthcare disparities, and process improvement.

Jeanne Herb, Executive Director of the Bloustein School's Environmental Analysis & Communications Group was appointed Chair of the Planning Committee on Communities, Climate Change, and Health Equity – A Workshop Series by the National Research Council.

Radha Jagannathan was nominated for the Alice Amsden Best Book Award by the Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics for Caught in the Safety Net: Cultural Prescriptions for Youth Unemployment and Economic Dependency. The Nurture thru Nature (NtN) program, of which Dr. Jagannathan co-directs, was nominated for a 2021 Real Impact Awards 2021 - Mobilizing Research into Action offered by Emerald Publishing. Dr. Jagannathan was also appointed to the Board of Directors of the PASCAL International Observatory and to the Faculty Advisory Board, Center for Mathematics, Science, and Computer Education at Rutgers University and selected competitively to the Fulbright Specialist Roster.

Jane Kaye was appointed Assistant Teaching Professor in the Master of Health Administration program. Jane is a healthcare CFO who brings 25+ years of finance leadership and consulting experience to health systems and physician practices positioning themselves for growth, and helps to evaluate strategic options based on her deep knowledge of healthcare finance and operations.

Jane Miller was invited to present the keynote address "Beyond Statistical Significance: A Holistic View of What Makes a Research Finding "Important" at the National Numeracy Network Annual Conference (virtual) in March 2022.

Russ Molloy, J.D., was appointed Senior Policy Fellow for the Bloustein School's Master of Health Administration program. In this new role, he will advise the school on course curriculum, health policy, as well as teaching.

Anton (Tony) C. Nelessen has been awarded the 2022 Academic Leadership Excellence Award from the Urban Land Institute Northern New Jersey Chapter. The award recognizes exceptional leadership and distinction in the area of submission.

**Kathe Newman** was named as the Northeast Regional Representative for the Governing Board of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. She was also chosen to sit on the Urban Affairs Association Governing Board and was named to the Urban Affairs Association Distinguished Service Honor Roll, which recognizes the organization's most impactful service leaders.

**Robert B. Noland** and **Patricia O'Brien-Richardson** are corecipients of the Bloustein School's 2022 Jerome G. Rose Teaching Excellence Award. Presented annually to full-time faculty member(s) committed to quality teaching, recipients are nominated by faculty and graduate students from both the Urban Planning and Public Policy Masters programs at the Bloustein School.

Cymie R. Payne, J.D. was reappointed as a Chair, Ocean Law Specialist Group, International Union Conservation of Nature, World Commission on Environmental Law at IUCN's quadrennial World Conservation Congress in September 2021. In this role she leads the group's research and public engagement, currently focused on a new biodiversity treaty, a new ocean plastics treaty, and deep seabed mining. IUCN is an intergovernmental organization and has Permanent Observer status at the UN General Assembly.

Will Payne was appointed Assistant Professor in geographic information science. In his research, he uses quantitative and qualitative methods to study the relationship between geospatial technologies and urban inequality, examining how changing technical capabilities, labor relations, and competitive pressures in the location-based services (LBS) industry interact with processes of racialized and class-based segregation in American cities. He was selected to moderate an expert panel on 'New Jersey Redistricting with Geographers: Mapping for Equity and Inclusion,' by the Association of American Geographers, in conjunction with the statewide legislative redistricting process coming out of the 2020 Census. He was also appointed to the Education Committee of the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science."

Mark Robson delivered the Daniel Gorenstein Memorial Award Lecture October 2021. The award is given annually to a Rutgers University faculty member noted for both outstanding scholarly achievement and exceptional service to the University. At the Bloustein School he teaches Global Health Perspectives and Population Health and Urbanization.

William M. Rodgers III, was appointed Vice President of The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis in July 2021. He is also serving as the Director of the bank's Institute for Economic Equity. In order to fulfill his new responsibilities, Dr. Rodgers is taking a public service leave of absence.

