Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy

MPAP & MPP Degrees

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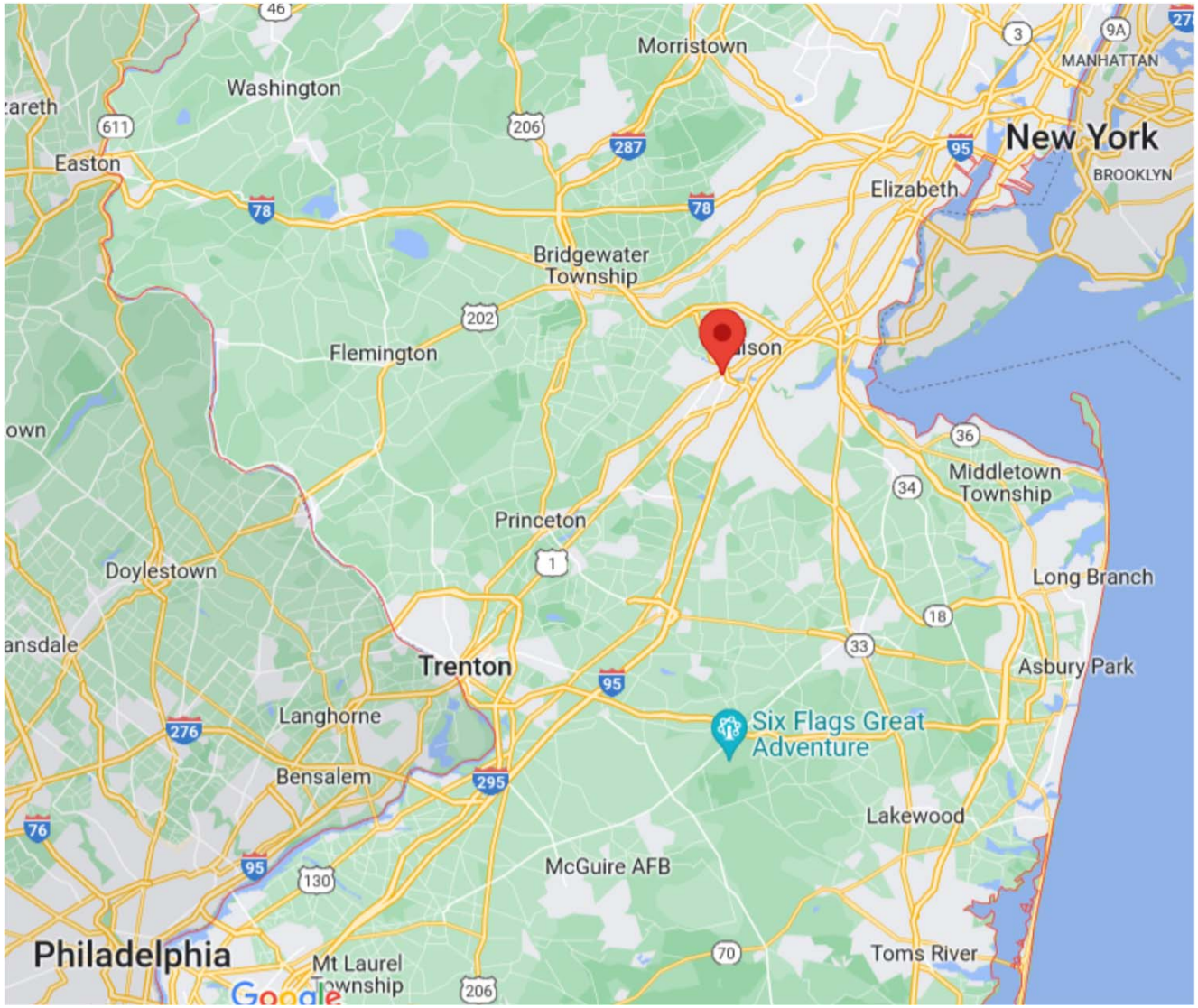

