



# 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**

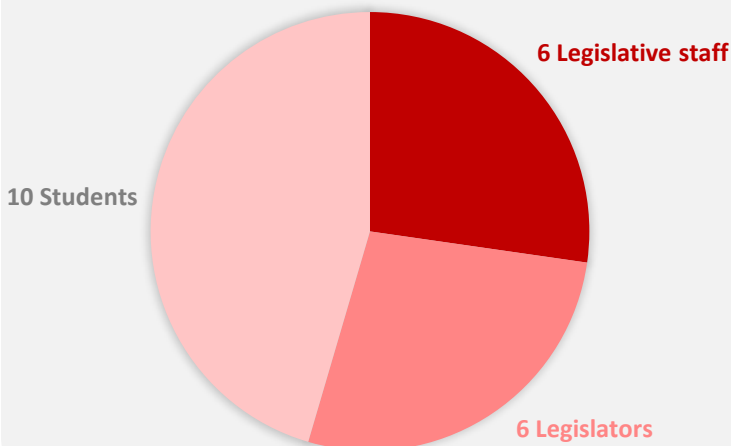


**Anil Netravali**,  
Professor of Fiber  
Science in the  
Department of Fiber  
Science & Apparel

## 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