Gavin Rozzi, Research Computing Specialist with the Rutgers Urban & Civic Informatics Lab, was awarded First Place in the 3D category for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's 34th annual GIS mapmaking contest for his "New Jersey Population Density" map. The map also received an Honorable Mention for Best Cartographic Design.

Julia Sass Rubin was the 2022 Rutgers University nominee for the Northeastern Association of Graduate School's doctoral teaching award. She was also awarded the Rutgers School of Graduate Studies Excellence in Teaching & Mentoring Award 2021. The book *The Risky Business of Education Policy*, which includes a chapter by Julia Sass Rubin & Mark Weber on "Charter schools' impact on public education: Theory versus reality," won the 2022 outstanding book award from the Society of Professors of Education. The book was edited by C.H. Tienken and C.A. Mullen and published in 2021 by Routledge & Kappa Delta Pi.

Jim Samuel was appointed Associate Professor of Practice and Executive Director of the Master of Public Informatics program. His research interests include human intelligence and artificial intelligences interaction and information philosophy.

Eric Seymour was named to the International Editorial Advisory Board of the journal Housing Studies in September 2021.

Linda Stamato taught a graduate level course as a visiting professor at the University of Konstanz, Germany, in October 2021. She was named to the editorial board of the New Jersey Hills Media group in 2022 and was selected as vice-chair of the governing board of the New Jersey Hills Media group's nonprofit owner, the Corporation for New Jersey Local Media, the largest nonprofit owned media enterprise in the U.S.

Jermaine Toney was awarded an Early Career Award (Pipeline Grants Competition) from the Russell Sage Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The award supported his work on "The Effects of Extended Family Wealth on Income Mobility."

Naomi Uchida, a Professor in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Saitama University in Japan where she teaches classes in urban planning, has joined the Bloustein School as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar through July 2022.

Anne Strauss-Wieder, a lecturer in the Bloustein School's graduate urban planning program and Director of Freight Planning, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) was selected to present the 2022 Transportation Research Board (TRB) Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lectureship. The lecture, "Evolving with Rapidly Shifting Supply Chains and Freight Systems: The Past, the Present, and the Emerging Future," was presented at TRB's 2022 Annual Meeting in January 2022.

Marc Weiner was appointed to the Rutgers University-New Brunswick campus-wide Undergraduate Education Leadership Council and to the Professional Graduate Degree Committee.

Wenwen Zhang was appointed Assistant Professor in informatics. Her research focuses on the social and policy impacts of emerging transportation technologies, such as automated vehicles, ride-hailing services, and micro-mobility, and leveraging data science and visualization techniques to address critical urban planning issues.

## Faculty Retirements

A number long-time faculty members of the Bloustein School have retired in the last two years, and we wanted to inform the community about these individuals and acknowledge the many wonderful contributions they have made to the school, the university, and their professions.

Henry Coleman came to Rutgers in 1992 after serving with distinction in a variety of federal and state positions to lead the Rutgers Center for Government Services for twelve years. His academic career is filled with many achievements, including teaching in the Bloustein School's Public Policy program for more than fifteen years, focusing on both state and local public finance and poverty and income inequality issues. Dr. Coleman is a beloved teacher who has mentored a generation of public servants and has been a board member for numerous state non-profit organizations including the New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute, New Jersey City University, New Jersey Policy Perspective, New Jersey Future, Citizens for the Public Good, the Regional Planning Partnership, the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Gateway Institute at Kean University, the Center for State Health Care Strategies, and the Coalition for Affordable Housing and the Environment. He has also served on the board of several national non-profit organizations, including the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Most recently, he served on transition committees for several gubernatorial administrations in New Jersey, and on other special executive and legislative study commissions in New Jersey.