1 hour to New York City

1 hour to Philadelphia

1 hour to New Jersey's world famous beaches

NJ Transit & Amtrak train station located 4 blocks from Bloustein School

New Brunswick, New Jersey

Rutgers New Brunswick

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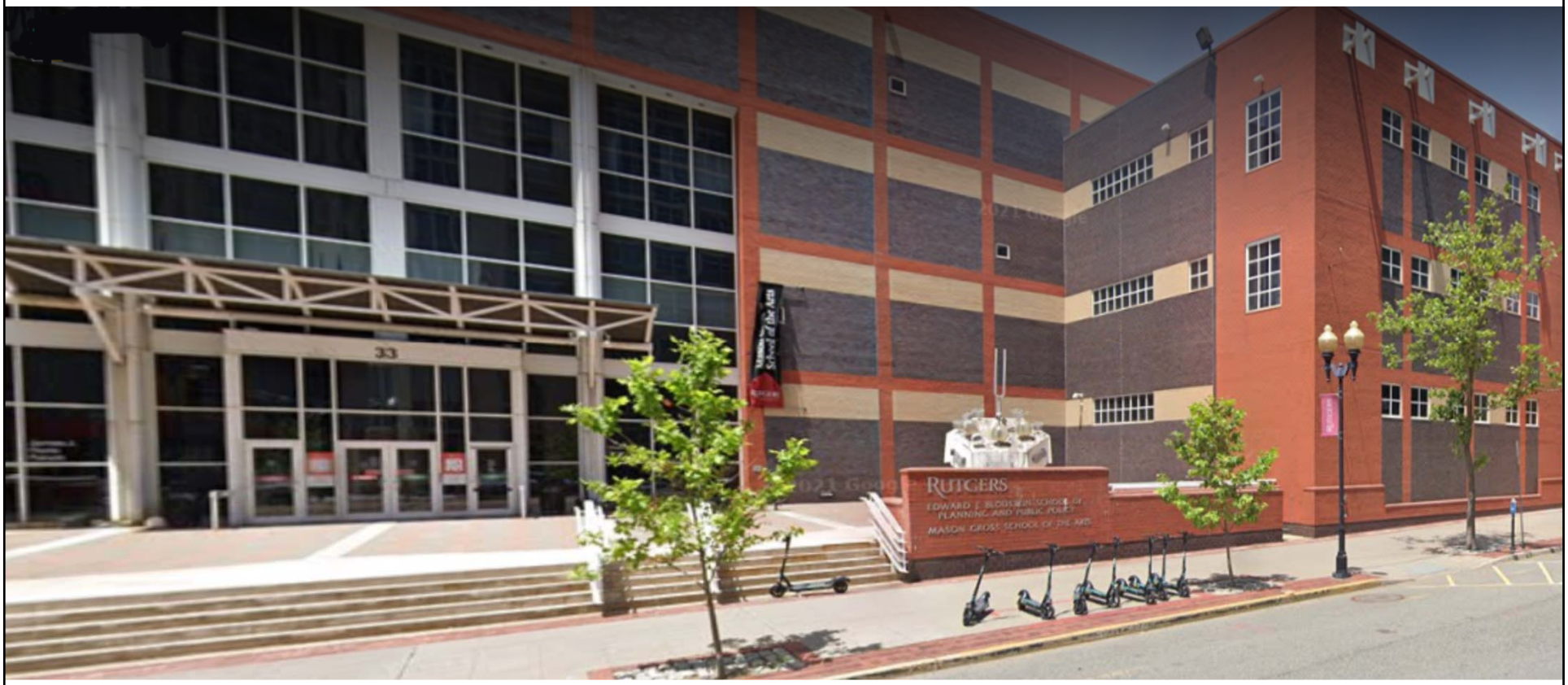


Bloustein School Mission

"to create just, socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable and healthy local, national and global communities"

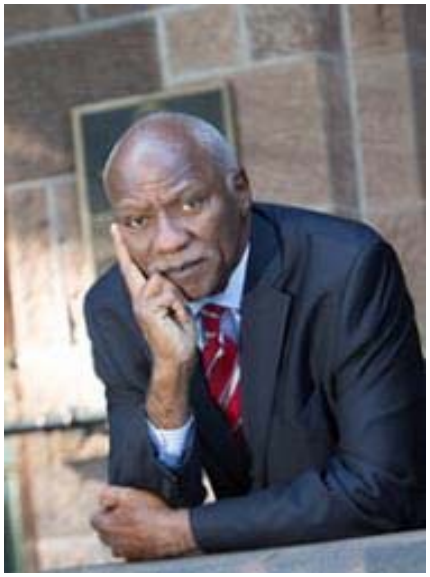
Public Policy Program

- Benefits of personalized graduate program at a large R1 research university
- Small class sizes
- Faculty advising

