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Since 1969, the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA) has been the gathering place of ideas for public service practitioners, researchers, and students in our ten-state region. The conference offers attendees the opportunity to engage in scholarly discourse, discover the latest innovations in the field, share ideas from practitioners in the field, and network with other public service administrators across the region.

Host Organization

Since 1939, the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) has been the nation's most respected society representing all forums in the public service arena. It is an advocate for greater effectiveness in government, agents of professionalism, publishers of democratic journalism at its very best, purveyors of progressive theory and practice and providers of global citizenship. ASPA leaders believe that by embracing new ideas, addressing key public service issues and promoting change at the local, federal and international levels, the society can enhance the quality of lives worldwide.

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The Alabama Chapter of ASPA (ASPA Alabama) promotes excellence in public service in the State of Alabama by supporting, and educating those engaged in, and preparing for public service in all sectors. ASPA Alabama is a local chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. We welcome all who are interested in public service to attend our events, and to consider membership in our active community. Please

feel free to contact us to learn more about how you can get involved!

Host City

Birmingham, Alabama was born out of the iron and steel industry, and the city had a prominent role in America's Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

To be in Birmingham, is to be in the arms of the South. Where the energy is palpable and a spirited nature is tempered by cosmopolitan charm. It's to be in a place that's as modern and contemporary as much as it is classically southern...and to experience something you won't soon forget.



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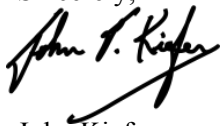
On behalf of the SECoPA Board, we welcome you to Birmingham and the 2018 SECoPA Conference! Conference chair Akhlaque Haque and the Alabama Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration have worked tirelessly to plan a wonderful conference. I would like to thank Akhlaque and his team, particularly Sukmar Ganapati, Erin Borry, Kathleen Hale and Brandon Blankenship for their tremendous efforts. I'd also like to thank the chairs and members of the SECoPA Committees who worked tirelessly throughout the year. This conference represents the coordinated and impressive effort of many people.

SECoPA conferences provide a welcoming environment supportive of academic, practitioner, and student interaction. For many of us who have been regular attendees at SECoPA, the conference is a great opportunity to reconnect with lifelong friends and colleagues. For those who are new to our field, the conference is your opportunity to develop the supportive networks that will be a foundation for public service. SECoPA members are proud that our conference has a reputation for being one of the strongest and most beneficial regional conferences for public administration.

This year's conference theme "Reimagining Public Service in the Age of Innovation" is an exciting one. Public administrators must passionately work to serve the public to the best of our abilities, and our criteria for success are many...effectiveness, efficiency, responsiveness, representativeness, fairness, and justice, to name just a few! We've got to be smart, responsible and innovative. Many of this conference's exciting panels will address the challenges faced by public administrators today and propose cutting-edge solutions for accomplishing our challenging missions.

Thank you for your continued support of SECoPA and for your conference participation. Please take advantage of the social events and networking opportunities planned by our Birmingham hosts. SECoPA is a wonderful organization and it takes many dedicated individuals to plan and manage our annual conferences. Please do not hesitate to visit with me or any of our Board members to learn about opportunities to become involved in SECoPA.

Sincerely,



John Kiefer
SECoPA Board President, 2017-2018
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#SECOPA2018

On behalf of the Alabama Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, it is my privilege and honor to welcome you to the 2018 Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SeCOPA). After almost 30 years, it is exciting to have SeCOPA back in Birmingham! As per the theme of the conference “Reimagining public service in the Age of Innovation,” we are looking forward to a meaningful exchange of ideas among practitioners and academics to cope with the growing challenges of public administration of our times.

It takes a village to raise a child, and it takes commitments from a team of volunteers to arrange and deliver a successful conference. We are particularly thankful to the team of volunteers who have contributed their valuable time to make this conference. I am indebted to Program Co-Chairs Erin Borry (UAB) and Sukumar Ganapati (FIU), and Communications & Registration Coordinator Anthony Campbell (Tennessee State University), without them, it would be difficult to pull this off. Auburn University has been a very big part of this conference with the Gold Sponsorship. Thanks to Kathleen Hale (Auburn) for her commitment and for arranging a generous financial support for SeCOPA 2018. Alabama Chapter Treasurer Jonathan Fisk (Auburn) and SeCOPA 2018 Marketing Coordinator, Courtney Haun (Auburn) has provided instrumental support to this conference. Thanks to the Silver Sponsor - UAB's Department of Political Science and Public Administration, for sponsorship and student support. Finally, thanks to all the sponsors and exhibitors, SeCOPA Board, and the Birmingham Visitors & Convention Bureau.

I wish you all the best at the conference. Welcome to Birmingham – the Magic of the City starts here!

Akhlaque Haque, Ph.D.
Conference Chair, SeCOPA 2018
Professor and MPA Program Director
University of Alabama at Birmingham



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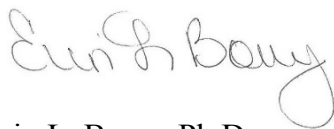
We are excited to host you at the SECoPA 2018 Conference in Birmingham, Alabama! We are happy that the program crosses both academics and practitioners, including PhD and MPA students. We have over 50 panels consisting of more than 200 participants, all covering a range of topics of contemporary importance. In addition, we are hosting practitioners, students, and scholars from more than 20 states and from several countries around the world.

We want to particularly highlight two topics that are highlights of this year's conference. Our conference theme is *Reimagining Public Service in the Age of Innovation*. Innovation has become a primary mantra for governance. As public agencies reinvent themselves in the rapidly evolving digital world, we have to explore what innovation means both theoretically and empirically. Another featured topic of the conference is Election Administration. Election systems are the cornerstones of democratic societies and they have become a central political and administrative concern over the past few years. We thank the Auburn University for organizing a plenary and panel on this important topic.

Last but not the least, we thank you for your continued participation in the conference and showing how important these regional meetings are for the pedagogy, theory, and practice of public administration.

Thank you,

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September 20, 2018

Greetings:

On behalf of the State of Alabama, I would like to welcome you to the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA) held on September 20 - 23, 2018 in the City of Birmingham.

The SECoPA offers attendees the opportunity to engage in scholarly discourse, discover the latest innovations, share ideas, and network with other public service administrators. The State of Alabama and the Alabama Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) are proud to host this exciting Conference and to welcome you with true Southern hospitality.

During your stay, I hope you will take advantage of the many family oriented and fun-filled activities that the City of Birmingham has to offer. Upon completion of the Conference, many of you will return to your homes. I wish you a safe and pleasant journey and hope you will come back to Alabama often.

Again, welcome to the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA) and best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Ivey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kay Ivey
Governor

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Dear Friends:

As Mayor of the City of Birmingham, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our city for the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. For nearly 50 years SECoPA has enabled members of the Public Administration world to discover new ideas, share recent innovations, and engage in scholarly discourse. We are excited to welcome the incredible talent from all over the Southeast to the heart of Alabama.

During your time here, please explore all the city has to offer. From the steady growth of the city's commercial and industrial sectors, to the ever-expanding range of recreational, cultural and dining opportunities, you will find that the Magic City possesses a progressive spirit that's focused on putting people first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Woodfin".

Randall L. Woodfin
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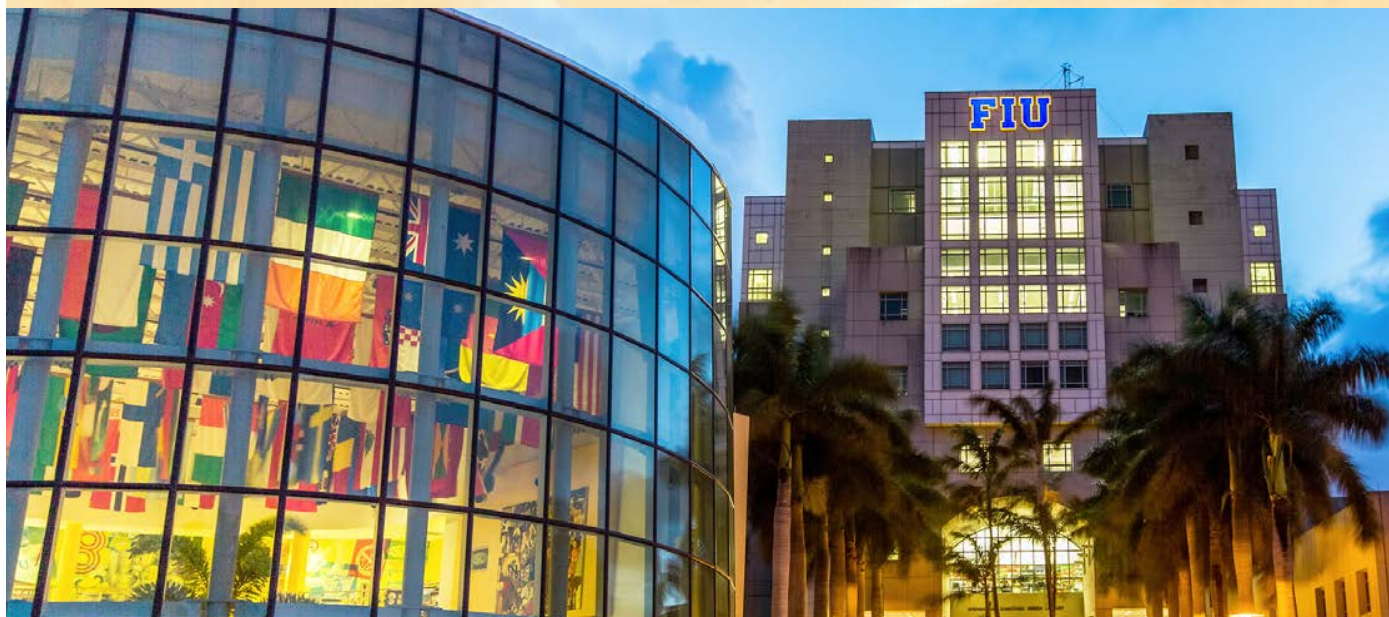
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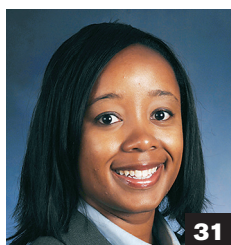
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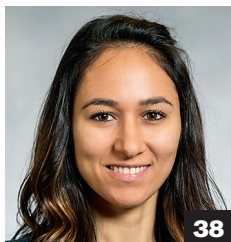
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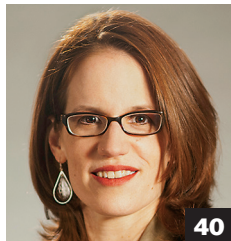
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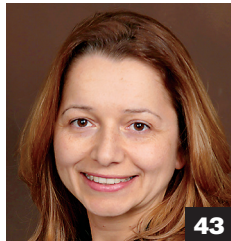
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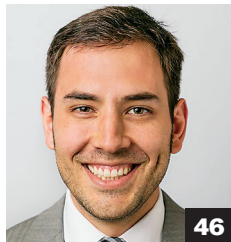
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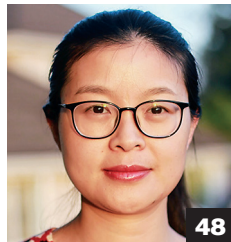
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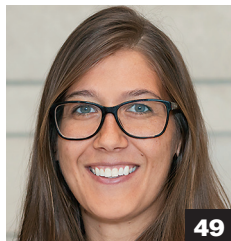
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We are most grateful for the help of student assistants and volunteers from the Master of Public Administration Program at University of Alabama at Birmingham! Thank you for your service!