Distinguished Professor Michael R. Greenberg has been a leader in the Rutgers University community for decades, serving as an early member of the Rutgers University Committee on Academic Standards and Priorities, as Associate Dean of the Bloustein School (2000-17), and Interim Dean (2017-2018). He also helped establish a variety of centers to coordinate research on areas of public importance including the National Center for Neighborhood and Brownfields Redevelopment and the Center for Transportation Safety, Security and Risk, a Center of Excellence of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Professor Greenberg is an outstanding teacher who has mentored a number of undergraduate and graduate students, committed to high-quality instruction and especially undergraduate education. Public health has been at the core of Professor Greenberg's exemplary scientific work related to developing methodologies for solving emerging challenges at the nexus of environmental planning, public policy, and health. Over an exceptionally productive career, he has published more than 30 books and well over 300 articles. He has been a member of many National Research Council Committees, including those addressing the disposal of the U.S. chemical weapons stockpile, chemical waste management, and the degradation of the U.S. government's physical infrastructure. He has served on advisory boards for a large variety of agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency and the NJ Commission on Cancer Research. Dr. Greenberg has also chaired a committee for the U.S. Senate and House Appropriations Committees examining the U.S. DOE's prioritization of human health and safety in its environmental management programs. His work has been widely recognized with such awards/honors as being named Fellow of the Society of Risk Analysis, Distinguished Career Achievement Award from the International Society for Risk Analysis, and Distinguished Scholar Award from the American Association of Geographers. Dr. Greenberg served as Editor-in-Chief of Risk Analysis from 2008 to 2013, overseeing its path to becoming the world's leading journal in this vital field. In 2019 he was the 26th recipient of The Daniel Gorenstein Memorial Award, given annually to a Rutgers University faculty member noted for both outstanding scholarly achievement and exceptional service to the University.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities as Associate Professor of Practice, Ann Marie Hill served as the Internship Coordinator for the Undergraduate Programs and the Masters in Health Administration program. She guided hundreds—if not thousands—of students in the public health, health administration, and planning and public policy majors through Professional Leadership Development and their senior internships for over a decade at the Bloustein School. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she assisted with curriculum development, accreditation and certification, and non-traditional student services. She served as the advisor for the Future Healthcare Administrators undergraduates, guiding them successfully through the planning and implementation of the first few Healthcare Case Competitions. During her last two years of the program, she worked with both MHA and public health/health administration majors on a national report for the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries which is being used by the CDC to improve cancer surveillance nationally. She previously worked as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research, the only state agency within New Jersey that promotes and funds significant cancer research projects proposed and carried out by New Jersey scientists. During her tenure, nearly 500 cancer grants and fellowships totaling more than \$23 million were awarded to cancer researchers throughout the state. Professor Hill also administered the New Jersey Breast Cancer Research Fund, a dedicated fund fueled by a check-off box on the New Jersey State Income Tax, and the "Conquer Cancer License Plate Fund," supported by monies from the first specialty license plate in the country dedicated to cancer research. Professor Hill was also a key staff member for policy development of statewide strategic actions plans to reduce mortality for breast and prostate cancer, and has been involved in legislative initiatives for mammography, prostate screening, and genetic testing. She also worked with the Working Group to Improve Outcomes in Cancer Patients to launch the first voluntary agreement in the country that provides health care coverage for clinical trials.

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T. Patrick Hill is an expert in medical ethics and law, and has taught courses in Public Health Law and Ethics, Ethics for Planning and Public Policy, and Writing, Reasoning and Public Policy at the Bloustein School since 2002. Patrick has been widely sought after by the media for his proficiency in New Jersey's medical aid-in-dying law, vaccination requirements, and the suspension of parental medical decision-making for their children in favor of the interests of the public's health following the pandemic. His recently published book, No Place for Ethics, centers on the United States Supreme Court and how the judicial system has come to exclude consideration of ethics and instead elevates adherence to the law over ethical concerns. He has also been a clinical ethics consultant to the Neonatology Division at Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center and was a member of the Newborn Screening Review Committee for the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. He has served as an ethics consultant to The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, The Translational Research Working Group, The National Cancer Institute, The IRB Executive Committee, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, and the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Washington, D.C. Dr. Hill is a graduate of the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome, Italy, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Chicago, where he earned his doctorate.

