Convocation

of the

Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Saturday, May 13, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Jersey Mike's Arena
83 Rockafeller Road  Piscataway, New Jersey
“It is a commonplace of educational philosophy that a university, especially a major state university, should encourage the application of knowledge to social purpose. It is in this process of public policy analysis that the resources of higher education can be invaluable. . . .”

Edward J. Bloustein
President
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
1971-1989

As a courtesy to our graduates and other guests, we request that all cell phones be turned off during the ceremony.
The Order of Events
Dean Stuart Shapiro, presiding

Processional and The National Anthem
“On the Banks of the Old Raritan”—Rutgers Alma Mater

Opening of the Ceremony

Presentation of Undergraduate Awards

Presentation of Graduate Awards

Recognition of Doctoral Candidates

Graduation Remarks — Graduate Representative

Graduation Remarks — Undergraduate Representative

Conferring of Degrees

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, Dean and Professor
Clinton Andrews, Associate Dean for Research and Professor
Theresa Kirby, Associate Dean of Administration
Robert Noland, Associate Dean of Faculty and Distinguished Professor
Julia Sass Rubin, Associate Dean of Academic Programs; Director, Program in Public Policy; Associate Professor
Ellen Kurtzman, Director, Program in Health Administration and Professor
Kathe Newman, Director, Program in Urban Planning and Policy Development and Professor
Jim Samuel, Director, Program in Public Informatics and Associate Professor of Practice
Michael Smart, Director, Doctoral Program in Planning and Public Policy and Professor
Patricia O’Brien-Richardson, Chief Officer, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Associate Teaching Professor
Amana Kaskazi, Assistant Director for Assessment and Accreditation
Christina Torian, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education
Stephen D. Weston, Assistant Dean for Academic Administration
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Natasha Huff, Student Counselor, Undergraduate Student Services
Alicia Nesser, Student Counselor, Undergraduate Student Services
Jessica Reyes, Student Counselor, Undergraduate Student Services
Marie O’Brien, Administrative Assistant, Student Services
Karyn Olsen, Director, Communications, Marketing & Public Relations
Tamara Swedberg, Communications, Social Media, and Website Specialist
Janet Cole, Director of Development
Madison Welch, Alumni and 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, Lead Instructional Designer
Robert Urbanowicz, Systems Administrator
Katie Cung, Assistant to the Dean
Claire Padovano, Program Coordinator, Academic Program Support
Madeline Concoran, Director, Business Services and Human Resources
Keri Ferreira, Department Administrator
Olufunke Odukoya, Business Manager
Stephanie Kose-Crozier, Business Specialist
Vivian Percoco, Office Assistant


**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

* degree jointly awarded with Rutgers–New Brunswick undergraduate schools

**Research Centers, Institutes, & Initiatives**

Bloustein Center for Survey Research

Center for Urban Policy Research
  - Bloustein Local Government Research Center
  - Environmental Analysis and Communications Group
  - Planning Healthy Communities Initiative
  - R/ECON Forecasting Service
  - Rutgers Center for Green Building
  - Sustainable Raritan River

John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development

New Jersey State Policy Lab
  - Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center
  - National Transit Institute
  - New Jersey Travel Independence Program (NJTIP @ Rutgers)

Ralph W. Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement
Candidates for Graduate Degrees

As of May 1, 2023

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)
Offered through Rutgers School of Graduate Studies

Sergei Kostiaev †
Pranay Kumar
Jackyeong Kwon

Wei San Loh
Ahmer Qadeer %
Edrine Robinson-Wyatt
Stephanie Lynn Walsh

Shahan Ahmed
Jared Aisenberg * (CCRR)
Sanjana Arunchalam
Alexander James Bahlis *
Martín Israel Balcázar
Kathryn Mary Balitsos
Debjit Banerjee % * # (PI)
Kenar Tyrell Bannister
Sofia Gabriela Banandar
Jessica Barnea
Rodas Dubie Bekele *
Madison Paige Biasin *
Jonathan Francisco Bonilla
Samuel Brasher Burntnick %
Owen C. Calvert
Shi Chen (CCRR)
Alexander Christopher Ciorlian
Matthew Raymond Coletta
Erica Copeland *
Joshua Erik Croom
Kyle George Cruz
Hanah Elisabeth Davenport
William Jesse Downie *
Jonathan Taylor Eagle
Marziya Farooq *
Andrew Harrison Farquhar * (CCRR)
Paul Jarrett Flanagan * #
Daniel SovereignGilkeson *
Benjamin Goldberg *
Wyatt Stryker Grant
Mila Kristel Hamilton
Corey William Hannigan *

Colin Reed Harrington ⚫
Eric Paul Harris
Maxwell Holperin *
Surya Susan Jacobs % (RE)
Tianrun Jiang *
Shiya J. Kallickal
Wael Robert Kanj % *
Lalithanjali Kesava Pillai *
Thein Thandar Ko
Vineesha Das Kodakkandathil *
Jephnomba Jepichirir Koch *
Zachary Cole Kourgialis
Taylor Iman Latimer
Hyojin Lee @ *
Ziwei Liu
Divya Mahadevan
Nihar Ganesh Mhatre
James Daniel Miller
Kedar Nagarajan
Asthah Negi *
Monika Pal # %
Min-Jae Park
Dillon Patel *
Hitesh Ganesh Patil %
Falaknaz Aslam Patni
Benjamin Paul *
Earl Reed Pearson Jr
Sophia Elisabeth Pereira *
Jackson Duggan Pierce
Alexandra Elisabeth Purvis-Smith *
Bhumika Raj
Rithikha Rajamohan