Policy Faculty

Prof Joel Cantor
- **Health Policy**

Prof Andrea Hetling
- **Poverty**
- **Intimate Partner Violence**



Prof Ronald Quincy
- **Organizational Strategy**
- **Nonprofit Leadership**

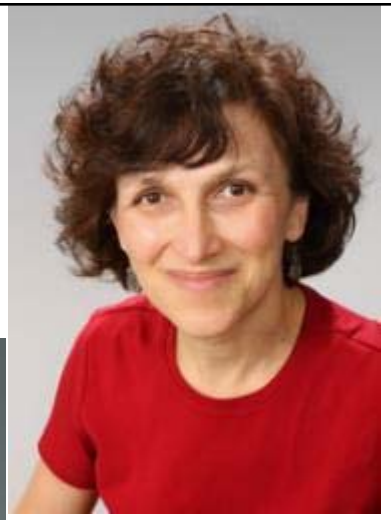
Prof Jocelyn Crowley
- **Social Policy**
- **Gender**
- **Family Policy**

Prof Carl Van Horn
- **Employment Policy**
- **Economic Development**

Policy Faculty

Prof Stuart Shapiro
- Regulatory process

Prof Jermaine Toney
- Inequality
- Wealth & Health disparities



Prof Julia Sass Rubin
- Education Policy
- Nonprofit & Public institutions

Prof Mark Paul
- Inequality
- Environmental Policy

Prof Ruth Winecoff
- Public Finance

Senior Policy Fellows

Brandon McKoy
Vice President for State Partnerships
Center on Budget & Policy Priorities

Richard Keevey
Former New Jersey State Budget Director & Comptroller

Adriana Abizadeh
Executive Director
Kensington Corridor Trust

+ 50 Additional Faculty Members

- Urban Planning
- Health Administration
- Urban Informatics
- Public Health

Two Policy Graduate Degrees

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

- 48 credits (16 courses)

Master of Public Affairs and Politics (MPAP)

- 30 credits (10 courses)

Master of Public Affairs & Politics (MPAP)

Prospective students with 5 or more years of work experience, primarily in politics or public policy

Master of Public Affairs & Politics (MPAP)

4 Required Courses

6 Electives

4 Required MPAP Courses

- Public Policy Formation
- Research Design
- Basic Quantitative Methods
- Economics for Public Policy

Public Policy Formation

Delve into the policy-making process and how new ideas turn into public policies

Research Design

Learn to design and critique research to make informed decisions

Basic Quantitative Methods

Develop skills in statistical analysis with a particular focus on applied descriptive and inferential statistics.

Economics for Public Policy

Apply microeconomic reasoning to public issues, policies, and programs

Additional MPP Core Courses

Applied Multivariate Methods

Acquire applied skills in data cleaning, data management, and advanced multivariate statistical analysis in R or Stata

Management

- Nonprofit Management

  or

- Public Management

  or

- Managing People & Organizations

Finance/Budgeting

- State & Local Public Finance

  or

- Nonprofit & Community Development Finance

  or

- Budgeting for Public Policy

Public Policy Research Practicum

- Group research project for a public or nonprofit agency that applies analytical techniques of policy analysis and evaluation to public policy problems
- Potential clients pitch projects in December of 2nd MPP year
- Students assigned to projects based on rankings they provide

Recent Practicum Projects

- Healthy Homes Initiative
- Closing the Gap: Expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit
- Protections and Benefits for Workers in Today's On-Demand Economy
- Workforce Development Supports for Individuals with Disabilities in the State of New Jersey: An Overview of Best Practices

Recent Practicum Projects

- Understanding the Early Child Care Landscape in New Jersey
- Bridging the Gap: Observations and Recommendations for Supporting New Jersey Micro-Businesses During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond
- Skills Mismatch and Opportunity Gaps: An Analysis of Skills Development and Equity in the New Jersey Labor Market

Applied Field Experience

Full-year bi-weekly class taken together by MPP cohort

- Managing stress/mental & physical health
- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- Safety & dealing with harassment or micro-aggressions
- Resume & cover letter writing
- Job & informational interviewing
- Presentation skills
- Financial literacy
- Managing people & organizations

Work in a policy or public affairs position for 300 hours

Waivers of Required Courses

- Allow you to skip a class, not credit units
- If you are waived from a required course, you can take an elective or higher-level course
- Need to complete the same amount of degree credits for graduation

Most Likely Waivers

- Basic Quantitative Methods – based on place-out exam
- Economics and Public Policy – based on prior coursework
- Research Design – based on prior coursework