Robert Lake served as Director of the Doctoral Program at the Bloustein School for six years and was a professor at the school for decades. He has been recognized with numerous prestigious teaching awards within and outside of Rutgers University, including most recently the American Association of Geographers Distinguished Teaching Honors. Over a nearly fifty-year career, Dr. Lake has provided a vibrant and nurturing environment for intellectual discussion and has made innumerable contributions to urban planning and geography through his distinguished teaching, scholarship, and service. He has written or edited eight books, including the recently released *Land Fictions: The Commodification of Land in City and Country* with Asher D. Ghertner and *The Power of Pragmatism: Knowledge Production and Social Inquiry*, co-edited by Jane Wills, as well as *The New Suburbanites: Race and Housing in the Suburbs* published in 2017. He has written more than 57 journal articles and book chapters many of which are widely cited in the urban planning literature. He also edited the journal *Urban Geography* from 1984-2004, and organized the Urban Geography plenary lecture from 2004-15. Dr. Lake has served as dissertation chair or committee member for over 130 doctoral students, many of whom are now leading scholars in the field.

One of the nation's most respected urban visionaries, **Anton (Tony) C. Nelessen** has more than 50 years of professional experience as a professor, author, and practitioner in the fields of visioning, planning, and urban design. A professor of urban planning and design at the Bloustein School since 1974, he previously taught at Harvard's Graduate School of Design. He was recently awarded the 2022 Academic Leadership Excellence Award from the Urban Land Institute Northern New Jersey Chapter. Considered a pioneer in community planning and urban design through public participation using his trademarked Visual Preference Survey and Vision Translation Workshop, Tony has been a consultant to a diverse group of clients both nationally and internationally including developers, architecture and landscape architecture firms, environmental groups, national and local transit agencies, municipalities, and counties. He has also been the visionary, planning, and urban design consultant on numerous Smart Growth projects, transit-oriented and urban revitalization plans in New Jersey including the cities and towns of Newark, Orange, Princeton, Collingswood, River Edge, Morristown, Jersey City, Hoboken, Elizabeth, Metuchen, Middlesex, Lawrence as well as the counties of Middlesex, Burlington, and Bergen, and nationally. In addition to his teaching, since 1989 Tony has also led an award-winning urban planning firm A Nelessen Associates, Inc. which has become an urban planning and design "think tank," a national creator in visioning, community planning, and urban design through public participation. He is the author of *Visions for a New American Dream* (1994) and more recently *Community Visioning for Place Making* (2021), a groundbreaking guide to engaging with communities in order to design better public spaces. He is currently working on *What People Want*, based on his extensive research conducting community visioning sessions across the country.

A distinguished and nationally recognized scholar who has taught, advocated, and written widely on environmental planning and policy, land use, regional development, and shrinkage planning, **Frank Popper** has been with the Planning Program since 1983. His article "Siting LULUs" (*Planning*, April 1981) created the concept of Locally Unwanted Land Uses (LULUs), which have become part of the language of planning and the environmental justice movement. His article "The Great Plains: From Dust to Dust" (*Planning*, December 1987), written with his wife, Deborah Popper, a geographer at the City University of New York and Princeton University, put forward the controversial Buffalo Commons idea that touched off a national debate on the future of the depopulating rural parts of the Great Plains. Dr. Popper has served on the governing boards of several prominent organizations such as the American Land Forum, the American Land Publishing Project, the American Planning Association, the Citizens Council on Land Use Research and Education, Ecocity Builders, and Urban Ecology. Within the Bloustein School, Dr. Popper served as chair of the undergraduate Urban Studies program and has been a ready mentor and sounding board to both students and junior faculty members.