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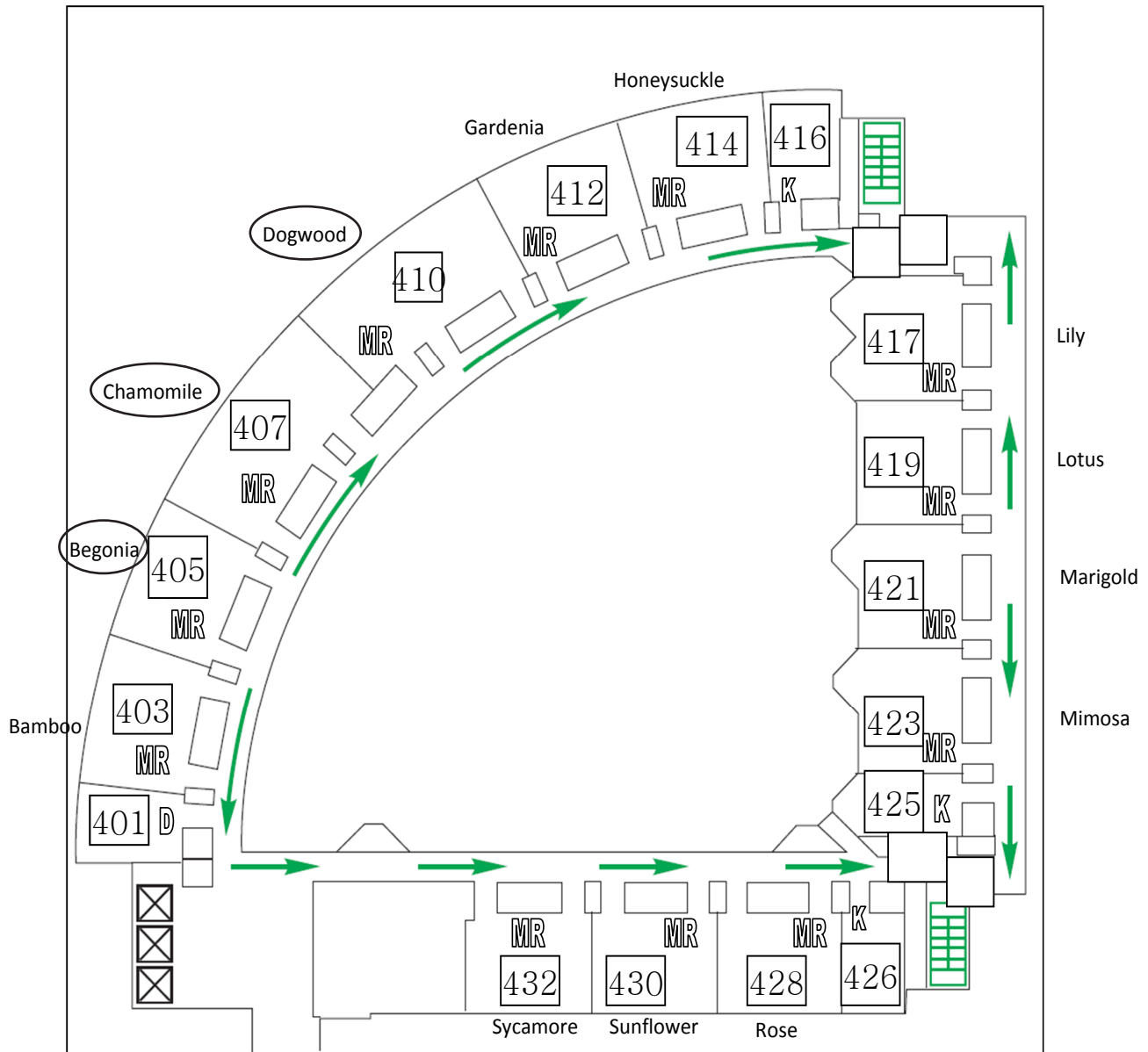
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CONFERENCE FACILITIES MAP



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL OUR PROGRAMS WILL BE IN THE SHERATON BIRMINGHAM BALLROOM (SPLIT INTO SEVERAL SMALLER ROOMS) AND THE FOURTH FLOOR ROOMS (MAP ABOVE).

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 20

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION

BHM PREFUNCTION

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SECoPA BOARD MEETING

CHAMOMILE

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION

BHM PREFUNCTION

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

COFFEE BREAK

BHM PREFUNCTION

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS II / PLENARY

12:00 AM - 1:30 PM

AWARDS LUNCHEON

BALLROOM 1, 5, 9

1:45 PM - 3:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS III

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM

COFFEE BREAK

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3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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SATURDAY
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7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
BREAKOUT SESSIONS V

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM
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BREAKOUT SESSIONS VII

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS VIII

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SECoPA BOARD MEETING BALLROOM 4

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
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SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 23

7:00 AM - 12:00 AM
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SECoPA BOARD MEETING BEGONIA

FRIDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Public Service Delivery & Economic Development in the International Context

Ballroom III

Citizen Engagement in Criminal Justice Issues

Ballroom IV

Public Health: Regulation, Politics, and Emergencies

Ballroom XI

Local and County Governments: Issues in Policy and Practice

Ballroom XII

Public Administration Education: Engaging Students and Faculty

Chamomile

10:15 - 11:45 AM

Plenary: Building MPA Students for Tomorrow: Skills Needed for Next Generation of Public and Nonprofit Managers

Ballroom III

Women in Public Administration

Ballroom IV

Issues in Education: Funding, Staffing, and Outcomes

Ballroom XI

Higher Education and Training: Lessons from the International Community

Chamomile

Work-Life Balance and Leadership: Keeping Employees Happy

Dogwood

FRIDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1:45 - 3:15 PM

Social Equity and Ethical Issues in Organizations

Ballroom III

Access to Services: Local and National Issues

Ballroom IV

Policy and Legal Questions for Public Administration

Ballroom XI

Legal Issues in Human Resources Management

Ballroom XII

Managing Cash and Leveraging Revenue among Local Governments

Chamomile

Policy and Management Challenges across the Lifecycle of Oil and Gas Production, Part I

Dogwood

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Publishing in Public Affairs: A Discussion with Journal Editors

Ballroom III

Collaboration in the Public Sector: The Local Level

Ballroom IV

Nonprofit Management: Managing Change and Public Values

Ballroom XI

E-Government and Information Technology in the Public Sector

Ballroom XII

Emergency Managers and Management Structures

Chamomile

Policy and Management Challenges across the Lifecycle of Oil and Gas Production, Part II

Dogwood

SATURDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

8:30 - 11:45 AM

Workshop: Integrating Diversity Across the Curriculum and the Field

Ballroom III

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Master of Public Administration Programs: Successful Student-Alumni Engagement

Ballroom IV

Government Communication via Websites and Social Media

Ballroom XI

Fiscal Stress Issues among Governments

Ballroom XII

Technological Innovations in the Public Administration Classroom

Chamomile

Obesity, Age, and Gender in Healthcare Policy

Dogwood

10:15 - 11:45 AM

Plenary: The Public Administration of Elections

Ballroom IV

Cultivating Public and Nonprofit Servants

Ballroom XI

Innovations in Disaster Damage Assessment and Information Management:
The Case of the Jacksonville, Alabama Tornado

Ballroom XII

Education Policy

Chamomile

Recruitment, Satisfaction, and Retention in Public And Nonprofit Organizations

Dogwood

SATURDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1:45 - 3:15 PM

Election Administration

Ballroom III

Getting and Keeping Your First Faculty Job: Understanding the Range of Academic Settings

