

Curriculum Vitae
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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2013-present)

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Director, Gerald G. Fox Master of Public Administration, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Fall 2012-Spring 2016)

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2006-2013)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2001-2005)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Kansas State University (August 1999-May 2001)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas (1999)

M.A., Political Science, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minnesota (1995)

B.S., Political Science (Minor: History), Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minnesota (1993)

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

Rassel, G., Leland, S. Mohr, Z. O'Sullivan E. (Forthcoming). *Research methods for public administrators*. Taylor & Francis.

Heberlig, E., Leland, S., & Swindell, D. (2017). *American Cities and the politics of party conventions*. Albany, NY: SUNY Albany Press.

Leland, S., & Thurmaier, K. (Eds.). (2010). *City-county consolidation: Promises made, promises kept?* Washington DC: Georgetown University Press.

Leland, S., & Thurmaier, K. (Eds.). (2004). *Case studies of city-county consolidation: Reshaping the local government landscape*. New York, NY: Routledge.

PUBLICATIONS: REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Leland, S., Chattopadhyay J., Piatak, J. & Maestas, C. Forthcoming. "Policy Venue Preference and Relative Trust in Government in a Federal System" *Governance*.

Leland, S., Smirnova, O. & Goodman, C. (2020). "The Consequences of Specialized Governance on Spending and Expansion of Public Transit" *Local Government Studies*, 1-6.

Read, D. C., Leland, S., & Pope, J. (2019). Views from the Field: Economic Development Practitioners' Perceptions About Public-Private Real Estate Partnerships. *Urban Affairs Review*, 1078087418824712.

Goodman, C. B., & Leland, S. M. (2019). Do Cities and Counties Attempt to Circumvent Changes in Their Autonomy by Creating Special Districts? *The American Review of Public Administration*, 49(2), 203-217.

Pope, J. V., & Leland, S. M. (2018). Isn't a Flood a "Rainy Day?" Does the Political Nature of Disasters Impact the Use of States' Rainy Day Funds?. *Social Science Quarterly*.

Boyer, R. and Leland, S. (2018). Co-Housing for Whom? Survey Evidence to Support the Diffusion of Socially and Spatially Integrated Housing in the U.S. *Housing Policy Debate*.

Piatak, J., Mohr, Z., & Leland, S. (2017). Bureaucratic accountability in third-party governance: Experimental evidence of blame attribution during times of budgetary crisis. *Public Administration*.

Read, D. C., & M. Leland, S. (2017). Toward Understanding Another Gender Gap: How Women in Economic Development Perceive Access to Capital. *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, 1-17.

Heberlig, E.S., Leland, S. M., Shields, M., & Swindell, D. (2016). The disruption costs of post-9-11 security measures and cities' bids for presidential nominating conventions. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 38(3), 370-386. DOI: 10.1111/juaf.12228

Heberlig, E. S., McCoy, J., Leland, S. M., & Swindell, D. A. (2016). Mayors, accomplishments, and advancement. *Urban Affairs Review*, 53(3), 539-558. DOI: 10.1177/1078087416656286.

Read, D., & Leland, S.M. (2016). A gendered perspective on local economic development: Differences in the perceived importance of public services in the business recruitment processes. *Administration & Society*. DOI: 10.1177/0095399715616837.

Smirnova, O., Yusuf, J-E., & Leland, S. (2016). Managing for performance: Measurement and monitoring of contracts in the transit industry. *Journal of Public Procurement*, 16(2), 208-242.

Leland, S. M., Read, D. C., & Wittry, M. (2015). Analyzing the perceived benefits of LEED-Certified and Energy Star-Certified buildings in the realm of local economic development. *Economic Development Quarterly*, 29(4), 363-375. DOI: 10.1177/0891242415587526.

Heberlig, E., Leland, S., & Read, D. (2014). Local politics, organized interests, and land-use policy: A research note analyzing the perceptions of urban planners working in city government. *Urban Affairs Review*, 50(6), 890-903. DOI: 10.1177/1078087414522411.