A committed educator and enthusiastic leader who has an outstanding record in research and teaching in epidemiology and public policy **Dona Schneider** began teaching in the Department of Urban Studies and Community Health at Rutgers in 1988 and then joined the Bloustein School as a tenured professor after its founding in 1992. From 2001-08 she served as the Bloustein School's Director of Undergraduate Programs before being named the Associate Dean for Academic Programs, a role she continued in through 2020. As Associate Dean she spearheaded academic program administration and development, guiding the school through numerous assessments and accreditations. In 2016 she led the

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school's committee to pursue accreditation of the undergraduate Public Health major by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), an independent agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit schools of public health. The Bloustein School became one of the first four schools in the nation to have its stand-alone baccalaureate public health program receive accreditation. In addition, she served as article, book, and grant reviewer for more than 30 journals, agencies, and publishing houses; and served as thesis chair for more than 35 graduate students. Her research record includes more than 150 refereed journal articles, books, and book chapters, mostly focusing on mortality, morbidity, and risk factors for disease, especially for children and minorities. She was also was the director of the HIV Community Prevention, Support and Development Initiative at Rutgers University, a New Jersey state-funded initiative that trained and provided technical assistance to community-based organizations that worked to prevent the spread of HIV in New Jersey. A former non-traditional student herself, Professor Schneider was particularly sensitive to the needs of those seeking to balance their responsibilities at home and work while also pursuing their academic goals.

Meredeth Turshen has written extensively on international health, health care policy, and health issues in Africa. Her research interests include international health, particularly African women's health, and she specializes in public health policy. A second interest is in the impact of war on women. She has written numerous books including Women's Health Movements: A Global Force for Change (second edition, 2020; first edition, 2007); Gender and the Political Economy of Conflict in Africa: The Persistence of Violence (2016); and edited numerous other books and book chapters. She has served on the Board of the Association of Concerned Africa Scholars, as Treasurer of the Committee for Health in Southern Africa, as contributing editor of the Review of African Political Economy, and on the editorial board of the Journal of Public Health Policy. Prior to Rutgers, she worked at the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, Geneva; and served as Director of the International Toxic Substances Control Project, Environmental Law Institute, in Washington, D.C. She became the coordinator of Gender and Development Planning for the Urban Planning Department, the predecessor of the Bloustein School, and also served as Director of the Graduate Women's Studies Program. Meredeth joined the Bloustein School as a full professor at its founding in 1992. In 2011 she was named Fulbright Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice at the University of Ottawa, where she studied the role of women in war economies, examining the cases of Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Meredeth is also an accomplished artist, teacher, and writer, studying art while earning a bachelor's in philosophy at Oberlin College.

Lyna Wiggins joined the Bloustein School with the Center for Urban Policy Research in 1993 and became a tenured faculty member in the Urban Planning and Policy Development Program specializing in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). She also served as director of Bloustein's Urban Planning program. She is a pioneer in the development and application of GIS and has become a well-recognized national expert on the subject. She served as president of the Urban and Regional Information Association, the largest GIS association for professionals in government, and was awarded the Horwood Distinguished Service Award for her work. Lyna's influential GIS research focus includes: studying the use and diffusion of the technology, particularly within U.S. planning agencies; examining the institutional issues in GIS implementation, with a focus on issues of data sharing; designing and implementing appropriate GIS for regional planning agencies; and integrating GIS technology with traditional urban and regional models.

Founders and co-directors of the Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution established at the Rutgers Law School in Newark in 1986 and moved to the Bloustein School in 1995, **Sanford Jaffe** and **Linda Stamato** have been of great service to the university community. For many years, they have co-taught taught one of the more popular courses in the public policy program, Negotiation, Law and Policy: Managing Conflict in Public Contexts. Both served on the NJ Supreme Court Committee on Dispute Resolution, helping guide the design and implementation of the state's court-based programs in dispute resolution. They also taught at the National Judicial College as well as other university venues, including the Schools of Law at Newark and Camden, and since its founding, the Institute for Women's Leadership Scholars Program.

Sandy Jaffe has been a member of the graduate faculty at the Bloustein School for several decades. He also served as a member of the Rutgers Board of Governors and was chair of its Budget and Finance Committee. Before coming to Rutgers, served as chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Jersey, as assistant to the United States Attorney General in Washington, D.C., and as an officer in charge of the Government and Law Program at the Ford Foundation. There he directed its program in government reform, criminal justice, legal education, public interest law, and dispute resolution. A graduate of Rutgers and Harvard Law Schools, Sandy is the author of numerous publications in the fields of dispute resolution, public interest law, and legal education. He was also the chief counsel for the Lilly Commission which examined racial tensions in New Jersey in the wake of the 1967 riots in Newark.

