

EDWARD J.

BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL

OF PLANNING and PUBLIC POLICY

URBAN PLANNING

PUBLIC POLICY

PUBLIC HEALTH

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC INFORMATICS

OVERVIEW OF THE BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL





Mission

The Bloustein School creates and implements planning and public policy solutions for a healthier, greener, fairer, and more prosperous world.

WHAT WE DO



EDUCATION



SERVICE



RESEARCH



IMPACT

Attributes

Only professional school in U.S. with the following programs:

- Urban Planning
- Public Policy
- Undergraduate Public Health
- Health Administration

Notable Bloustein School Ratings

- Graduate Urban Planning, #5 (Planetizen 2017)
- Graduate Public Policy, #3 (gradprograms.com 2016)
- Undergraduate Public Health, #4 (College Factual 2016 and among first 5 to receive accreditation)
- Graduate Health Administration in second year
- Adding Graduate Informatics—Fall 2018



Undergraduate Major Programs

- Health Administration
- Planning and Public Policy
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Urban Planning and Design

Masters Programs

- Health Administration
- Public Policy
- Urban Planning and Policy Development
- Public Informatics (Jan 2019)

Doctoral Program

- Planning and Public Policy



EDUCATION – Health-related Classes

New Master's Class

Bridging Urban Planning and Public Health

Other Master's:

Green Building

Health and Human Rights

Health Disparities

Health Care Policy

Mental Health and Society

Certificates:

Coastal Climate Risk and Resilience

Human Dimensions of
Environmental Change



EDUCATION

Training & Workshops

- National Transit Institute
 - About 7,500 individuals trained each year for the past 26 years
 - NJTIP @ Rutgers Connect to Transit
 - 10,000+ trained through 2017
 - Regional Complete Streets Policy Adoption, Design and Implementation
 - 10+ years of direct engagement
 - HIV Community Prevention Support and Development Initiative
 - About 6,500 trained in the past decade
-
- HiAP for planning and public health professionals, state agencies and in 4 southern NJ counties
 - Housing and Community Development
 - Environmental Justice in Transportation
 - Active Transportation
 - Smart Growth Award, NJ Future
 - Student Project Award, NJ Chapter, American Planning Association
 - Climate Change and Public Health
 - NJCAA awarded Public Health Advocates of the Year, NJ Local Boards of Health Association



STUDENT SERVICE

Undergrads and MHA students

Required to serve as interns for NGOs, local governments, or communities

MPP students

Required to complete applied field experience and policy research practicum

MCRP students

Required to complete 2 studio classes with deliverables to client



FACULTY / STAFF SERVICE

Support state agencies

- Labor, Health, Energy, Transportation, Housing, Building Codes
- Governor's transition team and policy office
- Legislative hearings

National & International

- Mercury remediation, at Oak Ridge; surplus plutonium disposition
- Resilience and green building (U.N. Habitat, Indonesia, China, Spain)

Local government

- Health impact assessments
- Studio courses across the state



RESEARCH

- Mission-driven research with real-world applications
 - Experts in all social science methodologies including informatics
 - Solid infrastructure: computing, data collection, administration
- Cross-disciplinary approach backed by the resources of a major university
 - Experts in ‘upstream’ determinants of health, e.g., energy, housing, transportation, security, infrastructure, environment
- National and international research collaborations

CROSS-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

23



Cross-sector Partnerships

1. We work with dozens of organizations with a stake in health equity/HiAP.

Public Sector

- Governor's office
- State Agencies: DOH, DEP, BPU, DCA, DOL
- Legislators and local decision-makers
- Local agencies and organizations that represent them (e.g., NJ State League of Municipalities, New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association, New Jersey Planning Officials)

Private Sector

- Numerous developers
- Utilities (PSEG)
- Corporate leaders (Langan Engineering, Berger, Maser, Uber, NY Waterways)

NGOs

- Health-based organizations:
 - NJ Assoc. of County/City Health Officials
 - NJ Public Health Assoc.
 - NJ local boards of public health

- NJ Society of Public Health Educators
 - NJ Public Health Nurse Administrators
 - NJ Environmental Health Assoc.
- Other organizations:
 - Trust for Public Land
 - Metropolitan Planning Organizations (DVRPC, SJTPO, NJTPA)
 - NJ Environmental Justice Alliance
 - Housing Community Development Network of New Jersey

- NJ Institute for Social Justice
- NJ Anti-Poverty Network
- Environment New Jersey
- New Jersey Future
- Work Environment Council
- NJ Save our Schools
- Sustainable Jersey
- Tri-State Transportation Campaign
- NJ Conservation Foundation

Cross-sector Partnerships

2. We lead cross-sector collaborations.

(e.g., NJ Climate Adaptation Alliance, Sustainable Raritan River Initiative, Together North Jersey)

3. We are a forum to discuss and advance solutions to thorny public policy issues.

“Healthy communities happen locally, but it’s changes in state policies that drive lasting systematic change.”

—DOH listening session

The Next Chapter



A dynamic leader focused on public informatics

Founding director and principal investigator of the Urban Big Data Centre in Glasgow, Scotland, **Dr. Piyushimita (Vonu) Thakuria** begins her term as dean of the Bloustein School in October 2018.

SUMMARY

- Top-ranked programs – multidisciplinary approaches
- Jersey solutions, national applications
- Education, service, and research toward creating healthier, greener, fairer, and more prosperous world
- Intellectual, policy, and community impacts
- Enduring, cross-sector partnerships
- Experts in upstream determinants of health

RUTGERS

Edward J. Bloustein School
of Planning and Public Policy

August 2018