Leland, S., & Thurmaier, K. (2014). Political and functional local government consolidation: The challenges for core public administration values and regional reform. *The American Review of Public Administration*, 44(4S), 29S-46S. DOI: 0275074014533003.

Smirnova, O. V., & Leland, S. M. (2014). Cutback management during the Great Recession: The case of transit agencies and contracting out. *State and Local Government Review*, 46(4), 272-281. DOI: 10.1177/0160323X14564777.

Smirnova, O. V., & Leland, S. M. (2014). Public transportation and contracting out. *Public Works Management & Policy*, 19(4), 358-364. DOI: 10.1177/1087724x14545541.

Goodman, C.B., & Leland, S.M. (2013). Cost shocks and their relationship to the creation, consolidation and dissolution of US local governments. *Public Finance and Management*, 13(2), 58-79.

Smirnova, O. V., & Leland, S. M. (2013). The role of power and competition in contracting out: An analysis of public transportation markets. *Administration & Society*, 48(4), 421-443. DOI: 10.1177/0095399713498748.

Leland, S.M., Carman, J.G., & Swartz, N.J. (2012). Understanding managerial succession planning at the local level: A study of the opportunities and challenges facing cities and counties. *National Civic Review*, 101(2), 44-50. DOI: 10.1002/ncr.21076.

Leland, S., & Read, D. (2012). Stimulating real estate development through public-private partnerships: Assessing the perceived opportunities and challenges. *Public Administration Quarterly*, 36(3), 311-340.

Billings, S.B., Leland, S., & Swindell, D. (2011). The effects of the announcement and opening of light rail transit stations on neighborhood crime. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 33(5), 549-566. DOI: 10.1111/j.1467-9906.2011.00564.x.

Read, D.C., & Leland, S.M. (2011). Does sector matter? An analysis of planners' attitudes regarding politics and competing interests in the planning process. *The American Review of Public Administration*, 41(6), 639-653. DOI: 10.1177/0275074010390031.

Carman, J.G., Leland, S.M., & Wilson, A.J. (2010). Crisis in leadership or failure to plan? Insights from Charlotte, North Carolina. *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*, 21(1), 93-111. DOI: 10.1002/nml.20014.

Read, D.C., & Leland, S. (2010). Balancing competing values in the sale redevelopment of publicly-owned real estate: A case study of the Charlotte Coliseum disposition. *Journal of Real Estate Practice and Education*, 13(1), 87-106.

Billings, S.B., & Leland, S. (2009). Examining the logic behind the self-help, self-taxing movement: Business improvement district formation. *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 29(4), 108-124. DOI: 10.1111/j.1540-5850.2009.00945.x.

Leland, S., & Smirnova, O. (2009). Reassessing privatization 25 years later: Revisiting Perry and Babitsky's comparative performance study of urban bus transit services. *Public Administration Review*, 69(5), 855-867. DOI: 10.1111/j.1540-6210.2009.02035.x.

Wilson, D.C., Leland S., Godwin, K., Baxter, A., Levy, A., Smart, J. Jayakrishnan, A. (2009). SmartChoice: An online recommender system to support low-income families in public school choice. *AI Magazine*, 30(2), 46-58.

Leland, S., & Smirnova, O. (2008). Does government structure matter? A comparative analysis of urban bus transit efficiency. *Journal of Public Transportation*, 11(1), 63-83. DOI: 10.5038/2375-0901.11.1.4.

Smirnova, O., Leland, S., & Johnson, G.A. (2008). Popular,...but more influential? A test of whether special purpose governments affect federal transit financing. *Municipal Finance Journal*, 28(4), 43-61.

Heberlig, E., & Leland, S. (2007). Fired? Or firing up? How term limits affect career politicians. *The American Review of Politics*, 28(Spring), 57-77.

Godwin, R.K., Leland, S.M., Baxter, A.D., & Southworth, S. (2006). Sinking Swann: Public school choice and the resegregation of Charlotte's public schools. *Review of Policy Research*, 23(5), 983-997. DOI: 10.1111/j.1541-1338.2006.00246.x.