**Linda Stamato** has been a member of the graduate faculty at the Bloustein School for several decades. Among her many academic accomplishments, she served as Acting Dean of Douglass College and was a member of the Rutgers Board of Governors during the presidency of Edward J. Bloustein, serving as Chairman of the Board for the last three years of her twelve-year term. She is the author of a number of articles on mediation and negotiation and lectures frequently on these subjects while also authoring policy-related opinion columns for the *Star-Ledger*. Through these writings, she has brought issues of equity, justice, and peace to public attention. A graduate of Rutgers and New York Universities, she served as a consultant to the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations. As a mediator and facilitator, Linda has been involved in a number of cases involving large-scale public policy issues as well as disputes involving high management levels in several institutions.

#### In Memoriam

Steven K. Jones, an Executive in Residence in the school's Master of Health Administration program as well as a member of the school's Advisory Board, passed away in December 2021. Steve was the former President and CEO of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJUH) and the Robert Wood Johnson Health System. Steve's service to the Bloustein School has been substantial on multiple fronts. Steve joined the Bloustein School at the time of the school's founding in 1992. Through 2013, he taught courses in Financial Aspects of Urban Health and Introduction to Health Administration as an Adjunct Faculty/Part-Time Lecturer in the undergraduate Public Health program. His interest in the school helped pave the way for the introduction of the Health Administration programs. The school's undergraduate major in Health Administration was created in 2015. In January 2017, the Bloustein School enrolled its first cohort of graduate students in the Executive Master of Health Administration program and in the fall of 2017, the traditional Master of Health Administration program began enrolling students. Steve was involved in all three programs, teaching executive leadership, management, and finance in both the graduate and undergraduate programs, having been named Senior Policy Fellow at the school and later an Executive in Residence for his dedication to the health administration programs. As an inaugural member of the school's Advisory Board, he assisted in locating and resourcing opportunities to promote and strengthen its academic and research programs, and its partnerships with communities and organizations in New Jersey and beyond.

Joseph J. Seneca, University Professor Emeritus and Vice President of Academic Affairs Emeritus at Rutgers University, passed away in November 2020 after a long battle with cancer. He taught macroeconomics and environmental economics in the Bloustein School's public policy program for many years. In his decades-long career at Rutgers, Dr. Seneca touched the lives of thousands of students and influenced New Jersey's economic policy, receiving numerous awards for exemplary teaching and public service. Many years after taking his legendary undergraduate economics courses at Rutgers College, former students would often provide testimony on the extraordinary impact his lectures and classroom instruction made on their lives and professional careers. Dr. Seneca came to Rutgers New Brunswick in 1967 right out of graduate school, eventually serving as chair of the economics department and then moving to his university vice presidency. He served as Rutgers University's Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1991 to 2003. In that role he was chief academic officer for the entire university; in addition, he also had direct responsibility for the New Brunswick campus. Seneca helped to guide the university with calm, strength, and fortitude through a difficult period for the university despite severe cuts in state funding. His research on the New Jersey economy spanned five decades. He served on and chaired for many years the New Jersey Council of Economic Advisors, providing valuable counsel to governors of both parties. He provided extensive budgetary testimony in Trenton and numerous policy briefings in Washington. Specializing in environmental economics and policy, state and local economic development, and government regulation of business, Dr. Seneca was a frequent speaker to business, professional, and governmental groups. For more than 30 years, he authored with his colleague James W. Hughes the Rutgers Regional Report, providing regular analyses of current New Jersey economic issues. A familiar and beloved figure on the campus, Seneca always had time to talk to faculty, staff, and students despite the demands of his job. He was the model administrator who gained the enormous respect and admiration of the faculty. A gifted speaker as well as teacher, his annual talks to university administrators were always filled-to-capacity. Talking of Joe, member's of the Rutgers community most frequently describe him as a truly good man and a valued colleague who mentored countless students, faculty, and administrators. An avid bird watcher, Dr. Seneca traveled worldwide to pursue his passion; his expertise in economics was almost matched by his expertise in birds. He was an equally passionate fan of the Philadelphia Phillies. In his prime. Dr. Seneca was a multi-sport athlete, and he played baseball or softball his entire life. He finished his career at Rutgers as a University Professor, one of the highest professorial ranks at the university. He published over 150 articles, reports, and books. Two of his most recent books were published by the Rutgers University Press: America's Demographic Tapestry, and New Jersey's Postsuburban Economy.