Select Public Policy Electives

- Education Policy & Social Justice
- The Racial Wealth Gap
- Women, Inequality & Public Policy
- Energy, Sustainability, & Policy
- Impacted Folks Leading Policy Change
- American Social Policy
- Health Care Policy
- Policy Advocacy
- Labor Policy
- Economics of Poverty
- Community Economic Development
- Environmental Law & Policy
- US Higher Education Policy

Methods Electives

- Program Evaluation
- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Advanced Qualitative Methods
- GIS
- Advanced Quantitative Methods
- Big Data Analytics
- Survey Research
- Case Study Methods
- Data Visualization

Elective options include other Rutgers graduate programs

- School of Management & Labor Relations
- Graduate School of Education
- School of Social Work
- School of Public Health
- School of Criminal Justice
- School of Public Affairs & Administration
- School of Graduate Studies
  - Political Science
  - Sociology
  - Psychology
  - Anthropology

Elective options include Princeton School of Public & International Affairs

Bloustein Courses - Once a Week

Day & Evening Options

- 9AM to 11:40AM
- 1PM to 3:40PM
- 6PM to 8:40PM

In-Person & Online Course Options

- Some evening courses offered synchronous remote via ZOOM

Fall 2022

- Public Policy Formation (Mondays 5 to 7:40PM)
- Nonprofit Management (Tuesdays 6 to 8:40PM)
- Research Design (Wednesdays 6 to 8:40PM)

Multiple Research Opportunities

Bloustein Centers & Initiatives

- John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development
- New Jersey Policy Lab
- Bloustein Center for Survey Research
- Bloustein Local Government Research Center
- Center for Energy, Economic & Environmental Policy
- Center for Negotiation & Conflict Resolution
- Center for Urban Policy Research
- Environmental Analysis & Communications Group
  - Center for Transportation, Safety, Security & Risk
  - Sustainable Raritan River Initiative
  - New Jersey Climate Change Alliance
  - Nat'l Ctr for Neighborhood & Brownfields Redevelopment

Support

Excellent Student Services division

Steve Weston
Assistant Dean for Student & Academic Services

Lynn Astorga
Associate Director of Student Recruitment

Courtney Culler
Assistant Director for Graduate Student Services

Emilio Del Valle
Coordinator for Graduate Student Services

Connections

- Large Alumni Network
- Active Student Government - BGSA
- Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter – Global honors society

Dual Degrees

MPAP/Juris Doctor
MPP/Master of City & Regional Planning
MPP/Master of Public Informatics
MPP/Master of Social Work
MPP/Master of Business Administration
MPP/Master of Public Health
MPP/MS in Global Affairs

Our Alums Rock the World

Staci Berger, MPAP 2004
President and CEO
Housing & Community
Development Network of NJ

Analilia Mejia, MPAP 2002
Deputy Director
Women's Bureau
U.S. Department of Labor

Leslie Koppek, MPAP 2010
Executive Director, RISE
&
Elected Middlesex County Commissioner

Our Alums Rock the World

Nora Paxton, MPAP 2013
Director, Data Analytics
Mathematica

Jeffrey Kolakowski, MPAP 2009
CEO, NJ Builders Association

Anita Thomas, MPAP 2006
Chairperson
The NGO Committee on
Financing for Development

Our Alums Rock the World

Andre Espinosa, MPAP 2002
US Magistrate Judge
for the District of New Jersey

Claire Manning, MPAP 2011
Senior Director of Advocacy & Mobilization
The Arc of the United States

Ruchika Kapur, MPAP 2003
Associate Director, Marketing
Novartis Healthcare

Admission Requirements

- **No GRE required**

- Non-U.S. applicants
  - TOEFL scores equal or greater than 83
  - Alternative testing for English accepted - check with Professor Rubin

Admission Requirements

- Official transcript
  - from completed bachelor's degree & any graduate work
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Resume

Admission Requirements

Two brief personal essays

1) 500 to 750 words

- Why do you want to study public policy? What are your professional goals?

2) 250 to 500 words

- Why are you particularly interested in the public policy program at the Bloustein School?

MPAP Completion Requirement

Must maintain a 3.0 GPA

Application Timing

- Merit based financial aid available for full time students
    - Application must be submitted by January 15 for aid consideration
- Admission on rolling basis through August 1 for September 2022 start

TO APPLY

https://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/apply/apply-now

Questions?