Thurmaier, K., & Leland, S. (2006). Frame the consolidation debate with a sound argument: A reply to a response. *Public Administration Review*, 66(2), 279-280. DOI: 10.1111/j.1540-6210.2006.00580.x

Leland, S., & Thurmaier, K. (2005). When efficiency is unbelievable: Normative lessons from 30 years of city-county consolidations. *Public Administration Review*, 65(4), 475-489. DOI: 10.1111/j.1540-6210.2005.00473.x.

Bundt, J., & Leland, S. (2001). Wealthy or poor: Who receives and who pays? A closer look at measures of equity in Iowa school finance. *Journal of Education Finance*, 26(4), 397-413.

Leland, S. (2001). The political climate of devolution and the implementation game. *The Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*, 31(1), 39-47.

Leland, S., & Thurmaier, K. (2000). Metropolitan consolidation success: Returning to the roots of local government reform. *Public Administration Quarterly*, 24(2), 202-222.

PUBLICATIONS: Book Chapters

Leland, S. & Smirnova, O. (2019). "Contracting out in the Transit industry: Recent Perspectives of Transit Agency Managers," in "Building a Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure for Long-term Economic Growth", IGI Global

Leland, S., & Smirnova, O.V. (2015). The contracting decision. In R.A. Schick (Ed.), *Government contracting: A public solutions handbook* (pp. 17-37). New York, NY: Routledge.

Leland, S., & Wodicka, R. A. (2014). Alternative service delivery arrangements: Creativity and innovation in local government. In A.C. Henderson (Ed.), *Municipal shared services and consolidation: A public solutions handbook* (pp. 161-175). New York, NY: Routledge.

Whisman, H., & Leland, S. (2014). Local legislatures. In D. P. Haider-Markel (Ed.), *The Oxford handbook of state and local government* (pp. 415-437). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Leland, S.M., & Whisman, H. (2013). The promises of collaborative governance. In *Kenton County together: A call to action* (pp. 72-83). Cincinnati, OH: Olberding Bindery, Inc.

Heberlig, E., & Leland, S. (2011). Local government interest groups. In B. A. Loomis, P. L. Francia, & D. Z. Strolovitch (Eds.), *Guide to interest groups and lobbying in the United States*. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Leland, S., & Rosentraub, M. (2009). Consolidated and fragmented governments and regional cooperation: Surprising lessons from Charlotte, Cleveland, Indianapolis, and Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. In D. Phares (Ed.), *Governing Metropolitan regions in the 21st century* (pp. 143-163). Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

Leland, S., & Thurmaier, K. (2006). Lessons from thirty-five years of city-county consolidation attempts. In [Editors?], *The municipal year book*. Chicago, IL: International City Manager's Association.

Wilson, D.C., Leland, S., Godwin, K., Baxter, A., Levy, A., Smart J., & Andaparambil, J. (2008). The law of choice and the decision not to decide. In M. Goker & K. Haigh (Eds.), *Proceedings of the twentieth Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence conference*. Paper presented at the Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence Conference, Chicago, Illinois (pp. 1640-1647). Chicago, IL: AAAI Press.

PUBLICATIONS: NON-REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Leland, S. M. (2007). City-county consolidation: Reshaping the local government landscape. *Kansas Policy Review*, 29(1), 22-24.

Leland, S.M., & Staley, S. (2005). The effects of city-county consolidation: A review of the recent academic literature. *Indiana Policy Review*, 17(1), 20-27.

PUBLICATIONS: ESSAYS

Leland, S. (2005). Fiscal characteristics of public expenditures. In D. Robbins (Ed.), *Handbook of public sector economics* (pp. 271-290). Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press.

Leland, S., & Johnson, G.A. (2005). Local government: Public authorities. In *Encyclopedia of public administration and public policy*. New York, NY: Marcel Dekker, Inc.

Leland, S. (2004). Reforming politics through reorganization: City-county consolidation in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. In S. Leland & K. Thurmaier (Eds.), *Case studies of city-county consolidation: Reshaping the Local Government Landscape*. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc.

