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### **RUTGERS' BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL FACULTY HONORED WITH THREE AWARDS FOR LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION, PLANNING**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Recently ranked among the nation's top 10 graduate schools for urban planning, the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, has captured three faculty awards for leadership in planning and education.

The Urban Land Institute's Northern New Jersey District Council (ULI) has named Edison resident David Listokin, co-director of the Center for Urban Policy Research (CUPR), its Educator of the Year. Additionally, the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association (NJAPA) honored Anton Nelessen, associate professor in the graduate urban planning program from Belle Mead, with its President's Award for Distinguished Leadership in Planning, and Dean James W. Hughes, of Ringoes, with its President's Award for Distinguished Leadership in Planning Education.

"We are extremely proud of the awards presented to Professors Listokin, Nelessen and Hughes," said Rutgers President Richard L. McCormick. "They are an illustration of the excellence of our faculty and the extraordinary accomplishments they bring to the university in education, research and service to our fellow New Jersey citizens."

The three honors follow the Bloustein School's recent No. 8 ranking in the nation and No.5 ranking in the Northeast in an independent national survey of professionals, educators and students asked to name the nation's top graduate schools in urban planning. The survey was conducted by the opinion research firm Davis, Hibbits and Midghall Inc., for Planetizen, a Los Angeles-based planning and development network.

Besides co-directing the Center for Urban Policy Research, Listokin directs the Bloustein School's doctoral program. He is an authority on community and fiscal impact analysis, housing policy, land-use regulation and historic preservation. He has written and edited 25 books and has been principal investigator for a wide range of clients, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State Department, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Fannie Mae Foundation and the Twentieth Century Fund.

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Nelessen, is a charter member of the Congress of New Urbanism and is recognized as one of the nation's most distinguished urban visionaries. He has more than 38 years of professional experience as a professor, author and practitioner, including 35 years teaching at Rutgers, most recently as an associate professor of urban planning and design. He is the author of numerous publications, including the book "Visions for a New American Dream," published by the American Planning Association (1999).

Hughes has been a member of the Rutgers faculty since 1971 and dean of the Bloustein School since 1995. He is a nationally recognized academic expert on demographics, housing and regional economics. Since 1988, he has been the director of the Rutgers Regional Report, which during its 18-year tenure has produced 31 major socioeconomic, demographic and housing studies on New Jersey and the New York region. He also edits the Sitar-Rutgers Regional Report, a quarterly examination of the economy and the New Jersey office market. He is author or co-author of 33 books and monographs and more than 125 articles, generally focusing on housing, demographics and economic development patterns.



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