Ellen Oettinger White
Ye Yao †
Corey R. Yemen
Nikhil Ramachandran *
Mihir Kumar Rastogi ⚫ (PI)
Justine Angelina Bernal Recio † *
Anuka Teja Reddy *
Collin Rieger % (RE)
Jada Jasmine Ross
Celeste Eva Royo-Schortland *
Kelvin Maurice Russell
Kiara Ryan
Prateeksha Sehgal *
Dhruvi Dipesh Shah
Olivia Falchi Simpson *
John Fidel Klarke Smith
Smriti
Michele E. Snyder
Young-Jae Peter Son
Timothy Patrick Staub
Kevin J. Stephens % (PP)
Bailey Christopher Surbrook *
Moira Sweeney (CCRR)
Samanta M. Thomas
Max Seiter Toth *
Ngawang Tshomo * (RE) %
Andrew J. Valcarcel RE
Sri Akshita Velpuru
Nilay Mahendra Vinchhi
Samuel Micah Waldorf *
Marius R.L. Williams
Xuédì Yán *
Jeffrey Eng Young *
Yarden Zamir *
Lydia Zoe %

Wooyeol Baek %
Eunsun Choe %
Seong Wook Hong *

Youngkwon Kim % *
Youngseok Kim %
Boram Lee % *
Kihyun Lee %

Je Young Oh @
Sungjeon Park *
Navnir Sourirajan *
Haegil Yang % *

@ August 2022
† October 2022 Graduate
% January 2023 Graduate
* Academic Honors
▼ Dual MPP-MCRP degree
▲ Dual MCRP-MPI degree
% Certificate in Coastal Climate Risk and Resilience
* Certificate in Geospatial Information Science
◆ Certificate in Public and Urban Informatics
∇ Certificate in Public Policy
© Certificate in Real Estate Development and Redevelopment
(CCRR) Certificate in Transportation Studies
Candidates for Graduate Degrees
As of May 1, 2023

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

Qudry Lawal Adeyanju
Serwaa Akoto
Ahmed Bajwa
Gerardo Humberto Benavides
Abigail Lindsay Brown
Amanda Kirsten Bruce
Noah Henry Callahan
Aaron A. Cornell
Linda Flores
Anna Huber Heckler
Amanda Catherine Hinton
Naomi Hogan
Jeffrey Lai
Hyojin Lee
Grace E. Maruska
Camryn Paige Mathews
Carly Stephanie Mihovich
Iman Mustafa
Daniel Thomas Nelson
Mylene Resende-Guimaraes
Chelsie Riche
Elaine Elizabeth Rickards
Neha Saju
Laura Elizabeth Sandoval
Jennifer Chase Spiegel
Arslan Tariq
Cristina Toppin
Isaac Alejandro Velez
Ian Carlo Vlahovic
Ezekiel Weston
Ahmad Salman Zafar
Fralinda Tenneh Zazay

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

Minsu Han
Daeyoung Kim

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

Tianrun Jiang
Dayvonn Isaiah Jones
Raj Divyang Parikh
Elana Rachel Simon

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (M.H.A.)

Brooke Iarkowski
Cynthia Marie James
Jihane Rachel Jean-Pierre
René Olivia Johnson
Jitty Joseph
Chanpreet Kaur
Jasmeet Kaur
Samantha Kral
Judy Y. Lee
Julie Tun-Fang Lin
Saga M. Magzoub
Hannah Pearl Maisel
Kathleen Elizabeth McCarty
William Michael McClew
Enid Eileen Moore
Hari Nagasamudra
Erica Nebedum
Ora Z. Novick
Elizabeth O’Callaghan
Sara Omar
Ndidi Nwakaego Osian
Ayushi Rajendrakumar Pandya
Twinkle V. Parikh
Bijal Patel
Janvi Rakesh Patel
Nidhi Sanjay Patel
Shivam C. Patel
Jacintha Jasmine Peram
Melba C. Petteway
Brandon Isaiah Pollard
Matthew Lyle David Prewitt
Melisa N. Rayvid
Edgar Jonathan Romero
Hervi Manishkumar Shah
Rajisha Pankaj Shah
Visha Mehal Shah
Maria Danielle Shindler
Flavia Renita Smith
Ali Soban
Qazi Daniyal Tariq
Hira Tassawar
Sumy Tharakan
Fiorella Vera Saldana
Anuragdeep Kaur Virk
Patrick James Walsh
Tyler Jordan Wilson
Atacan Zeran
Graduate Awards, Endowed Awards, and Fellowships, 2022-23

Outstanding Student Academic Achievement Awards
Awarded to the student in each program achieving the highest caliber of academic excellence
DILLAN PATEL, ERICA COPLELAND — URBAN PLANNING
JITTY JOSEPH — HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
RAJ DIVYANG PARIKH — 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
CARLY STEPHANIE MIHOVICH, JENNIFER CHASE SPIEGEL, CRISTINA TOPPIN — PUBLIC POLICY
FALAKNAAZ ASLAM PATNI — URBAN PLANNING
RAJISHA PANKAJ SHAH — HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
PRABHSIMRAN SINGH — 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.
JARED AISENBERG

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.
ELLEN OTTINGER WHITE

Donald A. Krueckeberg Endowed Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a full-time student enrolled as in the Ph.D. Program in Planning and Public Policy, and whose research, academic and professional career goals best exemplify Professor Krueckeberg’s enthusiasm and pursuit of professional and academic excellence.
ANGELA JOHNSON-RODRIGUEZ

Rutgers University and External Student Awards/Fellowships, 2022-23

Paul Robeson Renaissance Award
Recipients have exemplified the principles to which Rutgers graduate Paul Robeson devoted his life: scholarship, humanitarianism, advocacy, athleticism, and artistry while practicing the inclusive approach to diversity that the University holds as a core value.
MADISON MENKEVICH, MPP/MPH

Rutgers School of Graduate Studies Outstanding Doctoral Student Award
Recognizes excellence in doctoral research and scholarship across all disciplines at Rutgers University as well as the importance of research to a given field of study and a track record of academic and professional excellence.
STEPHANIE LYNN WALSH

New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (APSA)
Public Administration Student of the Year Award
CHELSIE RICHE

Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program
Merit-based fellowships awarded to Ph.D. students pursuing degrees in transportation planning and policy-related disciplines. This national program is administered by the Federal Highway Administration.
ANGELA JOHNSON-RODRIGUEZ, WEI SAN LOH AND ELLEN O. WHITE
Graduate Awards, Endowed Awards, and Fellowships, 2022-23

The Bloustein School is grateful for the 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 awards were established to help support graduate students throughout their program of study.