Leland, S.M., & Johnson, G.A. (2004). Consolidation as a local government reform: Why city-county consolidation is an enduring issue. In J. B. Carr & R. C. Feiock (Eds.), *City-county consolidation and its alternatives: Reshaping the local government landscape* (pp. 25-38). New York, NY: Routledge.

Leland, S.M. (2004). Salter, Susanna. In *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*. (p. 336). Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press.

Leland, S., & Thurmaier, K. (2003). City-county consolidation: The case of the illusive cost savings. In A. Khan & W. B. Hildreth (Eds.), *Case studies in public budgeting and financial management* (pp. 349-364). New York, NY: Marcel Dekker, Inc.

Leland, S. (2003). Budgeting, line item and object-of-expenditure controls. In *Encyclopedia of public administration and policy*. (Vol. 1, pp. 103-104). New York, NY: Marcel Dekker, Inc.

Leland, S.M. (2002). Organizational culture: Understanding theoretical and practical applications. In *Encyclopedia of life support systems: Public administration and public policy*. (Vol. 1, pp. 92-97). Paris, France: EOLSS Publishers.

Maynard-Moody, S., & Leland, S. (2000). Stories from the front lines of public management: Street-level workers as responsible actors. In J. Brudney, L. J. O'Toole, Jr., & H. Rainey (Eds.), *Advancing public management: New developments in theory, methods, and practice* (pp. 109-126). Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.

Leland, S. (1997). Eminent domain. In *International encyclopedia of public policy and administration*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

PUBLICATIONS: BOOK REVIEWS

Leland, S.M. (2005). The politics of identity and managerialism: Civic culture in Dallas [Review of the book *title of book?*]. *The American Review of Public Administration*, 35(2), 186-187.

Leland, S.M. (2003). Insights into growing prosperity: Prescriptions and lessons for public administrators, policy entrepreneurs and politicians [Review of the books *Growing prosperity: The battle for growth with equity in the 21st century*, and *Our team! Insights from the publicly owned Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons*]. *The American Review of Public Administration*, 33(4), 479-481.

Leland, S. (1998). Greed, Chaos, and Governance [Review of the book *Greed, chaos, and governance: Using public choice to improve public law*]. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 8(2), 273-276.

CONFERENCE PAPERS (LAST FIVE YEARS)

Pope, J. & Leland, S. Isn't a Flood a Rainy Day? A paper presented at the Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Conference. September, 2019 Washington DC.

Leland, S., Smirnova, O.V. & Yusef, W. Measuring Customer Satisfaction in the Transit Industry. A paper presented at the Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Conference. September, 2019. Washington DC.

Leland, S., Mohr, Z. & Piatak, J. Escaping Blame? Accountability and Prisoner Neglect. A paper presented at the APPAM Conference, November 7th, 2019. Denver, Colorado.

Leland, S., Kropf, M. & Chattopadhyay, J. How do New Social Media Platforms Impact Neighborhood Social Capital? Southern Political Science Association. January, 2019. Austin Texas.

Leland, S., Smirnova, O.V. & Yusef, W. Contracting in the Transit Industry: Why Monitor Contracts and How Does it Affect Outcomes? A paper presented at the Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Conference. September, 2019. Washington DC.

Leland, S., Mohr, Z. & Piatak, J. Accountability in Government Contracting Arrangements: Experimental Analysis of Blame Attribution across Levels of Government. South Eastern Conference on Public Administration. September 23rd, 2018. Birmingham Alabama.

Goodman, C., Smirnova, O. & Leland, S. Transit Agency Specialization and Revenue Choices: the Relationship between Form of Government and Taxation. A paper prepared for the Annual ABFM Conference. September 28, 2017 Washington, DC.

Leland, S. Public Perceptions of Pay Equity in City Management: An Experimental Analysis. A paper prepared for the Public Management Research Conference. June. Washington, DC.

Read, D., & S.M. Leland. Economic Developers' Perceptions about Public-Private Partnerships Involving Real Estate Development: Differences across Levels of Government. A paper prepared for the Annual Urban Affairs Association Meetings. April 22, 2017. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Duscha, M., & Leland, S.M. (2016, November 4). *Understanding state-level corrections contracting decisions: Adequate competition or political pressure?* Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Washington D.C.

