

Atkinson Center Topical Lunch

Title – *Building Equitable, Sustainable and Vibrant Local Communities in Erie County*

Host: **Dhyana Kuhl Gonzalez**, NYS Partnership Liaison, Office of Engagement Initiatives

Date: Monday May 14, 2018 12:30 – 1:30 (NOTE TIME CHANGE) 300 Rice Hall

Join *Erie County Executive Director Mark Poloncarz* and *Deputy Director Maria Whyte* as they discuss their administration's innovative approaches to building equitable, sustainable and vibrant local communities – including initiatives on climate change, health and human services, and a smart economy that considers land use and redevelopment. After the talk, they will join faculty participants in topical roundtable discussions. Come connect and discover new opportunities for community-engaged student learning and research in New York state.

Poloncarz issued an [executive order](#) last spring enforcing the Paris Agreement in Erie County shortly after the Trump administration pulled out of the agreement. While the recently completed greenhouse gas inventory showed much of Erie County's gains were unintentional, Poloncarz said it also shows that meeting the Paris goals are not as difficult as federal executive officials contend. [Read more about it here.](#)