Bloustein School Alumni Association Endowed Graduate Fellowship—Jennifer Spiegel
AUPHA Foster G. McGaw Scholarship Recipient—Rajisha Shah
Endowed Graduate Fellowship for Social and Environmental Justice—Jonathan Bonilla
New Jersey Planning Officials Annual Graduate Scholarship—Jared Aisenberg
Nike and Jim Bach Endowed Fellowship in Urban Planning and Public Informatics—Monika Pal
Edward J. Bloustein Memorial Scholarship—Joshua Croom
Robert W. Burchell Student Planning Conference Travel Award—James Barnett, Daniel Gilkeson, Divya Mahadevan, Jada Ross, Akshita Saini, Dhruvi Dipesh Shah,
Dawne D. and Lawrence B. Burrows Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning and Public Policy—Eric Harris
Dr. Robert A. Catlin Endowed Graduate Fellowship—Maia Hill
Isadore Candeub Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning—Nihar Mhatre
B. Budd Chavooshian Endowed Memorial Fellowship—Wyatt Grant
Peter C. Cosier IV Environmental Fellowship—Alexandra Purvis-Smith
Bob Cotter City Kid Endowed Graduate Scholarship in Planning—Colin Roche
Annual Graduate Fellowship in Energy and Environmental Policy—Matthew Coletta
Walter C. Evans Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning and Public Policy—Jepchumba Koech
Christiana R. Foglio Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning—Celeste Royo
Health Administration Program Student Support Fund—Angelina Ceresani, Maahum Hassan
Hon. Patricia Juliano Memorial Scholarship—Neha Saju
Susan Kirk Foundation Endowed Scholarship—Min-Jae Park
Dr. Donald A. Krueckeberg Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund—Soo Yeon Lim
Paul J. Larrousse Endowed Fellowship in Planning—Earl Pearson
Jennifer S. Lightner Endowed Memorial Scholarship—Kiara Ryan
Harold H. and Reba Martin Endowed Fellowship in Public Policy—Carly Mihovich, Cristina Toppin
New York City Metropolitan Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Fellowship—Max Toth
Brandon M. Poli Endowed Memorial Scholarship—William Downie
Mortensen/Voorhees Prize for Achievement in Transportation Studies—Jeffrey Young
MHA Scholarship to ACHE Congress—Minal Amin, Allie Chu, Francesca Ferrari, Richell Garcia, Naren Gopal, Anjali Goswami, Jitty Joseph, Cindy Lira, Hannah Maisel, Iris Moncion, Emily Muha, Francisca Palencia, Bijal Patel, Alvin Restine, Edgar Romero, Rajisha Shah, Thamena Sultan, Shreya Verma
## Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees

### As of May 1, 2023

#### Bachelor of Arts in Planning and Public Policy (B.A.)

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- **EJB** denotes Eta Sigma Gamma Honorary
- **SCL** denotes Community Sustainability Certificate
- **UPD** denotes Urban Planning Certificate
- **PHEA** denotes Bloustein Honors Research Program
- **PHM** denotes Public Health Medicine Certificate
- **PHEP** denotes Public Health Education & Advocacy Certificate
- **HP** denotes Global Health & Health Policies Certificate
- **HD** denotes Health Disparities Certificate
- **CL** denotes School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
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* January 2023 Graduate
* August 2023 Graduate
* Eta Sigma Gamma Honorary
* Upsilon Phi Delta Honorary
* Direct Admit (EJB degree)
* School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
* School of Arts and Sciences
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**University Honors Designations:**

- **CS** Summa Cum Laude
- **MCL** Magna Cum Laude
- **SCL** Summa Cum Laude
- **ELG** Eta Sigma Gamma Honorary
- **UPD** Urban Planning Certificate
- **PHEP** Global Health & Health Policies Certificate
- **HD** Health Disparities Certificate
- **HP** Health Policy Certificate
- **PHEA** Public Health Education & Advocacy Certificate
- **PHM** Public Health Medicine Certificate
- **PHP** Public Health Preparedness Certificate
Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees
As of May 1, 2023

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

Neil Kakumanu SAS * •
Paige Kruse SAS *** GHHP
Sabrina Kupa SAS ***
Julia Le SAS ***
Timothy Li SAS •
Andy Lin SAS * •
Chelsea Lopez SAS **
Sehar Mahmood SAS ** •
Nisha Makwana SAS **
Eric Martinez EBJ •
Christian Megrew SAS * • UPO
Kaitlyn A. Mcmahon SAS **
Abeera Memon EBJ *** BCL
Kimberly Miller GHHP •
Karina Monterroso EBJ **
Sumaiya Nusrath SAS ** •
Agujudah Okey-Uche EBJ •
Katherine Orefice SAS *** CL + ESG
Dennisha Page SAS •
Neeraj Pareddy SAS **

Jeetkumar Patel SAS •
Karishma Patel SAS *** •
Sheena Patel SAS ** •
Kunj Patel SAS
Shri Kumar Patel SAS ***
Leila Poestra SAS •
Katherine Popp SAS **
Sarah Ranji SAS •
Ishan Raval SAS •
Madeline Ravallo SAS •
Ashlyn Riviere SAS **
Sonam Rupani SAS ***
Asya Sakar SAS •
Kaitlyn Senetra SAS ***
Kushal Shah EBJ •
Sonal Shah SAS ***
Dhruv Shah SAS •
Sahiba Shahab SAS •
Jhil Sharma SAS **