Leland, S., Mohr, Z., & Piatak, J. (2016, October 15). *The blame game: Experimental analysis of service delivery, budget constraints, and accountability.* Paper presented at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Raleigh, NC.

Goodman, C., Leland, S.M., & Smirnova, O.V. (2016, October 3). *The consequences of specialized governance on debt formation and sources of revenue.* Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Seattle, WA.

Heberlig, E., Leland, S.M., & Swindell, D. (2016, January 9). *Who bids? Big-city mayors and political conventions*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Leland, S. & Smirnova, O. (2015, October 3). *Understanding patterns of centrality, growth, and stability in transit contracting networks over time*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington D.C.

Heberlig, E.S., Leland S.M., McCoy, J., & Swindell, D. (2015, April 16). *Mayors, mega-events, and advancement*. Paper Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Leland, S., & Read, D. (2015, April 11). *The impact of gender on perceptions about access to capital as a barrier to local economic development*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL.

Smirnova, O., Yusuf, W., & Leland, S. (2014, October 3). *Managing with measurement: Monitoring of contractual relationships in the transit industry*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Grand Rapids, MI.

Leland, S., & Read, D. (2014, September 18). *The role of public services in local economic development: A gendered perspective*. Paper presented at the Annual Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Atlanta, GA.

Leland, S., & Smirnova, O. (2013, October 3). *A national survey of transit agencies: Fiscal climate effects*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, DC.

EXTERNAL GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Principal Investigator, Benchmarking Non-Motorized Politics and Project Delivery. North Carolina Department of Transportation. \$196,000. (2019-2020).

Principal Investigator, "Transparency in State Contracting". Partnership for Working Families, \$19,000. (2011-2012)

Principal Investigator (with Ken Godwin), "SmartChoice: The Education Network". Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, \$25,000. (2006-2007)

Co-Principal Investigator (with Ken Godwin), "The Conflicting Goals of Public School Choice and Performance-Based Incentives". Spencer Foundation, \$39,988. (2005-2006)

Co-Principal Investigator (with MPA faculty at UNCC), "Program Review: County Management Departments". Mecklenburg County, \$18,000. (2005)

Co-Principal Investigator (with Ken Godwin), "The Conflicting Goals of Public School Choice and Performance-Based Incentives in an Urban Environment: A Study of Charlotte-Mecklenburg-Schools". Urban Institute, \$5,000. (2005)

Principal Investigator, "City-County Consolidation Feasibility Study". Wilmington and New Hanover County, North Carolina, \$36,400. (2001)

Small Grants

- Faculty Research Grant. Contracting out for Public Transit. (2011-2012)
- Faculty Research Grant. For studying city-county consolidation. (January 2006-2007)
- Civic Engagement Grant. For Travel and to present a workshop at Symposium on Civic Engagement. Pew Charitable Trusts. (October 2002)
- Kansas State University USRG. For studying city-county consolidation. (Spring 2001)
- Civic Engagement Grant. For City Youth in Government Program (as a YMCA partner). Pew Charitable Trusts.
- Competitive travel stipend. American Political Science Association. (September 1998)

TEACHING

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Undergrad

POLS 1110 American Government
POLS 3119 State Politics
POLS 3121 Urban Politics
POLS 3126 Administrative Behavior

Masters

MPAD 6102 Foundations of Public Administration
MPAD 6104 Public Organizations & Management
MPAD 6184 Urban Government & Politics
MPAD 6185 Intergovernmental Relations
MPAD 6188 Research Applications

PhD

PhD PPOL 8000: Comparative State Politics
PPOL 8622 Qualitative Methods in Public Policy
PPOL 8600 Research Design

Kansas State University

Undergrad

POLSC 321 Kansas Politics
POLSC 507 Introduction to Public Administration

Masters

POLSC 618 Urban Politics
POLSC 620 State and Local Government
POLSC 650 Not-For-Profit Management
POLSC 735 Public Organization Theory

