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 “biomoniter” 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
Director, Program in Urban Planning
and Policy Development

Associate Professor Andrea Hetling
Director, Program in Public Policy

Recognition of Doctoral Candidates
Professor Robert B. Noland
Director, Doctoral Program,
Planning and Public Policy

Graduation Remarks
Susana Gonzalez Rodriguez
M.C.R.P. ’18

Thalya Reyes
M.P.P.-M.C.R.P. ’18

Conferring of Degrees
Dean Greenberg
Professor Wiggins
Professor Shapiro
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
Mrunmayee Atre
Kristiana Barr
Samuel Bellamy
Michelle Bisceglia
Elizabeth Bronshteyn *
Mary Buchanan
Li-Yan Chang RE
Michael Donnelly
Newcome Edwards *
Matthew Flynn *
Karan Gandhi †
Colin Goan *
Susana Gonzalez Rodriguez
Matthew Gray
Sibtay Haider †
Richard Hunt *
Uriah Johnson
Sribhava Kakani
Daheee Kim
George Klevorn
Pranay Kumar ❃
Himadri Kundu †
Christopher Lee *
Kaining Liang
Brendan Linard
Zoe Linder-Baptie ^ &
Sridevi Maddineni
Austin Maitland
Shaurya Sumersingh Mall

Lindsey May
Kyle Mitchell *
Stephanie Neal
Yun Jae Ock *
William Owens ^
Shree Kurang Panchal
Benjamin Peacock
Vishal Ream-Rao ❌
Thalya Reyes ^
Ian Rynex
Angello Salazar
Max Schwartz †
Ashley Scull
Gayathri Shivaraman †
Lindsey Sigmund
Samantha Spagnoli
Golda Speyer
Natalie Sutherland
Sonia Szcesna
Chin Siang Melvin Wah
Jillian Walsh $
Sishen Wang ☺
Lorenzo Waters
Andrew Wilson
Christine Winter
Cathleen Wolf $
Ying Xu ☺
Chongrui Yang
Dara Zaleski
Alfredo Zavaleta
Candidates for Degrees
As of May 1, 2018

Master of City and Regional Studies (M.C.R.S.)
Yong Cheol Hong *
Seung Hyun Jung *
Chanho Park *
Eunjeong Park *

Anthony Pasquini *
Jaebong Ryu *
Woosuk Seo *
Siyoun Sung *

Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.)
Jane Allen
Jessica Brand
Daniel Coghlan
Storm Ervin
Zachary Froio
Christopher Gough *
Jacqueline Halliday
Xin Huang
Sofia Javed
Pratyusha Kiran
Zoe Linder-Baptie ^ &
Alexandra Lleras
Holly Low

Jazmyne McNeese
Christopher Myles
William Owens ^
Kellie Palomba
Anish Patel
Maheen Rashid
Thalya Reyes ^
Daniel Saunders
Alexa Schatzmann *
Rena Sherman
Liana Volpe
Roshard Williams

Master of Public Affairs and Politics (M.P.A.P.)
Jana Blahak
Amy Cobb
Joo Hae Eum *
Sungwon Han *
Anna Hanzes

Reanin McRoberts *
Scarlett Rajki
Hye Young Song *
Marie Verna †
Jaewon Yoo *

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
Offered through the Graduate School—New Brunswick
Allison Bridges †
Morgan Campbell *
Carla Coronado †
Margaret D’Aversa †

Angela Oberg
Victoria Porterfield
Bahareh Srehtzadeh †
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 Historic Preservation
痊 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:

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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.

*Mason Gross Brass Quintet*

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

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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.
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.


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.

Devra 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 Gary 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.
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 Education Committee; Karen E. Waldo to the Environment and Energy Committee; Andrea Hetling to the Housing Committee; Richard F. Keevey to the Budget Committee; Kathy Krepecio to the Human and Children Services Committee; and Garrison J. Stoldt to the Healthcare committee.
The Bloustein School is grateful for the endowed scholarships that have been established due to the generosity of our donors who include alumni, parents, and friends of the school. The below list of endowed awards were established to help support graduate students throughout their program of study.

B. Budd Chavooshian Endowed Memorial Fellowship—Lindsey Sigmund
Bloustein Memorial Scholarship—Maheen Rashid, Matthew Nolan Gray
Bloustein School Alumni Association Annual Graduate Scholarship—Christine Winter
Bob Cotter City Kid Endowed Graduate Scholarship in Planning—Angello Salazar
Brandon M. Poli Memorial Scholarship—Kellie Palomba
Christiana R. Foglio Annual Graduate Fellowship in Planning—Christine Anderson
Dawne and Lawrence B. Burrows Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning and Public Policy—Dara Zaleski
Dr. Donald A. Krueckeberg Memorial Scholarship—Lee Polonsky
Dr. Robert A. Catlin Memorial Scholarship—Roshard Williams
Harold H. Martin Endowed Fellowship—Evan Friscia
Hon. Patricia Juliano Memorial Scholarship—Vanessa Raymond
Jennifer S. Lightner Memorial Scholarship—Golda Speyer
Mortensen/Voorhees Prize for Achievement in Transportation Studies—Mary Buchanan
New Jersey Planning Officials Annual Graduate Scholarship—Ian Henderson
Peter C. Cosier IV Environmental Fellowship—Lindsey Sigmund
Rutgers Association of Policy and Planning Students (RAPPS) Scholarship Award—Sicheng Wang
Susan Kirk Foundation Endowed Scholarship—Samantha Spagnoli
Walter C. Evans Annual Graduate Fellowship in Planning—Jillian Walsh
Wayne J. Soojian Planning Scholarship—Samuel Bellamy
Congratulations Graduates!
Scan the QR code above to visit the NEW ALUMNI page at http://www.alumni.rutgers.edu/newgrads to register as an alumnus.

Join the Bloustein School Alumni page on LinkedIn to reconnect with former classmates and colleagues and establish new networking relationships!