Hijab Siddiqui SAS * •
Fareed Siddiqui SAS ** • UPO
Mehar Kanwar Sidhu SAS **
Shalini Sivaraman SAS *** •
James Soto SAS *** •
Raed Syed SAS *** • UPO
Sidraa Syed SAS ***
Jesenia Tanchyk SAS ** CL •
Adriana Todorov SAS •
Cassandra Trotra EBJ ** SCL
Tohey Tyler EBJ • • UPO
Stephanie Uche SAS
Sandra Ulokameje SAS ***
Luke Vadala SAS •
Lisbeth Veras Encarnacion SAS **
Brianna White EBJ • •
Jacob Wolk SAS ***
Catherine Wong SAS * • UPO
Nasih Yarning SAS •
Huma Zeb SAS ***

Bachelor of Science in Public Health (B.S.)

Mariem Abid SAS **
Joan Acorlor SAS •
Oluwagbenga Adegbite SAS •
Melanie Aguilar SAS
Mohammed Ahmed SAS ***
Elif Akat SAS •
Olugbemisola Akinsiku SAS **
Zainab Alhaddawi SAS * GHHP
Rawan Aly SAS • HD
Tajriam Amad SAS • ESG HD
Raymar Anciado SAS
Sobhana Archakam SAS ** HD
Abanoub Armanious SAS ***
Audrey Asare EBJs ** •

Gabrielle Atchison SAS
Josephine Awadalla SAS • ESG GHHP HD
Hanan Babar EBJ •
Harleen Badwal SAS
Bryan Balarezo SAS •
Naika Baptiste SAS
Mary Barsoum SAS •
Farah Beche SAS • ESG GHHP
Adam Benglos Kaufman SAS **
Rashel Bernal Reyes SAS • BBA
Serina Bernardo EBJ • •
Gia Bernhardt SAS • ESG
Fatma Beye SAS • ESG GHHP
Jasleen Bhatia SAS •

Jonelle Biggs EBJs • ESG
Lyla Bracken SAS **
Fanny Brito-Cruz SAS • GHHP HD
Gabrielle Bromfeld EBJs ***
Jessica Bryk EBJs • GHHP HD
Ashley Burgos SAS
Feona Burton SAS •
Yaniessa Cains SAS • PhD
Piolo Calusin SAS ***
Venecia Cano SAS •
Kara Capo SAS **
Michele Caporaso EBJs ** SCL •
Hayley Carroll SAS •
Kai Carter EBJ • • SCL •
Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees
As of May 1, 2023

Bachelor of Science in Public Health (B.S.)

Claudia Sophia Carvajal $**$ SAS
Karla Carvo-Adrianzen $**$ SAS
Beyla Cayenne $*$ SAS
Kaylee Chan $*$ SAS
Diana Chen $**$ SAS
Donald Chen $**$ SAS
Jessie Chen $***$ SAS
Lin Chen $**$ SAS
Richard Choque $*$ SAS
Karis Choi $*$ SAS
Jordan Clarida $**$ SAS
Taylor Clarida $**$ SAS
Isaiah Cimafranca $*$ SAS
Sophia Colon-Marquez $**$ SAS
Arielle Cohen $**$ SAS
Sindhu Commuri $***$ SAS
Evely Condis $*$ SAS
Nour Aliman DanDan $**$ SAS
Frank Deigh $**$ SAS
Tiana Dequattro $**$ SAS
Sara Diras $*$ SAS
Dinae Dover $**$ SAS
Avery Ebert $**$ SAS
Ashleigh Drummond $*$ SAS
Salma Eleissawy $*$ SAS
Adam Fatfulla $***$ SAS
Kalani Foster $**$ SAS
Alaina Feaster $*$ SAS
Taylor Fox $**$ SAS
Emily Friend $**$ SAS
Keyshawn Frizzelle-Williams $*$ SAS
Lara Fougnies $***$ SAS
Jaahnavi Ganesh $**$ SAS
Karen George $***$ SAS
Sara George $**$ SAS
Jenna Gervase $***$ SAS

Mariam Girgis $***$ SAS
Sarah Gordon $***$ SAS
Karen Gonzalez $**$ SAS
Zeriyah Griffin $*$ SAS
Art Gottesman $**$ SAS
Katie Han $**$ SAS
Jenna Han $**$ SAS
Chloe Han $***$ SAS
Madelyn Harte $***$ SAS
Marissa Hayton $***$ SAS
Briana Hernandez $***$ SAS
Catherine Hewitt $***$ SAS
Alyssa Hill $*$ SAS
Asher Eunuch Hong $***$ SAS
Precious Honute $***$ SAS
Rachel Houston $***$ SAS
Marcela Ishihara $*$ SAS
Kiara Isaza $***$ SAS
Jennifer Jeon $**$ SAS
Eliza Jones $**$ SAS
Nirali Joshi $*$ SAS
Derna Jean-Jacques $*$ SAS
Vachelynn Jupiter $*$ SAS
Ilene Joy $**$ SAS
Esther Kabutey $**$ SAS
Zoe Kang $***$ SAS
Madison Kassar $***$ SAS
Rachel Kays $**$ SAS
Madison Keebler $**$ SAS
Melissa Kelly $**$ SAS
Mission Kercher $**$ SAS
Kenneth Kenoul $***$ SAS
Mahwah Khan $***$ SAS
Hira Khan $*$ SAS
Thomas Klele $**$ SAS
Ciara Kim $***$ SAS