The Bloustein School was saddened to lose two students from its close-knit community in 2021-22. Both were bright and vibrant members of the Bloustein School and Rutgers University and will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences go to their family and friends.

Both students are being recognized with their degrees today.

Master's student **Mckenna Winnie** passed away in October 2021. Mckenna graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science in Human Services before joining Rutgers in the Fall of 2020. At Rutgers, Mckenna was working towards her dual Master of Public Policy and Master of Public Health degrees through the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy and Rutgers School of Public Health. An advocate for social justice and for developing public policies to help reduce health disparities, Mckenna served as a research assistant for the Rutgers Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research. Mckenna is posthumously being awarded her Master of Public Policy degree today.

Undergraduate student **Christine Starozytnyk** passed away in March 2022. A cancer survivor of childhood leukemia, she spent much of her non-Rutgers time working as a medical assistant at Somerset Pediatric Group in Raritan, New Jersey, connecting with the children who were patients and assisting the doctors and nurses of the office. In her spare time, she enjoyed anime, pet sitting for Rover, and her loved ones. She was unimaginably kind, humble, and brought a light with her that couldn't shine brighter. Christine is posthumously being awarded her Bachelor of Science in Public Health today.

#### Alma Mater

#### On the Banks of the Old Raritan

From far and near we came to Rutgers,
And resolved to learn all that we can;
And so we settled down,
in that noisy college town,
On the banks of the old Raritan.

Her ardent spirit stirred and cheered me From the day me college years began; Gracious Alma Mater mine; Learning's fair and honored shrine; On the banks of the old Raritan.

I love her flaming far-flung banner
I love her triumphs proud to scan,
And I glory in her fame
That's immortalized her name.
On the banks of the old Raritan.

My heart clings closer than the ivy As life runs out its fleeting span, To the stately, ancient walls Of her hallowed, classic halls On the banks of the old Raritan.

Then sing aloud to Alma Mater, And keep the scarlet in the van'; For with her motto high, Rutgers' name shall never die, On the banks of the old Raritan.

#### Chorus:

On the banks of the old Raritan, my friends, Where old Rutgers evermore shall stand; For has she not stood since the time of the flood, On the banks of the old Raritan.

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

#### **GRADUATE PHOTOS**

A professional photographer will take photographs of each graduate immediately after diplomas are presented; consequently, the audience is requested to remain seated. *Please do not enter the floor area and do not block the aisles/view of other guests*. Arena staff will you to return to your seat. **Photographs will be available at no charge** on the Bloustein School website approximately 1 week following the event. Scan the QR code at the right or visit **go.rutgers.edu/ejbgradphotos**. The webcast of the ceremony will also be provided at the same website location.



#### END OF CEREMONY EXIT PROCEDURES

The Bloustein School Convocation is the first of several Rutgers University Convocations occurring at the Jersey Mike's Arena. Guests should plan to meet their graduates at the tent outside the arena. At the end of the ceremony guests should refrain from entering the floor of the arena. Guests should exit the seating area via the side concourses and proceed directly to the exits located at the front of the building (to the left and right of the Ticket Office.) The Bloustein School is hosting a brief cookie and coffee reception for faculty, students, family and friends to gather immediately following the Convocation Ceremony. The tent is a short walk from the front entrance. Please follow the instructions from the Event Staff. Graduates will exit the floor and will then process to the front exits of Jersey Mike's Arena and go directly outside.

#### Congratulations Graduates!

Visit alumni.rutgers.edu to register as an alumnus of Rutgers and find out the many benefits of registration!



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