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The Doctoral Program in Environmental Science & Management  
and MSU Sustainability Seminar Series Present:

## Biometrics and the Public Realm: Urban Sustainability During the COVID Pandemic

WHEN: April 12, 3:45 pm WHERE: Online via Zoom

**Justin B. Hollander**  
Tufts University



Justin B. Hollander is a professor of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University. His research and teaching is in the areas of physical planning, Big Data, shrinking cities, and the intersection between cognitive science and the design of cities. He co-edited the book *Urban Experience and Design: Contemporary Perspectives on Improving the Public Realm* (Routledge, 2020) and is the author of seven other books on urban planning and design. He was recently inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and hosts the Apple podcast “Cognitive Urbanism”.

Prof. Hollander will speak about the ways that sustainability scholars and professionals need to approach the design of the public realm differently today. These new requirements are due to social distancing requirements of the pandemic and in light of recent advances in psychology and neuroscience that help us understand better how people experience urban space. Prof. Hollander will discuss some of the key findings from his forthcoming book on these topics, co-edited with Ann Sussman: *Urban Experience and Design: Contemporary Perspectives on Improving the Public Realm* (Routledge, 2021).