Mackenzie Lawson $***$ SAS
Manuela Lamela $*$ SAS
Hesu Lee $**$ SAS
Yuqi Li $**$ SAS
Allison Lynch $* EJB$
Sarena Madray $*$ SAS
Omoremi Majekodunmi $***$ SAS
Hannah Makasare $***$ SAS
Tehteen Malik $*$ SAS
Nila Manners $*$ SAS
Volga Mansur $**$ SAS
Karina Martinez-Ferreira $*$ SAS
Esther Martinez $**$ SAS
Fiorela Martinez $**$ SAS
Jocelyn Martinovic $**$ SAS
Joseph P. Massari $*$ SAS
Annemarie Nicole Matel $*$ SAS
Nico Mascarini $**$ SAS
Justin Matog $**$ SAS
Sara Mehta $**$ SAS
Aleena Mehdii $*$ SAS
Manya Mehta $**$ SAS
Joshua Mendoza $**$ SAS
Amay Mehta $**$ SAS
Lucia Mendoza $**$ SAS
Dominic Micalizzi $**$ SAS
Maaahd Mohyuddin $**$ SAS
Rahibah Mian $**$ SAS
Theresa Mousa $**$ SAS
Erin Mullican $**$ SAS
Jazzel Munoz $*$ SAS
Matthew Murphy $**$ SAS
Amira Mustapha $*$ SAS
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Shanzeh Nasir SAS *** ENG
Aparna Natarajan SAS *** ENG
Sebastian Nauta SAS *** ENG
Selina Ngai SAS ENG
Eyob Nega SAS ENG
Elise Nisonoff SAS ** ENG
Alexis Nguyen SAS ** ENG
Chiebuka Nnajiofor SAS *** ENG
Daniella Norgi SAS ** ENG
Heather O'Donnell EBR *** ENG
Vivian Okoroanyanwu SEBS SAS
Kayla Ocasio SAS
Ifechukwu Ozokpor SAS
Claudia Palmer SAS
Kristal Palomino SAS ** ENG MIEP
Abigail Panarello SAS *** ENG
Jasmine Park SAS ENG
Neha Pasupuleti SAS ENG
Mansi Patel SAS ENG MIEP
Dhwani Patel EBR ENG
Aria Patel SAS
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Kriza Patel SAS
Manav Patel SAS ** MIEP
Rachel Patel SAS ** MIEP
Vishika Patel SAS *** ENG MIEP
Salma Pathan SAS
Amanda Peckham SAS *** ENG MIEP
Nicholas Pedro SAS
Ananya Penugonda SAS ** ENG
Peyton Perez SAS
Soleil Perez SAS ** ENG MIEP
Rebecca Petillon EGR CL
Laurel Peters-Aceves SAS
James Pfeifer SAS
Jaime Plumaker SAS ** MIEP

Stephanie Pokuah SAS
Jailene Quiles SAS
Hemang Rana SAS *** ENG MIEP
Lucija Rasina SAS ** ENG MIEP
Chelsey Razveen SEBS
Maria Reyes-Santos EBR ** CL
Christopher Rizzo EBR *** MIEP
Jasmin Ross SAS MIEP
Janine Rupinski EBR ** CL
Ajanee Russell-Hopkins SAS ** ENG MIEP
Caitlin Ryan EBR ** CL
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Velinda Sagastume SEBS ** ENG
Haroon Sandhu SAS ***
Emmanuel Sanon-Jules SEBS **
Noelle Mapeso Santos EBR *** MIEP
Leslie Sarabia-Ramirez SEBS
Schylor Saroshinsky SAS ***
Margaret Schroeder SAS **
Dayna Schubert SAS **
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Fiona Shafer SEBS ** MIEP MIEP
Rushali Shah SAS ENG MIEP
Aisha Shahzad SAS
Yasmeen Shareef SAS **
Zeinab Shehadeh SAS ***
Erica Shemper SEBS **
Colleen Shenocca EBR ** CL
Nia Simmons SAS ** CL
Alexandra Skurka SAS *** ENG
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Janelle-Marie Sonsiadek EBR ** CL
Lane Spyrka SAS
L’Oren St.Hilaire SAS ***

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Alisa Stellini SAS *** ENG
Rachel-Gifty Stewart SAS **
Ahuva Strauss SAS ***
Emily Stroud SAS **
Jenny Sun SEBS **
Ashley Tapia SAS
Kayla Tennyson SAS ***
Rachel Thompson SEBS **
Zoha Tirmizi SAS
Frida Topuzyan SAS **
Kaitlyn Tran SAS
Jacqueline Vallejo SAS

Leticia Vizcaino Blanco EBR *** MIEP
Emily Vogler SEBS
Karolin Wadiq SEBS ** ENG MIEP
Grace Walter SAS
Yumin Wang
Maci Wert SAS ***
Shelby Wheeestone SAS
Shayla Whiffen SAS
Brianna Wilkinson SAS
Tyler Williams SAS ***
Meagan Wolf SEBS ***
Joyce Wu SEBS ** ENG MIEP
Daria Wysocka SAS ***
Calista Xirouchakis SAS
Ritika Yadav SAS ENG
Simge Yavuz SAS *** ENG
Quadjo Yeboah EBR ** CL
Katherine Yoon SAS *** AD
Mira Zakarry SAS
Betia Zeng SAS ***
Xiaolin Zhang SAS
Wiktoria Zielba SEBS
Jordyn Zieden-Weber SAS ***
**Undergraduate Awards and Fellowships, 2022-23**

**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.

HEATHER O’DONNELL—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.

BRIAN DAN-DING—PUBLIC POLICY

**Governor James J. Florio Undergraduate Public Service Award**
The Bloustein School was honored to have on its faculty 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. This award honors an undergraduate who embodies 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.

FATMA BEYE—PUBLIC HEALTH

**Mary Ann and Steven J. Allard Fellowship in Planning and 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.

MARISSA HAYTON, EVA BELTRAN-BUENO

**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.

ARIELLE COHEN, ANAMIKA DESAI, NINA GOHEL, SHREYA GUPTA, TAHA UMAR

**Rutgers University and External Student Awards/Fellowships, 2022-23**

**Chancellor-Provost's Leadership Award**
Given to graduating students who exemplify excellence and truly embody a commitment to leadership and involvement on campus and/or in the community.