Ballroom IV

Representation: Policy Issues and Impacts

Ballroom XI

Ethical Dilemmas in Context: Leadership, Politics, and Policy

Ballroom XII

Service Learning in the Public Administration Classroom

Chamomile

Strategies for Local Government Sustainability

Dogwood

3:30 - 5:00 PM

NASPAA Accreditation Standards Colloquium

Ballroom III

Leadership and Performance in Public Organizations

Ballroom IV

Learning from Responses to Natural and Man-Made Disasters

Ballroom XI

Nonprofits in Action: Lessons Learned and New Questions

Ballroom XII

Public Procurement and Contract Management: Theory and Practice

Chamomile

Environmental Policy and Communities

Dogwood

SUNDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

8:30 - 10:00 AM

More than Just a Pretty Face: Reimagining the Arts for Community Development

Ballroom III

Policy Questions in Contracting, Wealth Equity, and Regulation

Ballroom IV

Insights from American and International Policy Applications

Ballroom XI

Local Government Taxes and Investments

Chamomile

Social Determinants of Health

Dogwood

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Perspectives on Retirement

Ballroom III

State and Local Budgeting Practices

Ballroom IV

Social Media Use and Communities

Ballroom XI

Healthcare Policy and Practice

Ballroom XII

PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOP- MENT IN THE INTERNA- TIONAL CONTEXT

8:30 - 10:00 | Ballroom III

Panel Chair:

Dr. Julius A. Nukpezah

Mississippi State University

GEOSPATIAL DATA FOR COST-EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY AND PROSPECTS FOR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: CASE STUDY OF AKWA IBOM STATE, NIGERIA

Dr. Robert Ekpenyong, University of Uyo, Nigeria

Dr. Victor Eno, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University

INTERNATIONAL DEBT & ECONOMIC GROWTH IN EMERGING MARKET ECONOMIES

Kelly Stone, Western Kentucky University

INVESTIGATING THE EFFECTS OF GOVERNMENT OF GHANA'S RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY THAT INCORPORATES ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MARKET ORIENTATION ON POVERTY AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Dr. Charles Blankson, University of North Texas

Dr. Julius A. Nukpezah, Mississippi State University

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES

8:30 - 10:00 | Ballroom IV

Panel Chair:

Tonya Wood

Tennessee State University

HOW PRISONER REENTRY PROGRAMS INFLUENCE REENTERING CITIZENS' TRUST IN GOVERNMENT

Dr. LaTasha Chaffin, The College of Charleston

Dr. Kendra Stewart, The College of Charleston

Danielle Bloom, The College of Charleston

WHEN PERCEPTION MEETS REALITY: GAUGING CITIZEN'S PERCEPTION AND EXPERIENCES WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Dr. Aaron C. Rollins Jr., University of Louisville

NETWORK THEORY AND CRIME-FIGHTING: ASSESSING NETWORK EFFECTIVENESS THROUGH AN EMPIRICAL EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS COLLABORATIVE

Bradley Holliday, North Carolina State University

STRATEGIC APPROACHES TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY POLICING: MULTI-LEVEL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE INTERVENTIONS THROUGH A THEORETICAL LENS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Dawn A. Ellis-Murray, Auburn University

PUBLIC HEALTH: REGULATION, POLITICS, AND EMERGENCIES

8:30 - 10:00 | Ballroom XI

Panel Chair:

Dr. Joseph “Dallas” Breen
Mississippi State University

THE ROLE OF FEDERAL OVERSIGHT IN CONSUMER ORGANIC AWARENESS: THE CASE OF FOOD AND COSMETICS

Nicole Y. Wesley, Louisiana State University
Emmy Hicks, Louisiana State University

ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH ISSUES

Dr. Timothy D. Etson, Sr., Department of Homeland Security/Federal
Emergency Management Agency

THE POLITICS OF HEALTH DISPARITIES: POLITICAL CULTURE REVISITED

Dr. Joseph “Dallas” Breen, Mississippi State University
Sean C. Conner, Mississippi State University

AN EXPLORATION OF GOVERNANCE TOOLS AS APPLIED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AND HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Christina M. N. Bernhardt, University of Central Florida

LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS: ISSUES IN POLICY AND PRACTICE

8:30 - 10:00 | Ballroom XII

Panel Chair:

Dr. Patricia Mitchell
Appalachian State University

UNDERSTANDING THE CHARTER ADOPTION DECISION: A TALE OF THREE COUNTIES

Dr. Bruce D. McDonald III, North Carolina State University
Dr. Carl J. Gabrini, Dalton State University
Winn Decker, North Carolina State University

A LOCAL MANAGER’S ROLE IN PLACEMAKING

Dr. Patricia Mitchell, Appalachian State University

UNPACKING THE EMOTIONAL LABOR-INNOVATIVE WORK BEHAVIOR RELA- TIONSHIP: THE ROLES OF WORK ENGAGEMENT AND JOB RESOURCES

HyeonUK Bak, Virginia Commonwealth University
Dr. Myung Hun Jin, Virginia Commonwealth University

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FRIDAY MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

*PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
EDUCATION: ENGAGING
STUDENTS AND FACULTY*

8:30 - 10:00 | Chamomile

Panel Chair:

Dr. Tom Barth

University of North Carolina -
Charlotte

LESSONS LEARNED WHEN TAKING AN MPA PROGRAM ONLINE

Dr. James Newman, Southeast Missouri State University

THE ENGAGED ACADEMIC: REWARDS, CHALLENGES AND THE SEARCH FOR
RELEVANCE

Dr. Tom Barth, University of North Carolina – Charlotte

THE “FLIPPED” CAPSTONE: ENGAGING MPA STUDENTS IN THE FORMULATION
AND EXECUTION OF THE CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

Dr. Donna Handley, Arkansas State University

Dr. David Harding, Arkansas State University

Dr. Catherine Reese, Arkansas State University

LEVERAGING THE GRADUATE DEGREE: EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR
FEMALE STUDENTS OF NASPAA INSTITUTIONS

Shannon Reidlinger, University of North Carolina – Charlotte

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PLENARY: BUILDING MPA STUDENTS FOR TOMORROW

10:15 - 11:45 | Ballroom III

Panel Chair:

Dr. Akhlaque Haque
University of Alabama at
Birmingham

SKILLS NEEDED FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT MANAGERS

Sam Gaston, City Manager, City of Mountain Brook, Alabama
Past President of ICMA.

Tony Petelos, County Manager, Jefferson County, Alabama

Dr. Melinda James Lopez, Chief Financial & Information Officer,
City of Hoover, Alabama

Ellyn Grady, Senior Vice President, United Way of Central Alabama

WOMEN IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

10:15 - 11:45 | Ballroom IV

Panel Chair:

Dr. Mary E. Guy
University of Colorado - Denver

SUPPORTING WOMEN'S PATH TO ACADEME: AN EXAMINATION OF FAMILY- FRIENDLY POLICIES OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Dr. Candice Bodkin, Georgia Southern University

Dr. Casey J. Fleming, East Carolina University

IS FAMILY-FRIENDLY WOMEN-FRIENDLY? A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF FMLA AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY POLICIES IN ACADEMIA

Dr. Erin L. Borry, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Dr. Wendy Gunther-Canada, University of Alabama at Birmingham

SHATTERED THE GLASS CEILING, NOW WHAT? FEMALE SENIOR LEADERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Rebecca Reyes, The University of Texas at Dallas

Dr. Meghna Sabharwal, The University of Texas at Dallas

#GENDERGAP: HOW PREVALENT IS WAGE DISCRIMINATION ACROSS THE PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND NONPROFIT SECTORS?

Dr. LaTasha Chaffin, College of Charleston

ISSUES IN EDUCATION: FUNDING, STAFFING, AND OUTCOMES

10:15 - 11:45 | Ballroom XI

Panel Chair:
Dr. Nevbahar Ertas
University of Alabama at
Birmingham

SHOULD STATE AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS INCLUDE A MATCHING
COMPONENT? EFFECTS OF STATE MATCHING AID ON SCHOOL DISTRICT
REVENUES IN KENTUCKY

Dr. John M. Foster, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
Dr. Eugenia F. Toma, University of Kentucky

TEACHING: A PROFESSION IN CRISIS

William Minton, Louisiana State University

HOW DO SCHOOL DISTRICT SECESSIONS IMPACT THE DISTRICT LEFT
BEHIND?

