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Carsey School of Public Policy

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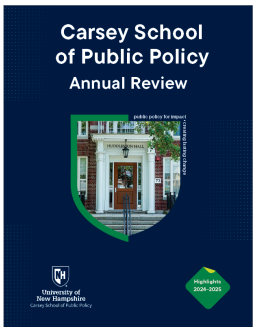
A Monthly Newsletter from the Carsey School

Carsey's 2024–2025 Annual Review Is Hot Off the Press!

In this issue, we share 2024–2025 highlights of our academic programs and centers; milestones of our students, faculty, fellows, alumni, and staff; and much more. Carsey Director Stephen Bird reflects on our continued work in research, policy education, and civic engagement. "I'm energized by the foundation we've built — new partnerships, enhanced academic offerings, clearer strategic focus, and expanded policy impact." Looking forward, he adds, "As we enter 2026, I am grateful for the strong foundation that has shaped Carsey and for the dedicated team that makes our work possible." For the full story, read the review. We hope you enjoy it!



Upcoming Events

March 4
12 PM ET
Online
Register

NH Listens Local Lunch Box: Meaningful Introductions to Build Community

Join NH Listens for a 45-minute informative and interactive session aimed at sharing bite-sized tips and resources from our toolbox for community engagement and facilitation. This session on *Active Listening* will share tips for facilitators to help engage in thoughtful conversations, emphasizing active listening and mutual appreciation.

March 4
2–3 PM ET
Online
Register

Exploring Rural Trends and Why They Matter Webinar

Register now for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's Investing in Rural America Webinar Series. This session, "Exploring Rural Trends and Why They Matter," will feature expert insights into demographic shifts shaping rural communities and their implications for economic development, workforce participation, and community planning. Panelists include:

- Kenneth Johnson, Carsey Senior Demographer and Professor of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire
- Roberto Gallardo, Professor and Vice President of Engagement at Purdue University

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from leading experts and be a part of the conversation about the future of rural America!

March 5
4–5 PM ET
Online
Register

Careers in Public Service: A Carsey School of Public Policy Conversation

The Carsey School is pleased to host a conversation featuring panelists from across public service in the non-profit, government, and private sectors with UNH undergraduate and graduate students. They will discuss how to start a career in government, public policy, politics, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. Please spread the word with the undergraduate and graduate students in your networks! Panelists include:

- Yvonne Goldsberry, President, NH Endowment for Health, Carsey Advisory Board
- Rich Ashooh, VP Global Trade & Gov't Affairs for Lam Research, Former Assistant Secretary, Department of Commerce (2017–2020), UNH '86, Carsey Advisory Board
- Kennedy Nickerson, Director of Federal Government Relations at National Grid, UNH '16 and '22, Carsey Advisory Board (pictured at left)

Carsey Director Stephen Bird will facilitate the event.

March 11
8–9 AM ET
Online
Register

Carsey Policy Hour: Want Effective Bipartisan Solutions? Elect More Women

Join us for a discussion with Devan Quinn, Director of Policy at the New Hampshire Women's Foundation, on why we need more women in local office and the barriers women face in running. Devan also shares recent examples of women's leadership in passing state legislation that benefit women and girls across issues like maternal health, access to menstrual products, and girls' mental health.

To access recordings of previous discussions, visit the Carsey Policy Hour webpage.

March 11
12–2:30 PM ET
Online
Register

NH Listens: Advanced Facilitator Training

This NH Listens training focuses on those difficult moments where people are in dialogue across significant differences. Many people are trained to remain "neutral" when serving as facilitators for public engagement and community dialogues. However, that doesn't mean facilitators should remain passive in the face of misunderstandings and harmful dynamics. We focus on self-reflection, centering equity, and building confidence to address issues and facilitate constructive conversation among community members using a multipartial approach.

March 11

Simulation
4:30–5:30 ET

Panel Discussion
6–7:30 PM ET

Sunroom
Huddleston Hall
73 Main Street
Durham, NH
Register

Can We Defuse the National Debt and What Happens If We Don't?

Join us at UNH-Durham for a nonpartisan panel discussion on America's looming fiscal crisis. The national debt is reaching historic heights and growing at an unsustainable pace. Interest payments on the debt now exceed defense spending. Social Security and Medicare benefits are at risk. And, for the first time ever, all three major credit rating agencies have downgraded U.S. government securities, citing the country's failure to address large and growing deficits. Panelists include:

- Carolyn Bourdeaux, Executive Director of Concord Coalition and Concord Coalition Action Fund
- Dennis Lockhart, distinguished professor-of-the-practice in the Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech
- Andrew Smith, Director, Survey Center, and Associate Professor of Practice, University of New Hampshire

Rudman Center Community Engagement Director Laura Knoy will moderate the discussion.

Want a more interactive experience? Join *Principles and Priorities*, an interactive budget simulation preceding the discussion, during which participants step into the role of members of Congress and work together to build their own fiscally responsible 10-year federal budget.

Register for one or both of these events by March 10 (link on left). The events are a partnership between the Concord Coalition, the Rudman Center at UNH-Law, and the Carsey School at UNH-Durham.

Recent Publications

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All Six New England States Gain Population, but Demographic Basis of Gain Varies
Kenneth Johnson

Operating on Thin Margins: The Cost of Providing New Hampshire Child Care
Tyrus Parker and Jess Carson

Resilient Communities and Affordable Energy: Charting Roles for Community Finance
Eric Hangen, Adam Kent, Melanie Duenas, and Jessica Luk-Li

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Research in the Works

- Elliot Ng will discuss youth perspectives on New Hampshire as a place to live, learn, and work after high school.
- Tyrus Parker, Kamala Nasirova, and Jess Carson will report on preschool availability in New Hampshire public schools.
- Jacklyn Tracy and Elizabeth Burakowski will examine why ski industry professionals in New Hampshire are worried about climate change.

Carsey in the News

A look at New Hampshire's changing demographics
Kenneth Johnson in *The Dartmouth*

New Hampshire ekes out another small population gain due to immigration
Kenneth Johnson in *Laconia Daily Sun*

New research shows high costs, limited funding led to decline in early education programs in NH
Carsey School in *NH Business Review*

Check out the Carsey School on UNH Today for more Carsey-related news articles and event announcements.

Interested in a Public Service Grad Degree or Know Someone Who Might Be?

Learn about our innovative degrees (Master in Community Development, Master of Public Administration, Master in Public Policy, and Master of Global Conflict and Human Security) that prepare students to have a greater impact in the world! Learn to analyze societal problems, manage on-the-ground projects, and develop leadership and communications skills imperative for making sustainable change happen in your community.

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