LARA FOUGNIES

**Rutgers Revolutionary Award**
Recognizes student leaders or organizations that have demonstrated creativity, originality, ingenuity, and/or resourcefulness in addressing local and global issues.

NINA GOHEL

**Bridge Builder Award**
Recognizes individuals/student organizations who have demonstrated collaborative initiatives across a variety of organizations and activities with inspiring leadership that brings together stakeholders from across the university to create positive and substantial impact of change.

NEW JERSEY PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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:

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<td>Public Informatics</td>
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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.

**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.
Faculty and Staff Recognition

PUBLISHED BOOKS

In addition to dozens of journal articles, media mentions, reports, chapters, reviews, and hundreds of presentations, the following books were published by members of the Bloustein School faculty and staff in 2022-23.


GRANTS

Members of the Bloustein School faculty and staff have been the recipients of prestigious awards and research grants totaling more than $25 million in 2022-23.

David Aimen is the recipient of an award of $38,491 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Development of Bluebeam Training Materials and Delivery.

Clinton Andrews is the recipient of an award of $50,000 from the National Science Foundation for the project CIVIC Planning Grants Track A: Smart Kids and Cool Seniors.

Catherine Bull is the recipient of an awards of $48,011 and $54,132 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the project Mature Driver Education and Training Best Practice Report and the New Jersey Crossing Guard Training and Resources Program.

Jon Carnegie is the recipient of several awards including: $498,041 from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for the NJ Zero Emission Incentive Program (NJ ZIP); $225,000 from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the continuation of Together North Jersey; $190,000 from New Jersey Transit Corporation for the New Jersey Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Customer Survey; $125,000 from the New Jersey County of Cumberland for the Cumberland County Area Transit System: Future of Mobility Study; among others.

Yen-Tyng Chen is the recipient of two awards of $46,414 and $21,590 from the University of Chicago for the project PrEP Intervention Models for Young Black MSM: A Place-based Affiliation Network Approach and the project MAARC- Methodology and Advanced Analytics Resource Center.

Barbara Faga is the recipient of an award of $100,000 from State of New Jersey Department of Health, Division of HIV, STD, and TB Services for the project Location of Harm Reduction Vending Machines and Zoning in the State of New Jersey.

Laurie Harrington is the recipient of an award of $74,677 from the New Jersey Department of Labor for A Research Study on Integrated Education and Training (IET) Programs funded by WIOA in New Jersey.

Jeanne Herb is the recipient of several awards including: $1,390,460 from the New Jersey Division of Law and Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management for the project Building User-friendly, data and science-driven web-based decision-support tools to support incorporation of climate elements into Hazard Mitigation Planning in New Jersey; $225,000 from the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation for the Advancing Sustainable Organic Material Management Community Composting and Food Recovery Project;
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$325,927 from Florida State University for the project Advancing US Adoption of Innovative & Strategies to Health & Equity with Climate Change Action; $304,524 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the project Better Buy-outs: A Rutgers-RPA Collaborative Research Effort with NJDEP to Inform NJDEP’s Development of a Blue Acres 3.0 Framework, among others.

Andrea Hetling is the recipient of an award of $128,571 from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development for the project Building and Analyzing Longitudinal Data: A Collaborative Project and an award of $99,088 from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for the project Family and Economic Stability: Examining TANF as a Supportive Program.

Louis Hoffmann is the recipient of an award of $23,145 from Union County Educational Services Commission for the Union County Educational Services Commission FY23.

Ellen Kurtzman is the recipient of an award of $20,000 from The Ohio State University for the project The Impact of Recreational Marijuana Laws on Marijuana Use Disorder during Treat and Release Visits to Hospital Emergency Departments.

David Listokin is the recipient of an award of $70,000 from the Community Foundation of South Jersey Aging Innovation Fund for the project Transfer of Wealth Development for South New Jersey and $20,000 from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service for the project Economic Impact of the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit-FY20-FY21.

Miriam Salerno is the recipient of an award of $249,999 from New York Metropolitan Transportation Council for the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council Moving Forward Community Planning Workshops and an award of $100,000 from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the project Innovative Public Outreach Support Continuation.

Jennifer Senick is the recipient of an award of $5,370,898 from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the project Clean Energy Evaluation and Market Assessment.

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

Michael Smart is the recipient of an award of $199,196 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the project Transit Usage Impacts of NJ Transit-Oriented Developments (NJTOD) and an award of $35,874 from New Jersey Transit Corporation for the project Assessing Options for Ethically Addressing Homelessness and Food Access at the Walter Rand Transportation Center and the Newark Penn Station, and Development of Statewide Guidelines.

William Terry III is the recipient two awards of $5,000,000 each from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration for the continued operation of the National Transit Institute.

Leigh Ann Von Hagen is the recipient of two awards of $1,500,000 each from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the continued management of the NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center and the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Support Program.

Nancy Wolff is the recipient of several awards including: $663,623 from the District of Columbia - Department of Health for the District of Columbia Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Study; $568,463 from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the Developmental Disabilities Planning Institute (DDPI) - 2022-2023; $305,646 from the New Jersey Department of Education for the NJDOE Post School Outcomes Study 2022-2025; $98,541 from the Arkansas Department of Health & Human Services for the Arkansas Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Study; among others.
Faculty and Staff Recognition

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The Bloustein School appointed the following new faculty in 2022-23 academic year:

Bernadette Baird-Zars, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor (urban planning)
Yen Tyng Chen, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor (undergraduate public health)
Ceu Cirne-Neves, FACHE as Assistant Teaching Professor (health administration)
Derek DeLia, Ph.D. as Associate Professor (undergraduate public health).
Ellen T. Kurtzman, Ph.D., MPH, RN, FAAN as Professor with Tenure and Executive Director, Health Administration Program
Emily Parker, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor (undergraduate public health)
Mark Paul, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor (public policy)
Andrea Restrepo-Mieth, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor (urban planning)
Sharifa Williams, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor (undergraduate public health)
Ruth Winecoff, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor (public policy)

PROMOTIONS, AWARDS AND HONORS

Professor Stuart Shapiro was named Dean of the Bloustein School in April, 2023. He has been serving as the school’s Interim Dean since January, 2022.