Christopher Tyler Burks, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Dr. Peter A. Jones, University of Alabama at Birmingham

THE IMPACT OF FAMILY DYNAMICS ON YOUTH EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Karen Clark-Hough, Mississippi State University

PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN DELIVERING AND FUNDING
EDUCATION

Dr. Nevbahar Ertas, University of Alabama at Birmingham

HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING: LESSONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

10:15 - 11:45 | Chamomile

Panel Chair:
Dr. Angela K. Lewis
University of Alabama at
Birmingham

REFLECTIONS ON THE DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION, AND EVALUATION OF
TRAINING FOR PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO BANGLADESH'S EXPERIENCES

Dr. Mohammad Waheeduzzaman, Austin Peay State University

NEGOTIATING THE CREATION OF AN UNDERGRADUATE DUAL DEGREE
PROGRAM IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT
ACROSS TWO COUNTRIES

Dr. Thomas A. Bryer, University of Central Florida
Dr. Egle Vaidelyte, University of Central Florida

STUDENT LOAN DEBT: LESSONS LEARNED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ON
LESSENING DEBT

Dr. Angela K. Lewis, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Dr. LaShonda Stewart, Southern Illinois University

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FRIDAY MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

WORK-LIFE BALANCE AND LEADERSHIP: KEEPING EMPLOYEES HAPPY

10:15 - 11:45 | Dogwood

Panel Chair:

Dr. Mark D. Bradbury

Appalachian State University

MUNICIPALITIES AND EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (EAP): INVESTING
IN THE HEALTH OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN AN ERA OF FISCAL CONSTRAINT

Dr. William Hatcher, Augusta University

Dr. Jody H. Holland, University of Mississippi

AN EXPLORATORY ANALYSIS OF VOLUNTARY SHARED LEAVE

Dr. Mark D. Bradbury, Appalachian State University

REVISITING PSM CROWDING OUT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS'
WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND MOTIVATIONAL EFFECTS OF HIGH AND LOW
POWERED INCENTIVES

Namhoon Ki, Florida State University

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FRIDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Mayor Walt Maddox
City of Tuscaloosa,
Alabama

Mayor Walt Maddox is a 2004 graduate of the UAB Master of Public Administration Program, which he achieved after completing his Bachelors in Political Science at UAB. Walt was a four year letter winner on the UAB Football Team, and continues to be an avid supporter of the University, the UAB National Alumni Society, and Blazer Club. In September 2011, Walt was awarded the NAS Honorary Life Membership Award, the society's highest award bestowed on an individual whose contributions to UAB benefit the entire community. In April 2011, Walt was called into action to lead the people of Tuscaloosa and many volunteers in disaster response when catastrophic storms ravaged the city on April 27, 2011. He emerged as a true leader during the crisis, gaining national recognition, and now is leading the strategic reconstruction plan with dedication to the people of Tuscaloosa and Alabama. In 2012, Walt was named Municipal Leader of the Year by *American City and County* for his strong, decisive, and comforting leadership. Walt is currently serving as a fellow with the Program on Crisis Leadership at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government while he serves his fourth term as Tuscaloosa's 36th Mayor. In June 2018, Walt won the Democratic primary to earn the nomination for Governor of the State of Alabama.

SOCIAL EQUITY AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN ORGANIZATIONS

1:45 - 3:15 | Ballroom III

Panel Chair:
Shannon K. Vaughan
Western Kentucky University

CITIZEN JUDGMENT OF RULE BREAKING IN CITY HALL: AN EXPERIMENT OF
GENDER, RACE, AGE, AND VIOLATION MOTIVES

Dr. Casey J. Fleming, East Carolina University
Dr. Candice Bodkin, Georgia Southern University

PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS OF THE 21ST CENTURY: CONFRONTATION,
DIVERSITY, ETHICS, AND SOCIAL EQUITY

Dr. Daniel T. Krejci, Jacksonville State University

GROWING ETHICALLY THROUGH INNOVATIVE TECHNIQUES IN HUMAN
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Dr. William Campbell, Purdue University Global

TOO HARD TO SAY #METOO? THE ROLE OF PREVENTION CLIMATE AND
SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY ON EMPLOYEES 'DECISION TO REPORT
UNWANTED SEXUAL ATTENTION IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dr. Myung Hun Jin, Virginia Commonwealth University
HyeonUK Bak, Virginia Commonwealth University

ACCESS TO SERVICES: LOCAL AND NATIONAL ISSUES

1:45 - 3:15 | Ballroom IV

Panel Chair:
Dr. Tina Kempin Reuter
University of Alabama at
Birmingham

DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION IN TODAY'S CITIES

Dr. Tina Kempin Reuter, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Dr. Stacy Moak, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Amy Rauworth, Lakeshore Foundation

COMPARING PREDICTORS OF PUBLIC POLICY PREFERENCES TOWARD
REFUGEES, UNAUTHORIZED MIGRANTS AND LOCAL INVOLVEMENT IN
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN A U.S. STATE

Brittany S. Keegan, Virginia Commonwealth University
Dr. Grant Rissler, Virginia Commonwealth University

SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF REFUGEES: AN ANALYSIS OF U.S. REFUGEE POLICY
FROM 1980-2017

Arjola Balilaj, Florida Atlantic University

*POLICY AND LEGAL
QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION*

1:45 - 3:15 | Ballroom XI

Panel Chair:
Dr. Nidhi Vij Mali
University of Mississippi

THE TIPPING POINT: MITIGATING SKEPTICISM OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE IN
POLICYMAKING

Nicole Y. Wesley, Louisiana State University

TO TEACH OR NOT TO TEACH: IMPACT OF ABSTINENCE-ONLY ABSTINENCE-
PLUS SEX EDUCATION IN MISSISSIPPI

Dr. Nidhi Vij Mali, University of Mississippi
Jackson Colburn, University of Mississippi

STRATEGIC ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT (SEAM)

Dr. Willie Green III, Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration

SESTA-FOSTA: THE LEGAL AND ENFORCEMENT QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATORS

Courtney R. Harris, Mississippi State University
Dr. Leslie Baker, Mississippi State University

*LEGAL ISSUES IN HUMAN
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT*

1:45 - 3:15 | Ballroom XII

Panel Chair:
Dr. Janet M. Kelly
University of Louisville

THE LOW END OF THE GIG ECONOMY

Dr. Janet M. Kelly, University of Louisville
Dr. Kelly Kinahan, University of Louisville

EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATION LAWS: CREATING INSTITUTIONAL
ISOMORPHISM IN THE PRINCIPAL-AGENT RELATIONSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT
MISCLASSIFICATION AS AN AVOIDANCE TACTIC

Robert Marioni, Tennessee State University

PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS WITH UNRECOGNIZED
UNIONS

Dr. Thomas E. Poulin, Capella University

MANAGING CASH AND LEVERAGING REVENUE AMONG LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

1:45 - 3:15 | Chamomile

Panel Chair:

Dr. Julius A. Nukpezah
Mississippi State University

INSTITUTIONAL ISOMORPHISM AND CASH MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN MISSISSIPPI

Dr. Julius A. Nukpezah, Mississippi State University
Dr. Sawsan Abutabenjeh, Mississippi State University

SEARCHING FOR NEW REVENUE SOURCES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: RECENT CHALLENGES AND INNOVATIONS

Dr. Sooho Lee, University of West Georgia

YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR: THE EFFECTS OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS ON PROPERTY VALUES

Dr. Sarah E. Larson, University of Central Florida
Dr. Bruce D. McDonald III, North Carolina State University

POLICY AND MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES ACROSS THE LIFECYCLE OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION, PART I

1:45 - 3:15 | Dogwood

Panel Chair:

Dr. Sarmistha R. Majumdar
Texas Southern University

CLEANING UP: EXPLAINING HOW STATES GOVERNING SITE CLEAN UP

Steven Nelson, Auburn University

CRUDE CONTEMPT: EXPLAINING OIL AND GAS RESISTANCE IN CALIFORNIA

Dr. Jonathan M. Fisk, Auburn University
Zach Mahafza, Auburn University

LOOKING TO THE INSPECTORS: UNDERSTANDING MANAGEMENT'S IMPACT ON OIL AND GAS' FRONT LINES

Dr. Soren Jordan, Auburn University
A. J. Good, Auburn University
Dr. Jonathan M. Fisk, Auburn University

STATES AND INDUCED SEISMICITY: UNDERSTANDING POLICY CHANGE IN THE ERA OF FRACKING

Zach Mahafza, Auburn University

COFFEE BREAK | BHM PREFUNCTION | 3:15 - 3:30

PUBLISHING IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS: A DISCUSSION WITH JOURNAL EDITORS

3:30 - 5:00 | Ballroom III

Panel Chair:

Dr. William Hatcher
Co-Editor-in-Chief,
*Journal of Public Affairs
Education*

Dr. Jeremy Hall
Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Public Administration Review*

Dr. Jessica Sowa
Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Review of Public Personnel Administration*

Dr. Jared Llorens
Editor-in-Chief, *Public Personnel Management*

Dr. Bruce D. McDonald III
Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Public Affairs Education*

COLLABORATION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR: THE LOCAL LEVEL

3:30 - 5:00 | Ballroom IV

Panel Chair:

Dr. Meg Streams
Tennessee State University

REGIONAL COLLABORATION: WHAT WORKS? AN EXPLORATION OF MANDATED AND VOLUNTARY COLLABORATION AMONG TENNESSEE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Dr. Cliff Lippard, Tennessee Advisory Commission on
Intergovernmental Relations
Dr. Meg Streams, Tennessee State University
Julie Roberts, Tennessee Higher Education Commission

STREAMLINING OUR PUBLIC SERVICE: INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION WITH YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jennifer M. Baxter, Hancock County Library System

STRENGTHENING THE CULTURE OF PARENTING: LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN FORGING COMMUNITY COALITIONS AROUND A COMMON VISION

William Minton, CanopyEd

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT: MANAGING CHANGE AND PUBLIC VALUES

3:30 - 5:00 | Ballroom XI

Panel Chair:

Kaila Williams

Florida International University

SECREC Y AND TRANSPARENCY IN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS: IF A
NONPROFIT PREFERS SECREC Y, WHAT DOES IT WANT TO HIDE?

