

Biography



Dr. Thomas J. Vicino is Professor of Political Science, Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. He holds a joint appointment in the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs. Currently, he serves as the Associate Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. Previously, Dr. Vicino was the Chair of the Department of Political Science from 2017 to 2019; and from 2011 to 2017, he served as the Director of the Master of Public Administration Program, which is a nationally-ranked program accredited by NASPAA. In 2014, Dr. Vicino was a U.S. Fulbright Scholar to Brazil, where he was a visiting professor in the Graduate Program in Social Sciences at Pontificia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Previously, he served on the faculty at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts and the School of Urban and Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Arlington.

In his various roles as an administrator in higher education, researcher and teacher, and strategic planner, Dr. Vicino brings a passion for student success, experiential learning, and community engagement. As an interdisciplinary scholar trained in Public Policy, his work is motivated by a dedication to shape and improve the public good. Throughout his career, he has taught courses on Urban Studies, Economic Development, and Policy Analysis at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as the professional programs in the fields of Public Policy, Public Administration, and Urban Planning. Fluent in Portuguese, he is a strong advocate for global experiential education. For over a decade, he has led a study abroad program, “The Twenty-First Century City,” in Brazil and Japan. These programs translate ‘the global’ and ‘the experiential’ into novel learning opportunities for students. He weaves a deep commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout his work to support faculty, staff, and students.

Currently, he serves as an elected member of the Governing Board of the Urban Affairs Association, where he also holds the elected position of Chair of the Governing Board. As the chief executive officer of the Association, he has led efforts to enhance financial management practices; expand programmatic activities and initiatives on promote diversity, equity, and inclusion; and guide the Association’s response to the global pandemic. In addition, he has served in various leadership roles in the American Political Science Association and the Latin American Studies Association. He is also an active member in the professional communities of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration.

A widely-cited scholar of Urban Affairs, Dr. Vicino specializes in the political economy of cities and suburbs, focusing on issues of metropolitan development, housing, and demographic analysis. He is the author of the five books, including: *Suburban Crossroads: The Fight for Local Control of Immigration Policy* (2013) and *Transforming Race and Class in Suburbia: Decline in Metropolitan Baltimore* (2008) and co-author of *Global Migration: The Basics* (2014) as well as the bestselling book *Cities and Suburbs: New Metropolitan Realities in the US* (2010). Most recently, he is the co-editor, with Bernadette Hanlon, of the book *The Routledge Companion to the Suburbs* (2019). He has also published numerous book chapters, essays, reviews, and research articles in leading peer-reviewed journals. He serves on various editorial boards including *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and the City* and *Urban Planning*.

Dr. Vicino holds a PhD and MPP in Public Policy from the School of Public Policy at University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Additionally, he holds a BSc, *cum laude*, with departmental honors in political science and communication studies, from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida.

In his spare time, he enjoys traveling to new cities and exploring good Italian food. As a student at the University of Miami, he played the trumpet in the iconic *Frost Band of the Hour* marching band. He was born in the District of Columbia.