Part-time lecturers Leah Apgar (public policy), Robert Ashmun (planning), Sophia Jones (public health), and Jill Korseta-Anderson (health administration) are the recipients of the Bloustein School Lecturer Awards. These awards are nominated and selected by full-time faculty of their respective programs.

Derek Delia was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in April 2023. His research focuses on healthcare payment and delivery reform; the economics of hospitals and health centers; emergency medical care; healthcare access among the poor, uninsured, and minorities; social determinants of health; childhood obesity and the built environment; and healthcare markets.

The inaugural Dorothea Berkhout Staff Development Awards were presented to Keri Ferreira, Business Department Administrator; Karyn Olsen, Assistant Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations; and Tamara Swedberg, Communications, Social Media, and Website Specialist.

Professor Andrea Hetling was named one of three Provost Research Leadership Fellows in the Office of the Chancellor-Provost for 2023. Andrea was also appointed as the Associate Director of the School’s Heldrich Center for Workforce Development.

Jane Kaye, Assistant Teaching Professor, is the recipient of the Bloustein School’s Jerome G. Rose Excellence in Teaching Award. The award is presented annually to a full-time faculty member committed to quality teaching. Faculty are nominated by graduate students and fellow faculty members. Susan Krum, Associate Teaching Professor and Will Payne, Assistant Professor, received honorable mentions.

Professor Ellen T. Kurtzman was named the 2022-2023 Chair of the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues (IRGNI), an interest group of AcademyHealth. She was also named the 2022-2023 Chair of the Health Policy Conference Planning Committee of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN).

Executive-in-Residence Russ Molloy received the 2023 Distinguished Legislative Service Award from the New Jersey Bar Association. The award is the highest recognition available to an NJSBA member to acknowledge noteworthy legislative service.
**Faculty and Staff Recognition**

**PROMOTIONS, AWARDS AND HONORS**

**Patricia O’Brien Richardson,** Associate Teaching Professor is the recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching from Rutgers University. It is awarded to a non-tenure-track, full-time faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding teaching skills in classroom instruction, clinical instruction, curriculum development, and/or mentoring.

Assistant Professor **Mark Paul** was named to the executive editorial board of the new open-access journal *Environmental Research: Energy*, published by the Institute of Physics.


**Jim Samuel,** Associate Professor and Executive Director, Informatics program, has been appointed as the Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Big Data: Theory and Practice*. The flagship journal of the New Jersey Big Data Alliance, it is an open access peer-reviewed journal devoted to the publication of high-quality papers on theoretical and practical aspects of big data, AI and machine learning.

**Anne Strauss-Wieder,** Instructor and Director of Freight Planning for the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority was appointed to the organizing committee and moderated a session at the 2023 Transportation Research Board National Workshop, “Building More Resilient Supply Chains.”

**Billy Terry,** Executive Director of the National Transit Institute (NTI) is the recipient of the Wilbur E. Smith Friend Award from the Eno Center for Transportation. The organization provides government and industry leaders with timely research and an independent voice on policy issues.

**Piyushimita (Vonu) Thakuriah,** Distinguished Professor and former Dean of the Bloustein School, is the recipient of the National Institute of Statistical Sciences (NISS) Distinguished Alumni Award for contributions to cross-disciplinary research in statistics and data science in the areas of urban informatics, smart cities, mobility analytics, and data justice.

Assistant Professor **Jermaine Toney** is the recipient of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Fellowship on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Economic Outcomes. He will spend the 2023-24 academic year conducting research at the NBER’s Cambridge office.

Distinguished Professor **Carl Van Horn** was named Visiting Non-resident Scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 2022-2023. He was also appointed to the Advisory Committee, Center for Intergovernmental Partnerships, National Academy of Public Administration, 2022-2023. He is a continuing member of New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy’s Jobs and Economic Opportunity Council.

A graduate student studio led by the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center’s **Leigh Ann Von Hagen,** Managing Director; **Sean Meehan,** Senior Research Specialist and post-doctoral research associate **Hannah Younes** was the recipient of the 2022 New Jersey Planning Excellence Outstanding Student Project Award for their work exploring micromobility and active transportation options and infrastructure in Asbury Park, NJ.

Assistant Professor **Ruth Winecoff** won the 2022 Association of Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) Michael Curro Award Graduate Student Paper Award for “The Dodd-Frank Act and Municipal Borrowing Costs: Evidence from Nationwide Data. ”

**Wenwen Zhang** has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. 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.
Distinguished Research Professor Michael L. Lahr is also the former Director of Rutgers Economic Advisory Service (R/ECON™). He holds a Ph.D. in Regional Science from the University of Pennsylvania. At the Bloustein School Dr. Lahr taught courses on Global Analytics and occasionally an advanced course on applied statistical methods and economic modeling that is designed for PhD students. Since 1995, Dr. Lahr supervised R/ECON™ research on a broad array of public policy issues in the fields of housing, economic development, program evaluation, and fiscal and economic impact analysis. He has published over 50 articles in journals and edited volumes on economic modeling techniques; development economics; and the economics of various planning and fiscal issues. In addition to being Editor of the journal Economic Systems Research, Lahr sits on the editorial board of Papers in Regional Science, Journal of Economic Structures, and the Brazilian Review of Regional Studies, He has co-edited four books and two journal special issues. He is presently Treasurer of the Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship of the North American Regional Science Council. Lahr also has been Vice President of the International-Input Output Association, Chair of the North American Regional Council, and President of the Southern Regional Science Association, and sat on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Regional Science and Economic Systems Research. He has received service awards from the North American Regional Science Association International and the Southern Regional Science Association. He has also been proclaimed a Research Fellow of the Southern Regional Science Association.

