
EDWARD J. BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL
OF PLANNING AND PUBLIC POLICY

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY
OF NEW JERSEY



CONVOCATION

May 12, 2018

“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; 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.



*Edward J. Bloustein School of
Planning and Public Policy
Class of 2018*



Convocation Ceremony

May 12, 2018

3:00 P.M.

Nicholas Music Center

Keynote Speaker

Richard J. Jackson

*2018 Gov. James J. Florio Distinguished Visiting Scholar;
Pediatrician; Professor emeritus from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health*

Dr. Richard J. Jackson has served in many leadership positions in both environmental health and infectious disease with the California Health Department, including the highest as the State Health Officer. For nine years he was Director of the Center for Disease Control's National Center for Environmental Health in Atlanta and received the Presidential Distinguished Service award. In October, 2011 he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

A graduate of the former New Jersey Medical School, he is recognized as one of the country's leading spokespersons on policies and strategies to advance healthy communities, the integration of health into other sectors, and environmental impacts on health. Dr. Jackson has spearheaded many initiatives focused on integrating health into other sectors and in promoting democratic strategies to give communities and stakeholders a strong voice in addressing the upstream factors that affect health and health equity.

Dr. Jackson is popularly known in the U.S. for hosting a 2012 public television special, *Designing Healthy Communities*, which links to a separate book by the same name (J Wiley & Sons, October 2011). In his role as California State Health Officer, he was instrumental in conceptualizing laws to reduce risks from pesticides, especially to farm workers and to children. While at CDC he was a national and international leader, including leading the federal effort to "biomonitor" chemical levels in the U.S. population.

His visionary and impactful work has awarded him many honors including the National Breast Cancer Fund's Hero Award; the Sedgewick Memorial Medal, the highest honor of the American Public Health Association; Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Public Health Law Association and New Partners for Smart Growth; and the John Heinz Award for Leadership on the Environment. In addition, he was named an honorary member of the American Academy of Landscape Architects for his work on exposure to pesticides.

The Order of Events

Convocation Ceremony

May 12, 2018

3:00 P.M.

Nicholas Music Center

Interim Dean Michael R. Greenberg, presiding

Processional and The National Anthem	Mason Gross Brass Quintet
Opening of the Ceremony	Interim Dean Michael R. Greenberg
Keynote Address	Dr. Richard J. Jackson
Presentation of Awards	Professor Lyna Wiggins <i>Director, Program in Urban Planning and Policy Development</i> Associate Professor Andrea Hetling <i>Director, Program in Public Policy</i>
Recognition of Doctoral Candidates	Professor Robert B. Noland <i>Director, Doctoral Program, Planning and Public Policy</i>
Graduation Remarks	Susana Gonzalez Rodriguez <i>M.C.R.P. '18</i> Thalya Reyes <i>M.P.P.-M.C.R.P. '18</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dean Greenberg Professor Wiggins Professor Hetling Professor Julia Sass Rubin Associate Dean Dorothea Berkhout
Presentation of Graduates	Dean Greenberg
Recessional	Mason Gross Brass Quintet

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony on Bettenbender Plaza.

*Musical interlude provided by Mason Gross Jazz Trio
Greg DeAngelis - trombone; Zach Lorelli - drumset; Ian Kenselaar- bass*

Candidates for Degrees

As of May 1, 2018

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

Christine Anderson ^{RE}	Lindsey May
Mrunmayee Atre	Kyle Mitchell *
Kristiana Barr	Stephanie Neal
Samuel Bellamy	Yun Jae Ock *
Michelle Bisceglia	William Owens ^
Elizabeth Bronshteyn *	Shree Kurang Panchal
Mary Buchanan	Benjamin Peacock
Li-Yan Chang ^{RE}	Vishal Ream-Rao △
Michael Donnelly	Thalya Reyes ^
Newcome Edwards *	Ian Rynex
Matthew Flynn *	Angello Salazar
Karan Gandhi †	Max Schwartz †
Colin Goan *	Ashley Scull
Susana Gonzalez Rodriguez	Gayathri Shivaraman †
Matthew Gray	Lindsey Sigmund
Sibtay Haider †	Samantha Spagnoli
Richard Hunt *	Golda Speyer
Uriah Johnson	Natalie Sutherland
Sribhava Kakani	Sonia Szesna
Daehee Kim	Chin Siang Melvin Wah
George Klevorn	Jillian Walsh \$
Pranay Kumar ※	Sishen Wang 🚗 ☺
Himadri Kundu †	Lorenzo Waters
Christopher Lee * 🚗	Andrew Wilson
Kaining Liang	Christine Winter
Brendan Linard	Cathleen Wolf \$
Zoe Linder-Baptie ^ &	Ying Xu ☺
Sridevi Maddineni	Chongrui Yang
Austin Maitland	Dara Zaleski
Shaurya Sumersingh Mall	Alfredo Zavaleta