Dr. Barry D. Friedman, University of North Georgia

Dr. Amanda M. Wolcott, Lynn University

UNDERSTANDING HOW NONPROFITS USE AN ORGANIC PLATFORM TO
FURTHER THEIR MISSION: A LESSON FROM BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH

Kaila Williams, Florida International University

INSTITUTIONAL ISOMORPHISM IN THE WEST GEORGIA NONPROFIT SECTOR

Rob T. Dial, University of West Georgia

VOLUNTEER RETENTION AND COMMITMENT IN NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS: THE PERSPECTIVE OF VOLUNTEER MANAGERS

Akua N. Twumasi, North Carolina State University

E-GOVERNMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

3:30 - 5:00 | Ballroom XII

Panel Chair:

Dr. Sukumar Ganapati

Florida International University

TOWARD A PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENT OPEN DATA INITIATIVES

Dr. Marcus D. Mauldin, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

WHO DOES IT BEST? TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING VIRTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY
IN PUBLIC, NONPROFIT AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

Asya Cooley, Mississippi State University

CHIEF INNOVATION OFFICERS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE PUBLIC
SECTOR

Dr. Sukumar Ganapati, Florida International University

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION: MODERATING EFFECTS
OF ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND LEADERSHIP

Hakyeon Lee, University of Kentucky

*EMERGENCY MANAGERS
AND MANAGEMENT
STRUCTURES*

3:30 - 5:00 | Chamomile

Panel Chair:

Dr. Timothy D. Etson, Sr.
Department of Homeland
Security/Federal Emergency
Management Agency

ARE EMERGENCY MANAGERS THE MOST MOTIVATED: AN ANALYSIS OF
PUBLIC SERVICE MOTIVATION OF COUNTY-LEVEL BUREAUCRATS

Dr. Matthew A. Malone, Lander University

HOW THE FOUR PHASES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CAN BOLSTER THE
SUSTAINABILITY OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Dr. Timothy D. Etson, Sr., Department of Homeland Security/Federal
Emergency Management Agency

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND STRUCTURES IN CONSOLIDATED
INSTITUTIONS: AN APPLIED STUDY

Kaitlin H. Fruechting, Augusta University

*POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
CHALLENGES ACROSS THE
LIFECYCLE OF OIL AND GAS
PRODUCTION, PART II*

3:30 - 5:00 | Dogwood

Panel Chair:

Dr. Jonathan M. Fisk
Auburn University

THE NEED FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CYCLE MANAGEMENT: THE CASE OF
THE TUSCALOOSA MARINE SHALE REGION

Chad Miller

HUMAN INDUCED SEISMICITY IN THE AFTERMATH OF FRACKING: THE CASE
OF TEXAS

Dr. Sarmistha R. Majumdar, Texas Southern University

CREATIVE DEFIANCE: THE CASE OF LONGMONT, COLORADO

Dr. Jonathan M. Fisk, Auburn University

OPENING RECEPTION

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI) is a cultural and educational research center that promotes a comprehensive understanding for the significance of civil rights developments in Birmingham, the United States, and all of society. BCRI's mission is *To enlighten each generation about civil and human rights by exploring our common past and working together in the present to build a better future.*



Getting There

Buses will run all evening, beginning at 5:30 and with last return trip shortly after 8:00. Please note that the buses will load and unload in front of the Westin.

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Department of Political Science & Public Administration

WORKSHOP: INTEGRATING DIVERSITY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM AND THE FIELD

8:30 - 11:45 | Ballroom III

Panel Chair:
Dr. Bridgett A. King
Auburn University

Presenters:

Brianna Daniels
Davis Gammon
Emily Hale
Brian Massey
Danyel Peters
Mary Katherine Pittman
Anna Smith
Tyler St. Clair
Wallis Stanfield
Shaniqua Williams

It is imperative that public servants understand the experiences of the diverse populations they serve and the ways in which administrative decision making can contribute to discrimination. For Master of Public Administration (MPA) students, this understanding is critical as they enter a workforce that is ever evolving and becoming more global. To ensure that MPA students are able to interact productively with a diverse citizenry and within the workplace (NASPAA Competency 5), diversity related content can be integrated across the curriculum of an MPA program. The workshop is an interactive learning opportunity in which attendees will be engaged in completing diversity activities that were created by MPA students at Auburn University in POLI 7630: Diversity in Public Life during the Spring of 2018. While the activities were created for the classroom they focus on themes that are relevant to public administration more broadly and can be integrated into structured trainings and used to facilitate conversation.

Please note: This workshop spans two sessions and runs until 11:45

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS: SUCCESSFUL STUDENT-ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

8:30 - 10:00 | Ballroom IV

Panel Chair:
Joseph Packa
University of Alabama at
Birmingham

IDENTIFYING CHAMPIONS - PUTTING THE PIECES IN PLACE

Joy O'Neal, The Red Barn

STUDENT AND ALUMNI RECOGNITION – ESTABLISHING CONNECTIONS, REINFORCING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

Charles Schribner, Black Warrior Riverkeeper

ALUMNI-STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM - A STRUCTURED PATH

Danya Segrest, University of Alabama at Birmingham Comprehensive
Cancer Center
Christopher Tyler Burks, University of Alabama at Birmingham

GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION VIA WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

8:30 - 10:00 | Ballroom XI

Panel Chair:

Dr. Julius A. Nukpezah
Mississippi State University

THE ADOPTION OF MULTILINGUAL WEBSITES BY STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES: A TEST OF RESPONSIVENESS AND RISK COMMUNICATION THEORIES

Dr. Julius A. Nukpezah, Mississippi State University
Ismail Soujaa, University of North Texas
Dr. Abraham David Benavides, University of North Texas

ANALYZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOCIAL MEDIA MESSAGING: THE CASE OF HURRICANE MATTHEW

Dr. Pamela S. Medina, University of Colorado – Denver
Dr. Wanzhu Shi, Texas A&M University

LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S UTILIZATION OF MODERN WEBSITES TO PROMOTE EGOVERNMENT TO BETTER ENGAGE WITH RESIDENTS

Garrett Miles, Louisiana State University
Spencer Majka, Louisiana State University

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS IN THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CLASSROOM

8:30 - 10:00 | Ballroom XII

Panel Chair:

Dr. Agatha S. Caraballo
Florida International University

DOT.GOV: RE-IMAGINING AND RE-IMAGING RELATIONSHIPS IN SELF- GOVERNANCE VIRTUAL SPACE

Dr. Pamela A. Gibson, Troy University

CONNECTING THE VIRTUAL WORLD OF MINECRAFT WITH PUBLIC SERVICE AND CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

Dr. Susan Keim, Park University
Zac Jarrard, Park University

TELEVISION AS AN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY: EXPLORING LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE LENS OF GIBBS'S RULES

Dr. Jeff Rush, Troy University
Dr. Tammy Esteves, Troy University

FISCAL STRESS ISSUES AMONG GOVERNMENTS

8:30 - 10:00 | Chamomile

Panel Chair:

Dr. James C. Clinger
Murray State University

FISCAL FEDERALISM, SUBSIDIARITY, AND THE SCOPE OF MUNICIPAL BANKRUPTCY LAW

Dr. James C. Clinger, Murray State University

RETHINKING MUNICIPAL BANKRUPTCY: A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS AND PROCESS

Dr. Barbara L. Neuby, Kennesaw State University

ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS: EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS OF BLAME ATTRIBUTION ACROSS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

Dr. Suzanne M. Leland, University of North Carolina – Charlotte

Dr. Zachary Mohr, University of North Carolina – Charlotte

Dr. Jaclyn Piatak, University of North Carolina – Charlotte

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL RESPONSE TO SEVERE WEATHER IN KENTUCKY

Lucas Taulbee, Community & Economic Development Initiative of
Kentucky

OBESITY, AGE, AND GENDER IN HEALTHCARE POLICY

8:30 - 10:00 | Dogwood

Panel Chair:

Dr. Caroline S. Westerhof
Colorado Technical University

SAYING FAREWELL TO OBESITY

Peyton M. Wells, Louisiana State University

Aderonke Ibironke, Louisiana State University

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DECISIONMAKING AND AGE DISCRIMINATION IN HEALTH BENEFITS

Dr. Caroline S. Westerhof, Colorado Technical University

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE AND GENDER: WHY ARE WOMEN LESS SUPPORTIVE?

Jennifer Bashford, Georgia State University

DETERMINING THE MOST EFFECTIVE CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Diana Naa Ayikai Aryee, North Carolina Central University

COFFEE BREAK | BHM PREFUNCTION | 10:00 - 10:15

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PLENARY: THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS

10:15 - 11:45 | Ballroom IV

CULTIVATING PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT SERVANTS

10:15 - 11:45 | Ballroom XI

Panel Chair:
Dr. Patrick C. Exmeyer
University of Louisiana at
Monroe

THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS

Discussant: Dr. Kathleen Hale, Auburn University
Dr. Robert Sabin Montjoy, University of New Orleans

INVESTIGATING THE CEO FACTOR: CAREER PATHS AND ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE OF NONPROFIT ASSOCIATIONS

Dr. Amanda J. Stewart, North Carolina State University
Dr. Kerry Kuenzi, University of Wisconsin Green Bay

THE NEXT GENERATION: EXPLORING EVIDENCE OF PUBLIC SERVICE MOTIVATION IN JUVENILE DELINQUENT VOLUNTEERISM

Dr. Patrick C. Exmeyer, University of Louisiana at Monroe
Dr. Michael P. Brown, Ball State University

CAN SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS BE ACQUIRED? AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY

Dr. Palina Prysmakova, Florida Atlantic University

PUBLIC SERVICE MOTIVATION: AN EXPLORATORY STUDY OF THE DIFFERENCES IN MOTIVATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND NONPROFIT EMPLOYEES

Alicia Barnes, Auburn University

EDUCATION POLICY

10:15 - 11:45 | Chamomile

Panel Chair:
Dr. Nandan K. Jha
Valdosta State University

REGIONAL SOCIOECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY STRUCTURE AND STUDENTS' POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL TRAJECTORY

Dr. Nandan K. Jha, Valdosta State University

ELECTRONIC CORE CURRICULUM: HOW DO ONLINE CORE CURRICULUM COURSES AFFECT STUDENT SUCCESS?