Associate Research Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Administration Marc D. Weiner started his career with the Bloustein School June 2006. He also served as the school’s Faculty Director of Undergraduate Education. Dr. Weiner was appointed by the Chancellor’s Selection Committee as a Fellow for the 2020-2021 convening of the Big Ten Academic Alliance Department Executive Officers Seminar and was a 2019-2020 Fellow of the Rutgers Leadership Academy. He was an Affiliate of Rutgers, New Brunswick's School of Arts and Sciences. He also previously served as Associate Director of the Bloustein Center for Survey Research, as well as Project Director for the Office of Population Research, and Assistant Director for the Survey Research Center, both at Princeton University. Dr. Weiner was the founding President of the New Jersey-Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research and served on the Executive Council of the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations. He is the recipient of the Bloustein School's Jerome G. Rose Excellence in Teaching Award, the Graduate Faculty Teaching Award from the Rutgers School of Graduate Studies; and was profiled for excellence in teaching by the American Political Science Association's Campus Teaching Award Interview Series in PSNow. Dr. Weiner earned his doctorate in political science from Rutgers, New Brunswick in May 2005; he studied political methodology at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan and at the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs (1998), has a juris doctor from Widener University (1986) and a bachelor's degree in political philosophy from Syracuse University (1982). Before returning to the academy, from 1986 through 1996, he practiced trial law in the New Jersey state and federal courts. During that time, he served as a law clerk in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, was certified as a New Jersey Department of Public Advocacy special mediator, and as a special hearing officer for the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Faculty and Staff Recognition

The following Bloustein School faculty members retired during the 2022-23 academic year. We acknowledge the many wonderful contributions they have made to the school, the university, and their professions.
**In Memoriam**

Senior Policy Fellow James J. Florio, former Governor of New Jersey and an eight-term congressman, passed away on September 25, 2022. Gov. Florio joined the Bloustein School as a Senior Policy Fellow shortly after the conclusion of his gubernatorial term in 1994, teaching graduate students for decades. Public policy development, like everything else, changed significantly over the past few decades. Noting that state and federal governments were in a period of transformational change of policy, he impressed upon his students that rather than marginal modifications — which could be disruptive and dislocating — systemic change was needed to meet citizen expectations. In his classes, he reviewed how current administrations were coping with change using traditional policy analysis as well as extensive comparative review of current events and policy developments over the past three decades.

“Governor Florio was a principled and effective policy advocate. During his long career — as a community organizer, state legislator, member of Congress, and Governor — he held firm to core values. He believed deeply in the power of government to transform the lives of those most in need and the courage to fight for policies even at the risk of his political career,” said Carl Van Horn, Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and director of the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University, who served as Governor Florio’s Director of Policy from 1990 to 1992. “His leadership provides inspiration and a role model for public servants and for future leaders graduating from the Bloustein School.”

*The Bloustein School was saddened to lose two former students from its close-knit community in 2022-23. Both were bright and vibrant members of the Bloustein School and Rutgers University during their time here and will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences go to their family and friends. Both alumni are being recognized with their degrees today.*

Master’s student and alumnae Jennifer H. Elliott passed away in April 2023. Fueled by a constantly questioning mind, a passion for music, advocacy, teaching, and research, and possessing a unique ability to creatively problem solve, Jenn graduated *magna cum laude* from Rider University with a Bachelor of Arts in both Music and Elementary Education before joining Rutgers in the Fall of 2019. At Rutgers, Jenn completed her Master of Public Affairs and Politics (MPAP) degree at the Bloustein School in 2022. An advocate for social justice and for developing public policies to help those with severe health problems, Jenn is being remembered today.

Andrew J. Wainwright, master’s student, and alumnus passed away in April of 2022. A graduate of the Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) in 2019, the loss was felt greatly throughout his cohort, especially by those crossing the stage at the Jersey Mike’s Arena that May. A stellar student in the program, Andrew’s focus on transportation planning and policy led him to start the career he envisioned. With great sadness but remembrances, his cohort of fellow students put this greeting together to remember him by as we all do here today: [https://go.rutgers.edu/andrewwainwright](https://go.rutgers.edu/andrewwainwright)
EDWARD J. BLOUSTEIN: THE MAN BEHIND THE NAME

Thirty years since the school was founded and named and 33 years since his death, many of our students, staff, and faculty are far removed from why we were named after Dr. Edward J. Bloustein.

In his honor, the school created a video as not just a testament to Dr. Bloustein, but also to how we, at the Bloustein School, have memorialized his ethic. By capturing the essence of Ed Bloustein, we are able to show the meaning behind our mission: to create just, socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable and healthy local, national and global communities.

Special thanks to Ed’s daughters Lori and Elise. This project was spearheaded by Janet Cole, Director of Development, and Madison Welch, Alumni and Development Specialist. The video was created by Bloustein alumnus Tatiana Rodriguez, MPH, BS (Public Health) ’99.

Watch the video at https://go.rutgers.edu/blousteinvideo

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 light reception of cookies and coffee 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.
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 cell phones be turned off during the ceremony.
Congratulations Graduates!
Visit alumni.rutgers.edu to register as an alumnus of Rutgers and find out the many benefits of registration!

Join the Rutgers Bloustein School Alumni page on LinkedIn to reconnect with former classmates and colleagues and establish new networking relationships!
Scan the QR code or visit go.rutgers.edu/ejbalumonlinkedin