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BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL CAPTURES 4TH CONSECUTIVE ACSP AWARD FOR NATION'S BEST DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

New Brunswick, N.J. – The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) has awarded Ralph Buehler, who received his PhD from the Bloustein School in May, the 2008 Barclay Gibbs Jones Award for Best Dissertation in Planning. The ACSP annual award, which honors superior scholarship in a doctoral dissertation, has now been presented for the fourth consecutive year to a student from the Bloustein School's doctoral program.

Now an [assistant professor at Virginia Tech University](#), Buehler's thesis was entitled "Transport Policies, Travel Behavior, and Sustainability: A Comparison of Germany and the U.S." Professor John Pucher chaired Buehler's dissertation committee; other members included University Professor Joseph J. Seneca, Professor Michael R. Greenberg, Associate Professor Radha Jagannathan, and Dr. Uwe Kunert, of the German Institute of Economic Research in Berlin.

The previous award winners from the Bloustein School include:

- 2006—Philip Ashton, "Advantage or Disadvantage? The Changing Institutional Landscape of Central City Mortgage Lending." David Listokin, Faculty Supervisor
- 2005 -- Kurt Paulsen, "Land Use and Locational Justice: Land Use and Fiscal Policies of New Jersey Municipalities." Donald Krueckeberg, Faculty Supervisor
- 2004 -- Anna Laura Wolf-Powers, "The Effect of Labor Market Intermediaries on Career Opportunity for Non-College-Educated Workers: A Supply-And Demand-Side Analysis." Ann Markusen, Faculty Supervisor

There was no award presented for 2007.

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The ACSP awards committee bases its decision on the thesis it finds “original, well written, employs methods elegantly, offers lessons pertinent to central issues in the field of planning, and provides guidance about how planners or governments should make choices.” The committee is chaired by Professor Pierre Clavel of Cornell University’s Department of City and Regional Planning.

The ACSP is a consortium of university-based programs offering credentials in urban and regional planning. The association promotes education, research, service, and outreach in the United States and internationally.

In addition to the Barclay Gibbs Jones award, Bloustein School students have won other honors from ACSP. Ashton, the 2006 award winner, also captured one of three Best Student Paper awards in 2004 in recognition of the best presentations made at ACSP’s annual conference.

ACSP also awarded travel scholarships to attend its annual conference to past Bloustein School PhD graduates, including Buehler in 2008, Ana Baptista in 2007, Jeremy Nemeth in 2006, Mook Kim and Mi Shih in 2005, and Kristen Crossney in 2004.

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