AWARDS/HONORS

Honors & Awards

- Donald Stone Distinguished Scholar Award. Section on Intergovernmental Administration and Management, American Society of Public Administration. 2019.
- Harishini deSilva Mentoring Award. University of North Carolina at Charlotte. 2019.
- Outstanding Paper Award, Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence. 2008.
- Nominated for the University-wide Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award 1998 & 1999.
- Master of Public Administration Teacher of the Year, Department of Political Science, UNC Charlotte (2003-2004)
- Charlotte Area YMCA Volunteer of the Month (March 2003)
- Nominated for Resident Hall Association Professor of the Year (Spring 2000)
- Thompson Scholarship for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant (Fall 1998-Spring 1999)
- Thompson Scholarship for Outstanding Students in Political Science, University of Kansas (1997-1998)
- Certificate of Appreciation from the Governor of Kansas for service to the Wyandotte County Consolidation Study Commission
- Member, Pi Alpha Alpha, National Public Administration Honor Society
- Member, Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society
- Chapter President, University of Kansas (1996-97)
- Chapter President & Founder, Minnesota State University (1994-96)
- Member, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society/Magna Cum Laude, Minnesota State University (1993)

SERVICE

Professional Service

- Editorial Board, Political Science Quarterly (2018-present)
- Editorial Board, Public Finance and Management (2018-present)
- Panel Discussant. APPAM 2019.
- Panel Discussant. PMRC. 2019.
- Presenter. NASPAA. 2019.
- Presenter. Theories of Budgeting in Public Management IRSPM Special Interest Group on Accounting and Accountability. Public Management Research Conference. 2019. Chapel Hill, NC.
- Review Committee. 2019 Public Management Research Conference. 2019. Chapel Hill, NC.
- Track Chair. Federalism & Intergovernmental Relations 2018 Conference for Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Southern Political Science Association.
- Track Chair. Smarter Government. 2015 American Society of Public Administration.
- Site Selection Chair, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (2015-present)
- Site Selection Committee, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (2010-2013)
- Host Committee Chair, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (2013, 2004)
- Board member, Central Piedmont Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (2002-present)
- Membership Chair, Central Piedmont Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (2008-2011)

- Curro Award Committee for Best Student Paper, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (2006)
- Site Selection Committee, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (2004, 2006)
- Executive Committee Member, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (2003-2006)
- Nomination Committee, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (2005)
- Panel Discussant, Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (October 10-12, 2002)
- Panel Chair, Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (May 30-June 1, 2002)
- Panel Discussant, Annual Conference for the Midwest Political Science Association (April 25-28, 2002)
- Student Manuscript Award Committee Chair, Pi Alpha Alpha (2006)
- Committee Member, Pi Alpha Alpha (2004-2005)
- Editorial Board, *State and Local Government Review* (2009-2012)
- Manuscript Reviewer for *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Public Administration Review*, *American Review of Public Administration*, *Administrative & Society*, *Publius*, *Public Budgeting and Finance*, *State and Local Government Review*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *Non-Profit Leadership and Management*, *Urban Studies*, *Journal of Urban Affairs and Municipal Finance Journal*
- Reviewer for CQ Press State Politics text
- Reviewer for Houghton-Mifflin State and Local Government text
- Reviewer for CQ Press State and Local Government text
- Reviewer for CQ Press Intergovernmental Relations text
- Board manager, University City YMCA Board of Managers (2004-2007)

Current Memberships

- Member of the American Society for Public Administration (1996-present)
- Member of the Association for Public Budgeting and Finance (1996-present)
- Member of the Central Piedmont Chapter, American Society for Public Administration (2001-present)
- Member of the Urban Affairs Association (2008-present)
- Member of the Midwest Political Science Association (1995-present)
- Member of the Southern Political Science Association (2017-present)
- Member of Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (2016-present)