Candidates for Degrees

As of May 1, 2018

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

Yong Cheol Hong *	Anthony Pasquini *
Seung Hyun Jung *	Jaebong Ryu *
Chanho Park *	Woosuk Seo *
Eunjeong Park *	Siyoun Sung *

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

Jane Allen	Jazmyne McNeese
Jessica Brand	Christopher Myles
Daniel Coghlan	William Owens ^
Storm Ervin	Kellie Palomba
Zachary Froio	Anish Patel
Christopher Gough *	Maheen Rashid
Jacqueline Halliday	Thalya Reyes ^
Xin Huang	Daniel Saunders
Sofia Javed	Alexa Schatzmann *
Pratyusha Kiran	Rena Sherman
Zoe Linder-Baptie ^ &	Liana Volpe
Alexandra Lleras	Roshard Williams
Holly Low	

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

Jana Blahak	Reanin McRoberts *
Amy Cobb	Scarlett Rajski
Joo Hae Eum *	Hye Young Song *
Sungwon Han *	Marie Verna †
Anna Hanzes	Jaewon Yoo *

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

OFFERED THROUGH THE RUTGERS SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Allison Bridges †	Angela Oberg
Morgan Campbell *	Victoria Porterfield
Carla Coronado †	Bahareh Sehatzadeh †
Margaret D'Aversa †	Micahael Strange %

* January 2018 Graduate

† October 2017 Graduate

% May 2017 Graduate

^ Dual MPP-MCRP degree

& Certificate in Coastal Climate Risk and Resilience

⊛ Certificate in Energy

Ⓞ Certificate in Geospatial Information Science

\$ Certificate in Historic Preservation

RE Certificate in Real Estate/Real Estate Development and Redevelopment

⚠ Certificate in Transportation Management: Vulnerability, Risk and Security

🚗 Certificate in Transportation Studies

MISSION STATEMENT

The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy 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.

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 # *

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

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

* degree jointly awarded with Rutgers–New Brunswick undergraduate schools

BLouSTEIN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Michael 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*

Krystyn Kitto, *Assistant Director of Career Services and Alumni Relations*

Lynn Astorga, *Assistant Director, Student Recruitment*

Courtney Culler, *Assistant Director for Graduate 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*

Raphael J. Caprio, *Director, Undergraduate Programs*

RESEARCH CENTERS & INSTITUTES

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

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 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.

Hoods: The hoods vary in sizes: 48 inches for the Doctor's degree, and 42 inches for the Master's. 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 hood:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	<i>White</i>	Law	<i>Purple</i>
Business Administration, Commerce	<i>Drab</i>	Medicine	<i>Green</i>
Economics	<i>Copper</i>	Music	<i>Pink</i>
Education	<i>Light Blue</i>	Nursing	<i>Apricot</i>
Engineering	<i>Orange</i>	Pharmacy	<i>Olive Green</i>
Fine Arts, Architecture, Urban Planning	<i>Brown</i>	Philosophy	<i>Blue</i>
		Public Administration, Public Policy	<i>Peacock Blue</i>

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; red-blue, 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.

Mason Gross Brass Quintet

Christopher Delgado, trumpet
Colton Duvall, trumpet
Giovanni Garcia, horn
Jerry Rivas, trombone
Zhen Huang, tuba

Faculty Recognition

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 the Economic and Social Research Council of Research Council UK. 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.

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