Dr. Daewoo Lee, Columbus State University
Dr. Nathan J. Combes, Columbus State University

GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTRAINTS AND COLLEGE CHOICES: THE CASE OF FOR- PROFIT COLLEGES

Dr. Daewoo Lee, Columbus State University

THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF GIFTEDNESS IN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF EDUCATION ACT

Chad Lawrence Phillips, West Chester University (PA) and Henderson
Community College

INNOVATIONS IN DISASTER DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT: THE CASE OF THE JACKSONVILLE, AL TORNADO

10:15 - 11:45 | Ballroom XII

Panel Chair:

Dr. Alessandra Jerolleman
Jacksonville State University

OVERVIEW AND UNIVERSITY PERSPECTIVE: INNOVATIONS IN DISASTER
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT- THE CASE OF THE
JACKSONVILLE, AL TORNADO

Dr. Tanveer Islam, Jacksonville State University

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE: INNOVATIONS IN DISASTER DAMAGE
ASSESSMENT AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT- THE CASE OF THE
JACKSONVILLE, AL TORNADO

Jonathan Gaddy, Calhoun County EMA, AL

STATE GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE: INNOVATIONS IN DISASTER DAMAGE
ASSESSMENT AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT- THE CASE OF THE
JACKSONVILLE, AL TORNADO

Brett Howard, Alabama EMA

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION PERSPECTIVE: INNOVATIONS IN DISASTER
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT- THE CASE OF THE
JACKSONVILLE, AL TORNADO

Tim Aho, Aho Architects, LLC

RECRUITMENT, SATISFACTION, AND RETENTION IN PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

10:15 - 11:45 | Dogwood

Panel Chair:

Tonya Wood
Tennessee State University

WHY THEY LEAVE: THE IMPACT OF PERCEIVED SUPERVISOR AND LEADER
TRUSTWORTHINESS ON TURNOVER INTENTION AMONG FEDERAL
EMPLOYEES

Tonya Wood, Tennessee State University

HOW LEADERSHIPS MODERATE FORMAL INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS
AND JOB SATISFACTION: ANALYSIS ON THE U.S. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Joohi Kim, Florida State University

THE IMPACT OF TRANSFORMATIONAL AND TRANSACTIONAL LEADERSHIP ON
JOB SATISFACTION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES: THE MEDIATING EFFECTS OF
DEMOGRAPHIC AND AGENCY FACTORS

Dr. Julius A. Nukpezah, Mississippi State University

Victor Flomo, Mississippi State University

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION: COMPARISON OF VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT MISSION TO RECRUITING MESSAGE FOCUS

Dr. Thomas E. Poulin, Capella University

Dr. Melanie Smith, Park University

2018 AWARDS LUNCHEON



Christopher Pollitt

Senator Peter B. Boorsma Award

The Senator Peter B. Boorsma Award honors public administration practitioners and academics for significantly contributing to the international exchange of knowledge and administrative practices that foster better performance in the public sector. The award symbolizes SECoPA's recognition of the implications of the global village on management and performance in the public sector as well as its commitment to the study and exchange of administrative practices between the USA and other countries.

The SECoPA Awards Committee unanimously selected to posthumously honor Dr. Christopher Pollitt with the 2018 Senator Peter B. Boorsma award for his exemplary career of fostering intellectual and practical exchanges between the USA and other countries, as well as his profound scholarly and service contributions. The following excerpt from the *International Review of Administrative Sciences* was written by Dr. Pollitt's friends and longtime collaborators, Geert Bouckaert and Andrew Massey.

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of our friend and colleague, Professor Christopher Pollitt. Christopher was a former Editor in Chief of the *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, an exceptional global scholar who researched and published with distinction in the field of public administration. He was an outstanding scholar of his generation and there are few learned papers or books in his fields that do not contain references to his inspired and analytically precise work. He contributed to the discipline in the areas of global comparisons, analyses of public sector reforms, the evaluation of public service policies, programmes and projects. He published extensively in these areas with a voluminous number of books, journal articles, book chapters and edited publications. For example, his book on *Public Management Reform* (2000) has been translated into several languages.

Christopher held a number of academic positions in prestigious institutions before retiring as Professor at the Public Management Institute, KU Leuven and Scientific Director at the Netherlands Institute of Government. During a career that spanned nearly four decades he was the recipient of awards such as the Hans Sigrist International Prize and research grant awards from the European Commission framework programmes and the UK Economic Social Science Research Council.

Christopher began his professional career as a civil servant, one of the bright young people selected to enter the UK 'Fast Stream,' a gilded cohort that was inculcated into the culture and practice of Northcote Trevelyan in those pre-Fulton, pre-New Public Management days. He was never to forget the importance of research and analysis related to the problems of the real world and the need to evaluate what it is that the public sector actually does, rather than what it thinks it does. As he moved

into academia, he was special advisor on policy evaluation for the European Commissioner for Budget and Administration. He has also had a wide international role: for example, he was a visiting fellow in the Canadian Centre for Management Development's Governance Network.

Christopher was also a good citizen and contributed to the discipline, becoming heavily involved in a number of international learned societies such as the European Group for Public Administration (EGPA) and its parent organisation, the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS). But he was also a good man; good in the sense that he mentored and encouraged younger researchers and kept an interest in their careers, becoming a life-long friend and gentle but critical advisor to many. And he had a wide hinterland: a cultured man who enjoyed and was knowledgeable about music, history, wine and literature. He remained involved and engaged in many pursuits until his final days, even contributing book chapters and papers to learned journals as well as returning to his personal roots in Brighton and Hove, taking delight in day trips along the A272, a road interesting for its meandering through ancient and modern Sussex and Hampshire and one that provided Christopher with additions for his store of witty and erudite anecdotes.

He faced his death with bravery and equanimity, insisting on writing a short speech to be read out at the 2018 EGPA conference at the announcement of the "Christopher Pollitt Award for Best IRAS Article", insisting it be read out exactly as he wrote it and laboured over several drafts, knowing his words would be spoken by another. He wrote with wry humour:

If the Gods of Modern Medicine are to be believed (and they are far from infallible) I will not be attending the EGPA conference because by that time, thanks to my pesky and unusual cancer, I will, to use that charming English phrase, be "pushing up daisies."

As ever, his concern was with others and with the future of his discipline. It is only fitting we end this memorial with his words and warning:

My aim is to say something about the field of scholarship in which I have spent three quarters of my adult working life. My belief is that, in parts of Europe at least, it is in some peril, and that we have a role to play. An EGPA survey and interview conceived by Geert Bouckaert was carried out eight years ago and showed that a strong majority of PA scholars believed both in the scientific study of the subject AND in its values and ethic of improved services for citizens from respected, well-trained and remunerated public servants. As do I. Yet today, we face rising populism, nationalism and racism. The authority, expertise and impartiality of civil servants is under attack on all sides, but what we see in academic PA is too often a retreat into scholasticism or, at the other extreme, a kind of highbrow management consultancy. Of course we need both these types, but we also need a solid core of PA scholars who practice independent, high-quality critical analysis of big things which are happening now and will happen in future (climate change, demographic change, migration). Scholars who will build and find funding for ambitious projects aimed at those issues, simultaneously growing networks of concerned scholars across disciplines and fields. And – most importantly – who communicate, not only in learned journals, but also on websites and blogs, radio and TV and the press. Many citizens really are interested in why their schools are failing or their police are corrupt, and far less so in what celebrity politicians said to each other yesterday. We should be a respected voice addressed to that appetite.

Christopher died peacefully at home in his own bed, on 4th July 2018, holding the hand of his wife Hilka Summa-Pollitt.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Representative
Merika Coleman

State of Alabama

Merika Coleman is the Assistant Minority Leader of the Alabama House of Representatives. She 4th term Democrat from Alabama 57th District. She was first elected to the House in 2002. In 2004 she was a Fleming Fellow with the Center for Policy Alternatives. She won her 2010 House reelection campaign with 68% of the vote. Coleman cosponsored a bill criminalizing human trafficking in Alabama, which became law in 2010. At the time, Alabama was one of six states to not have a human trafficking law. Coleman has also sponsored bills on parole reform and adding restrictions to Alabama's Stand Your Ground law.

As of 2017, she was Chair of the Boards and Commissions Committee, and served on the Judiciary, Ways and Means General Fund, and Banking Committees. In February 2017, she became Assistant Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.[8] Coleman is also an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Miles College in Fairfield, Alabama.

