



# The Intersection between Environmental Policy and Health

*A virtual conversation between NY policymakers & Cornell faculty*  
April 28, 2020

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, Cornell faculty, staff, and students met virtually with New York state legislators and staff to bridge research and policy. The event provided an opportunity for non-partisan, open dialogue about policy-relevant research on issues at the intersection of environmental policy and health.

## Presentations

**Applied Economic  
Research on the Medical  
and Social Benefits of Air  
Quality**



**Nicholas Sanders,**  
*Assistant Professor  
in the Department  
of Policy Analysis  
and Management*

**Paradigm Shift Towards Smart &  
Healthy Cities: Systems Innovation  
at the Nexus of Transportation,  
Environment, and Public Health**



**Oliver Gao,** *Director of  
Cornell Systems  
Engineering Program and  
Professor in Civil &  
Environmental Engineering*

**New Petroleum-Free  
World: Plant Based  
Sustainable and Green  
Materials and Processes**

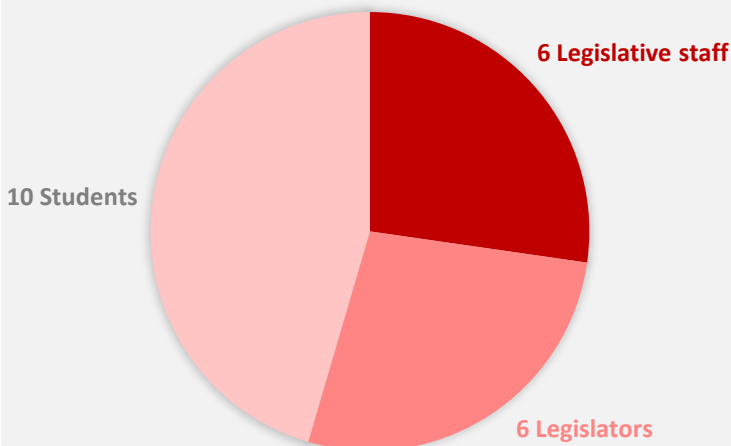


**Anil Netravali,**  
*Professor of Fiber  
Science in the  
Department of Fiber  
Science & Apparel*

## Event Overview

- Large group briefing by Cornell faculty to an audience of legislators, legislative staff, and Cornell students
- Attendees represented leadership from the:
  - Committee on Commerce, Economic Development, and Small Business**
  - Committee on Transportation**
  - Legislative Commission on Rural Resources**

## Attendees



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**Bridging the Gap: Connecting Research & Policy in the  
NY State Legislature**

- Cornell students played an integral role in preparing faculty and organizing the event
- Semester-long course in best practices for bridging research and policy
- Compiled a legislative history for each faculty member
- Created a comprehensive guide to current legislative and programmatic initiatives in New York
- Explored what is happening in other states around these topics