Department-University Service, UNC Charlotte

- College Review Committee (2020-2022)
- Executive Committee Member for the PhD in Public Policy (2019-2021)
- PhD Admissions Committee for Public Policy (2018-present)
- MPA Admissions Committee Member (2011-present)
- MPA Curriculum Committee (2020-2021)
- Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor Political Science (2020-2021)
- Member, PhD Nature of the Field Exam (2015-present)
- Member, Search Committee for the Urban Institute (2019-2020)

- Chair, Department Review Committee for Promotion and Tenure (2019-2020)
- Chair, Department Chair Search Committee (2018)
- Member, Department Review Committee for Promotion and Tenure (2017-2019)
- Board Member, Your Voice CLT (2018-2019)
- Panelist, New Graduate Student Orientation (Fall 2018)
- Member, Graduate School Advisory Board (2016-2018)
- Chair, Department Chair Comprehensive Review (Fall 2017)
- Judge, Outstanding Master's Thesis Competition (Fall 2017-2018)
- Judge, Graduate Student Poster Competition (Spring 2017)
- Member, University Public Service Collaborative (2017-2018)
- Chair, University Public Service Collaborative (2015-2016)
- Chair, Public Policy Student Recruitment Committee (Fall 2013-2015)
- Chair, Research Committee, Women's Summit (Fall 2010-2015)
- Board Member, Women and Girls Research Alliance (Fall 2010-2019)
- Gerald G. Fox Fundraising Committee (Spring 2010-2015)
- Chair, MPA Curriculum Committee (2008-2016)
- Faculty Representative, MPA Alumni Board (Fall 2002-2011)
- Liaison between the Fire Safety and Engineering Program and Department of Political Science (Fall 2001-2016)
- Chair, Selection Committee, Faculty Award for Community Engagement (2014)
- Chair, MPA Director Faculty Search Committee (2014-2016)
- Chair, Public Administration Faculty Search Committee (for two positions) (Fall 2013-2014)
- Public Policy Assistant Professor Search Committee (Spring 2012)
- Mentor (with Holly Whisman), Summer PhD Teaching Fellowship (Summer 2011)
- University Curriculum Committee (2009-2011)
- American Politics Assistant Professor Search Committee (Fall 2010)
- Chair, College Reassignment of Duties Committee (Fall 2010)
- Mentor (with Jason Giersch), Summer PhD Teaching Fellowship (Summer 2010)
- Member at-large, Department Executive Committee (2009-2010)
- Department Ad Hoc Rules Committee (2008-2009)
- Member, Department Review Committee for Promotion and Tenure (2006-2009)
- Faculty Advisor, MPA Student Group (Fall 2006-Spring 2008)
- Public Policy Search Committee (Fall 2007)
- McNair Mentor Program (Summer 2007)
- Member, PhD Proficiency Exam Committee (2003-2007)
- College of Arts and Science Technology Committee (Fall 2005-2006)
- Member, MPA Comprehensive Exam Committee (Spring 2003-2006)
- American Politics Position Search Committee (2004-2005)
- Provost's Strategic Planning Committee (2004)
- Advising Volunteer, SOAR (Entering College Freshman) (Summer 2003)
- Presenter, Departmental Brown Bag Lunch Series on Centra (February 2003)
- Member, Departmental Advising Committee (Fall 2002-Fall 2003)
- Member, Recruitment Committee for the MPA Coordinator (Fall 2002)
- Chair, Undergraduate Assessment Committee (Spring 2002)
- Presenter, Departmental Brown Bag Lunch Series on Web Ct. (February 2002)
- Member, Department Honors Committee (2002)

- Evaluator, Model United Nations Tryouts (2001, 2002)

Dissertation & Thesis Committees

- Chair, Titiksha Fernandes (2018-present)
- Member Teng Teng Cai (2019-present)
- Member, Ryan Fertakkos MPA Thesis (2017-2018)
- Chair, Christine Danis, PhD in Public Policy (2018-present)
- Chair, JoEllen Pope, PhD in Public Policy (2016-2019)
- Chair, Brian Jones, PhD in Public Policy (2014-2016)
- Chair, Melissa Duscha, PhD in Public Policy (2013-2016)
- Chair, Holly Whisman, PhD in Public Policy (2012-2013)
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