

CITIES MATTER

The Role of Cities in Promoting Health

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
12:00 -2:00 p.m.
International Affairs Building, Room 1501

- 12:00 Welcome and Introduction
Charles Branas, Epidemiology, MSPH
- 12:10 Keynote by **Michael A. Nutter**, former mayor of Philadelphia
- 12:45 Panel Discussion
Ester Fuchs, Urban and Social Policy, SIPA
Diana Hernández, Sociomedical Sciences, MSPH
Malo Hutson, Urban Planning, GSAPP
Vincent Schiraldi, Columbia School of Social Work
Rose Cuison Villazor, UC Davis & Columbia Law School (Visiting)
Moderator: **Jane Waldfogel**, Columbia School of Social Work
- 1:30 Q&A with the Panel
- 2:00 Adjourn

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Michael A. Nutter



During his 15 years as Mayor of Philadelphia, Michael A. Nutter lowered crime, increased graduation rates, upgraded the city's credit rating, and turned Philadelphia into a thriving economic center. Since leaving office, Mayor Nutter has continued to engage in civic life, serving on the Homeland Security Advisory Council; providing political commentary for CNN; and even teaching here at Columbia University as the inaugural David N. Dinkins Professor of Professional Practice in Urban and Public Policy, among many other positions.

Charles Branas



Charles Branas is the Gelman Professor of Epidemiology and Chair of the Department of Epidemiology at the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health. His pioneering work on geographic access to medical care has changed the healthcare landscape, leading to the designation of new hospitals and a series of national scientific replications in the US and other countries. Branas has also led the first citywide randomized controlled trials to transform thousands of vacant lots, abandoned buildings, and other blighted spaces in order to reduce gun violence and improve mental health & well-being for multiple US cities.

Ester Fuchs



Ester R. Fuchs is Professor of International and Public Affairs and Political Science and Director of the Urban and Social Policy Program at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. She served under New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg from 2001 to 2005 as Special Advisor for Governance and Strategic Planning to the Mayor and as chair of the 2005 NYC Charter Revision Commission. Professor Fuchs was chair of the Urban Studies Program at Barnard and Columbia Colleges and founding director of the Columbia University Center for Urban Research and Policy. She has organized and moderated annual international summits sponsored by the Office of the Mayor of New York and New York City Global Partners. She is a frequent political commentator and lectures internationally. She received a B.A. from Queens College, CUNY; an M.A. from Brown University; and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago.

Diana Hernández



Diana Hernandez is an Assistant Professor at the Mailman School of Public Health. Hernandez researches the social and environmental determinants of health by querying the impacts of policy and place-based interventions on the health and socioeconomic well-being of vulnerable populations. Much of her research is conducted in her native South Bronx neighborhood. Hernández' work is currently funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the JPB Foundation, Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, among others.

Malo Hutson



Malo Hutson is an Associate Professor in Urban Planning and Director of the Urban Community and Health Equity Lab at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation. He is a widely-recognized scholar, teacher, and practitioner whose research at the intersection of urban planning and health inequities is of profound relevance in the planning of today's cities across the United States, and around the world. Hutson's specific focus is on community development and urban equity, racial and ethnic inequalities and urban policy, as well as the built environment and health.

Vincent Schiraldi



Vincent Schiraldi currently serves as Senior Research Scientist at the Columbia School of Social Work. Schiraldi has extensive experience in public life, including serving as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Probation and as Senior Advisor to the New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. Schiraldi gained a national reputation as a fearless reformer who emphasized the humane and decent treatment of the men, women, and children under his correctional supervision. He pioneered efforts at community-based alternatives to incarceration in NYC and Washington DC.

Rose Cuison Villazor



Rose Cuison Villazor is Professor of Law and Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall Research Scholar at UC Davis School of Law and Visiting Professor at the Columbia Law School. She teaches, researches and writes in the areas of immigration and citizenship law, property law, Asian Americans and the law, equal protection law and critical race theory. Villazor has also been published or will be published in the Harvard Law Review, New York University Law Review, Southern California Law Review, University of California at Davis Law Review, and other journals.

Jane Waldfogel



Jane Waldfogel is the Compton Foundation Centennial Professor for the Prevention of Children's and Youth Problems at Columbia School of Social Work, co-director of the Columbia Population Research Center, and a visiting professor at the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion at the London School of Economics. She has written extensively on the impact of public policies on child and family well-being. Her current research includes studies of poverty and social policy, paid family and medical leave, and inequality in child development and achievement across countries.