Merika Coleman earned a B.A. in mass communication in 1995 and an M.P.A. Degree in 1997, both from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Earlier in her career, Coleman worked as a public policy analyst and strategist in nonprofits. She became the Director of Community and Economic Development for Lawson State Community College, and later became Director of Economic and Community Development for the City of Bessemer, Alabama.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Mary E. Guy

University of
Colorado Denver

Reimagining Public Administration as the Heart of Community

Mary E. Guy is Professor of Public Administration at the University of Colorado Denver. Her research and teaching interests focus on the human processes involved in public service delivery. Author of numerous books and articles, she has lectured around the world on the subject of emotional labor and the personal demands of public jobs. Professor Guy is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, past president of the American Society for Public Administration, and 2018 recipient of the Dwight Waldo Award. Her most recent book is *Essentials of Public Service: An Introduction to Contemporary Public Administration*, co-authored with Todd Ely.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

1:45 - 3:15 | Ballroom III

Panel Chair:
Dr. Mitchell Brown
Auburn University

ELECTION EMERGENCIES: VOTING IN THE WAKE OF TERRORIST ATTACKS AND
NATURAL DISASTERS

Michael T. Morley, Florida State University College of Law

SHIFTING FOCUSES IN U.S. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION: ELECTION SYSTEM
SECURITY AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Lindsey Forson, Auburn University

ELECTION DIRECTOR PROFESSIONALIZATION IN NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES

Madison Esterle, University of North Carolina – Charlotte

A NEW ELECTIONS FEDERALISM: DUAL ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SYSTEMS

Brandon Fincher, Auburn University

GETTING AND KEEPING YOUR FIRST FACULTY JOB: UNDERSTANDING THE RANGE OF ACADEMIC SETTINGS

1:45 - 3:15 | Ballroom IV

Panel Chair:
Dr. Kim U. Hoffman
University of Central Arkansas

Four public administration faculty will discuss the range of academic settings
and faculty expectations for those PhD students looking for careers in
academia.

Dr. Kim U. Hoffman, University of Central Arkansas

Dr. Matthew Howell, Eastern Kentucky University

Dr. Meg Streams, Tennessee State University

Dr. Shannon K. Vaughan, Western Kentucky University

REPRESENTATION: POLICY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

1:45 - 3:15 | Ballroom XI

Panel Chair:

Dr. Gregory B. Lewis
Georgia State University

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS IN FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION: THE VIRGINIA
EXPERIENCE

Brandon Ranallo-Benavidez, American University

REPRESENTATION AND PAY OF PARTNERED LESBIANS AND GAY MEN IN
FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL BUREAUCRACIES

Dr. Gregory B. Lewis, Georgia State University

REPRESENTATIVE BUREAUCRACY IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:
THE EFFECT OF PASSIVE AND ACTIVE REPRESENTATION ON EMPLOYEE'S
PERCEPTIONS OF ORGANIZATION PERFORMANCE

Trang T. Hoang, The University of Texas at Dallas

Dr. Meghna Sabharwal, The University of Texas at Dallas

THE IMPACT OF WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE ON SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Karen E. Clark-Hough, Mississippi State University

ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN CONTEXT: LEADERSHIP, POLITICS, AND POLICY

1:45 - 3:15 | Ballroom XII

Panel Chair:

Dr. Patrick C. Exmeyer
University of Louisiana at
Monroe

REAGAN, TRUMP AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: INSIGHTS FROM THE
AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

Dr. Wilbur C. Rich, Wellesley College

IMPLICATIONS AND LESSONS FROM CONTENDING WHISTLEBLOWING CASES

Dr. James S. Bowman, Florida State University

Dr. Jonathan P. West, University of Miami

INVESTIGATING MULTIFACETED APPROACHES ENCOURAGING ETHICAL
LEADERSHIP BEHAVIOR IN STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES:
LOUISIANA AS A CASE STUDY

Dr. Nasir U. Ahmed, Grambling State University

Lashauna Chambers, Grambling State University

FLINT WATER CRISIS: A CASE WHERE ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS, POLICY,
AND ENGINEERING GOES WRONG

Dr. Timothy D. Etson, Sr., Department of Homeland Security/Federal
Emergency Management Agency

SERVICE LEARNING IN THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CLASSROOM

1:45 - 3:15 | Chamomile

Panel Chair:

Dr. Jody H. Holland
University of Mississippi

BUILDING A SERVICE CORPS: AN EVALUATION OF SERVICE-LEARNING AND
SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVES WITHIN A HIGHER EDUCATION
CONSORTIUM

Dr. Jody H. Holland, University of Mississippi

MEETING NONPROFITS WHERE THEY ARE: BUILDING AN ACCESSIBLE
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE EVALUATION PRACTICES

Nicholas Lee Mercer, College of Charleston

LEARNING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS: ADDING SERVICE-LEARNING THE
CLASSROOM

Dr. Daniel J. Seigler, University of Central Florida

Mirtha Bailey, University of Central Florida

STRATEGIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY

1:45 - 3:15 | Dogwood

Panel Chair:

Dr. Sawsan Abutabenjeh
Mississippi State University

INVESTIGATING THE NEXUS BETWEEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES
AND ADOPTION OF SMART CITY TECHNOLOGIES

Mustafa Sen, Mississippi State University

Dr. Sawsan Abutabenjeh, Mississippi State University

Dr. Julius A. Nukpezah, Mississippi State University

TRUSTING STRANGERS: CITIZENS' ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL DONORS
IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Dr. Zia Obaid, University of Peshawar

HOW DO EMERGENT STRATEGIES AFFECT STRATEGIC PLANNING IN PUBLIC
SECTOR?

Mustafa Sen, Mississippi State University

SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT: ONE APPROACH OR TWO? HOW ACTION PLANS
REFLECT CITIES' RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Morgan Higman, Florida State University

Corey Xu, Florida State University

SUSTAINABILITY OF WHAT? INVESTIGATING FACTORS INFLUENCING
DIFFERENCES IN PRIORITIES FOR CITY SUSTAINABILITY

Dr. Soyoung Kim, Seoul National University of Science and
Technology

Dr. Richard C. Feiock, Florida State University

COFFEE BREAK | BHM PREFUNCTION | 3:15 - 3:30

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS VIII

NASPAA ACCREDITATION STANDARDS COLLOQUIUM

3:30 - 5:00 | Ballroom III

Panel Chair:

Dr. Christine Rush

Mississippi State University

The NASPAA Standards Colloquium seeks your feedback! As part of the decennial review of the NASPAA Accreditation Standards, NASPAA is engaging stakeholders around the globe to answer the question: How have our accreditation standards held up? This session will focus on two topics at the heart of accreditation: globalization and new developments in the field of public service. Join NASPAA to discuss the Accreditation Standards and explore ways to ensure they remain relevant and continue to fully comprehend the diverse ambitions of our accredited programs, graduates, and employers.

LEADERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE IN PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

3:30 - 5:00 | Ballroom IV

Panel Chair:

Dr. Yongbeom Hur

Appalachian State University

THE CONCEPT AND CONSEQUENCE OF FOLLOWERSHIP IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Dr. Eric Zeemering, University of Georgia

Dr. Albert C. Hyde, Northern Illinois

CAN WE KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE? DEALING WITH PUBLIC MANAGER'S SATISFACTION AND DISSATISFACTION AT WORK

Dr. Yongbeom Hur, Appalachian State University

WHAT MAKES PAY FOR PERFORMANCE EFFECTIVE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR? TARGET, CONDITION, AND PAY DESIGN

Jinsol Park, University of Kentucky

THE STATE OF PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND MANAGEMENT THEORY: CONTENT ANALYSIS OF TOP PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION JOURNALS

Dr. Tamara Dimitrijevska Markoski, Mississippi State University

Dr. Mike Potter, Mississippi State University

Karen E, Clark-Hough, Mississippi State University

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND COMMUNITIES

3:30 - 5:00 | Dogwood

Panel Chair:

Dr. Kathleen R. Barrett University of West Georgia

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN THE CARIBBEAN

Dr. Kathleen R. Barrett, University of West Georgia

THE EFFECT OF OIL SPILLS ON THE COMMUNITIES IN THE NIGER DELTA RE- GION OF NIGERIA

Mac-Jane M. Crayton, Auburn University

THE ROLE OF POLICY AND POLITICS IN SHAPING RESIDENTIAL AND UTILITY SOLAR ENERGY PENETRATION

Corey Xu, Florida State University

Morgan Higman, Florida State University

Tian Tang, Florida State University

Dr. Richard C. Feiock, Florida State University

LEARNING FROM RESPONSES TO NATURAL AND MAN- MADE DISASTERS

3:30 - 5:00 | Ballroom XI

Panel Chair:

Dr. James C. Clinger
Murray State University

DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN GHANA: DEALING WITH PERENNIAL ISSUES ACROSS INSTITUTIONAL BOUNDARIES

Dr. Agyemang Frimpong, Ghana Institute of Management and Public
Administration (GIMPA)
Joseph Darmoe, GIMPA

MY MARIA: SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF RELIEF EFFORTS OF HURRICANE MARIA IN PUERTO RICO

Scott M. Sheplak, Florida State University

DETERMINANTS OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: REINVESTIGATING THE ROLE OF SOCIAL CAPITAL AND SOCIAL VULNERABILITY

Ismail Soujaa, University of North Texas
Dr. Julius A. Nukpezah, Mississippi State University

GOVERNANCE UNDER CONDITIONS OF CATASTROPHIC DISASTER: UNDERSTANDING THE RESPONSE TO HURRICANES KATRINA, SANDY, AND HARVEY IN THE UNITED STATES

G. Leah Davis, City of Atlanta, Georgia
Alice Robbin, Indiana University – Bloomington

NONPROFITS IN ACTION: LESSONS LEARNED AND NEW QUESTIONS

3:30 - 5:00 | Ballroom XII

Panel Chair:

Dr. Shannon K. Vaughan
Western Kentucky University

THE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION OF THE HOMELESS: AN ISSUE WHICH CONFOUNDS NONPROFITS ACROSS THE NATION

Tarnisha D. Tilson, Arkansas State University

NONPROFIT EVOLUTION IN ACTION: WHAT IF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DID NOT LOOK LIKE A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

Macy B. Adams, College of Charleston

MONUMENTAL MISTAKE: THE CREATION AND REMOVAL OF THE NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST MONUMENT IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Dr. Daniel Boden, Western Kentucky University

YOUTH COUNT: ADDRESSING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN CHARLESTON, SC

Chelsea B. Diedrich, College of Charleston's Joseph P. Riley Center
for Livable Communities

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON
BREAKOUT SESSIONS VIII

*PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND
CONTRACT MANAGEMENT:
THEORY AND PRACTICE*

3:30 - 5:00 | Chamomile

Panel Chair:

Mustafa Sen

Mississippi State University

FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS FOR A PUBLIC PROCUREMENT BODY OF
KNOWLEDGE

Dr. Joshua Steinfeld, Old Dominion University

THE EFFECTS OF VALUE COMPLEXITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL
CENTRALIZATION ON PROCUREMENT IN U. S. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Dr. Justin M. Stritch, Arizona State University

PRIVATIZATION AND PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: WAYS TO CONTRACT FOR THE
STRATEGIC GOALS OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

Dr. Joshua Steinfeld, Old Dominion University

Dr. Sawsan Abutabenjeh, Mississippi State University

THE ENLIGHTENMENT UNDERPINNINGS OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
PRACTICES

Dr. William Earle Klay, Florida State University

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MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY FACE: REIMAGING THE ARTS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8:30 - 10:00 | Ballroom III

Panel Chair:

Dr. Leigh Nanney Hersey
University of Louisiana at
Monroe

COMMUNITY ART ACADEMY: AN URBAN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Dr. Bryna Bobick, University of Memphis

SELMA: HOW ARTS ARE HELPING BUILD A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

Dr. Leigh Nanney Hersey, University of Louisiana at Monroe

STATE ARTS COMMISSIONS: ENGAGING LEADERS FOR THE ARTS

Dr. Patsy Kraeger, Georgia Southern University

POLICY QUESTIONS IN CONTRACTING, WEALTH EQUITY, AND REGULATION

8:30 - 10:00 | Ballroom IV

Panel Chair:

Jennifer Sloan
University of Texas at Arlington

CANNABIS REGULATION IN NORTH AMERICA

Melissa Villar, Florida State University

ASSESSMENT OF SOCIAL/ECONOMIC TRENDS LINKING INCOME & WEALTH INEQUALITY: ANALYSIS OF MUHAMMAD YUNUS & THOMAS PIKETTY MODELS TO FIND PRAGMATIC PUBLIC/PRIVATE POLICY PLATFORMS

Dr. Nasir U. Ahmed, Grambling State University

WHAT ARE WE BUILDING HERE? TRUST, RISK, AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM STEWARDSHIP END-RESULTS CONTRACTING

L. Maria Ingram, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

VICTIM OR VILLAIN, AND DOES IT MATTER? THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POLICY NARRATIVES AND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Jennifer Sloan, University of Texas at Arlington

Dr. Karabi Bezbourah, University of Texas at Arlington

Dr. Stephen Mattingly, University of Texas at Arlington

Saeed Reza Ramezanpour Nargesi

Ayushi Mahiyar

INSIGHTS FROM AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY APPLICATIONS

8:30 - 10:00 | Ballroom XI

Panel Chair:

Dr. Mason Beale
University of Alabama at
Birmingham

CAN INFUSED PUBLICNESS CONTRIBUTE TO ENHANCING PUBLIC VALUE
CREATION? EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDING ON THE
PERFORMANCE OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISES IN SOUTH KOREA

Donwe Choi, Florida State University

REPLICATING HOUSING FIRST: INSIGHTS FROM KINGDON

Dr. Joanne G. Carman, University of North Carolina – Charlotte
Dr. Lori Thomas, University of North Carolina – Charlotte

WHAT AFFECT POLICIES FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES TO ACHIEVE ITS
GOALS? A CASE STUDY IN CITY OF DUBLIN

Abir Hadi Tarhuni, UNO Transportation Institute (UNOTI)/The
University of New Orleans

THE IMPACT OF AGENDA-SETTING THEORY ON THE AMERICAN RECOVERY
AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA)

Bader Alabdulkarim, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

COMPARATIVE POLICY ANALYSIS IN AIRPORT SECURITY USING THE MULTIPLE-
STREAMS FRAMEWORK

Michael Turtz, Florida Atlantic University

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXES AND INVESTMENTS

8:30 - 10:00 | Chamomile

Panel Chair:

Dr. Salvatore D'Angelo III
North Collier Fire Control and
Rescue District

FUNDING FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN UNINCORPORATED
COLLIER COUNTY (FLORIDA): THE AD VALOREM VERSUS NON-AD VALOREM
DEBATE

Dr. Salvatore D'Angelo III, North Collier Fire Control and Rescue
District

THE EFFECT OF LGIP PROPERTIES ON POOL PARTICIPATION

Dr. Jeongwoo Kim, Eastern Kentucky
Dr. Min Kim, Georgia College and State University

ELIMINATION OF THE SALES TAX ON GROCERIES IN U.S. STATES

Dr. Catherine C. Reese, Arkansas State University
Anukrit Chapagain, Arkansas State University

*SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF
HEALTH*

8:30 - 10:00 | Dogwood

Panel Chair:
Dr. Daniel Xu
Alabama Department of Health

THE GRANTEE AS A CRITICAL PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGER IN COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE FOR HIV/AIDS CARE AND TREATMENT: THE SOUTH FLORIDA EXPERIENCE

Dr. James Agbodzakay, University of North Texas at Dallas
Leslie Taylor, Nova Southeastern University and Broward Sheriff's Office

ALCOHOL OUTLET DENSITY AND UNDERAGE BINGE DRINKING RATES IN THE UNITED STATES

Barbara J. Kent, Eastern Kentucky University
Jessica Sutton, Eastern Kentucky University

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF INFANT MORTALITY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR PERINATAL CARE ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Daniel Xu, Alabama Department of Public Health



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PERSPECTIVES ON RETIREMENT

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Dr. John Topinka
University of Memphis

FISCAL CAPACITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH HIGH OPEB AND PENSION
DEBT: AN EXAMINATION OF TWENTY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE
SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

Dr. John Topinka, University of Memphis

CAN PEOPLE "CATCH-UP" THEIR RETIREMENT SAVINGS? A REGRESSION
DISCONTINUITY APPROACH TO TAX-DEFERRED INCENTIVE

Trang T. Hoang, The University of Texas at Dallas
Dr. James Harrington, The University of Texas at Dallas

EFFECTIVENESS OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN CONTEMPORARY
AMERICA: ASSESSMENT OF 1935 ACT AND FUTURE FUNDING SOLUTION
UNDER PRESENT TOXIC POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

Dr. Nasir U. Ahmed, Grambling State University
Brittney Hawkins, Grambling State University

STATE AND LOCAL BUDGETING PRACTICES

10:15 - 11:45 | Ballroom IV

Panel Chair:
Dr. Min Kim
Georgia College and State
University

DO STATE PERFORMANCE LEGISLATIONS GENERATE A UNIFORM PRACTICE OF
PERFORMANCE-BASED BUDGETING? LESSONS FROM THE LARGEST CITIES IN
TEXAS

Dr. Imane Hijal-Moghrabi, The University of Texas of the Permian
Basin

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS IN RESPONSE TO BUDGET-TO-
ACTUAL VARIANCES

Dr. Min Kim, Georgia College and State University
Dr. Jeongwoo Kim, Eastern Kentucky University

HEALTHCARE POLICY AND PRACTICE

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Panel Chair:

Dr. James Agbodzakay

Nova Southeastern University

REFORMING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: A SEMIOTIC ANALYSIS OF TWEETS USING LIWC

Dr. Christopher L. Atkinson, University of West Florida

POLITICAL TRUST AND PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON HEALTH CARE

Dr. Nurgul R. Aitalieva, Purdue University – Fort Wayne

IMPLICATIONS OF REPEALING INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATE ON VETERAN HEALTH COVERAGE

Dongjin Oh, Florida State University

HOSPITAL UNCOMPENSATED CARE AND PATIENT EXPERIENCE: AN INSTRUMENTAL VARIABLE APPROACH

Dr. Susan Camilleri, Elon University

Dr. Jeffrey C. Diebold, North Carolina State University

SOCIAL MEDIA USE AND COMMUNITIES

10:15 - 11:45 | Ballroom ??

Panel Chair:

Richa Adhikari

Georgia State University

THE INFLUENCE OF INTERNET USE ON MENTAL HEALTH: AN ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES

Dr. Wesley L. Meares, Augusta University

Dr. William Hatcher, Augusta University

Dr. Lance Hunter, Augusta University

Dr. Mary-Kate Lizotte, Augusta University

Dr. Dustin Avent-Holt, Augusta University

IMPACT OF ONLINE INCIVILITY ON YOUTH ONLINE POLITICAL EXPRESSION

Justina Jose, Georgia State University

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, COMMUNITY INFORMATION, AND SOCIAL MEDIA: TOOLS FOR INCREASING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Ashley Connors, University of Central Florida

DETERMINANTS OF SUCCESSFUL DIGITAL ACTION FOR NONPROFIT/ NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Richa Adhikari, Georgia State University

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