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Academic Employment

2011 to Present Grand Valley State University, Assistant Professor
School of Public, Non-profit and Health Administration

Education

2011	PHD	Michigan State University: East Lansing, Michigan <i>Examination Fields: American Politics and Public Policy</i> Dissertation Title: "Wade in the Water: Race, Class and Hurricane Katrina" Committee Members: Laura A. Reese (chair), Richard Hula, Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore and Sandra K. Schneider
2004	M.P.A	Eastern Michigan University: Ypsilanti, Michigan <i>Concentration: Public Management</i> Capstone Project: Arts in Education: A Program Analysis (Directed by Dr. Joseph Ohren)
1999	B.A.	Albion College: Albion, Michigan <i>Major: Music</i> <i>Concentration: Human Services</i>

Additional Methodological Training

2006 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research at the University of Michigan.
Courses Taken: Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Teaching Interests

Public Administration, urban politics, minority politics, policy analysis and evaluation, organizational behavior, racial politics, and political institutions

Research Interests

Disaster and emergency management policy, minority politics, public administration, state and local government management, and urban policy

Working Papers

"Disaster Recovery in Black and White: A Comparison of New Orleans and Gulfport."
Submitted to *The American Review of Public Administration*, 2012. (*Invited to Revise and Resubmit at the American Review of Public Administration*)

“Rural Disaster Recovery: The Case of Hurricane Katrina”

“Economic Recovery: Exploring the Differences between Economic and Natural Disasters: The Case of Louisiana and Mississippi”

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Civic Culture in Ottawa: The Endurance of Local Culture” (with Laura A. Reese and Raymond A. Rosenfeld) in *Comparative Civic Culture*, Eds. LA Reese and RA Rosenfeld. London: Ashgate Publishing, 2012.

“Local Culture and Governmental Change: Exploring the Endurance of Culture in the Face of Structural Change” (with Laura A. Reese) *Canadian Public Administration* Vol. 50, No. 2, pp. 245-271, 2008.

Other Publications

“Ethnocentrism”. In *Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*, ed. Stephen M. Caliendo and Charlton McIlwain. New York: Routledge, 2010.

Review of *There Is No Such Thing As A Natural Disaster: Race Class and Hurricane Katrina* by Chester Harman and Gregory D. Spires. *American Review of Public Administration* Vol. 39, No. 5, pp. 570-573, 2008.

Conference Papers

“Disaster Recovery in Black and White: A Comparison of New Orleans and Gulfport.” Paper to be presented at the Urban Affairs Association Meeting (Pittsburgh, April 2012)

“Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is: Is Intensive Investment Enough in the Wake of Disaster?” Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, March 2011)

“Economic Recovery Post-Disaster, Does Race or Class Matter?” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting (New Orleans, Jan 2011)

“Race, Class and Recovery: Louisiana Under Water?” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (Chicago, April 2010)

“Beyond New Orleans: Economic Recovery, Class and Race in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina.” Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, March 2009)

“Wade in the Water: Race, Local Government and Hurricane Katrina.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, January 2009)

“The Emerging Policy Role of Faith-Based Organizations in the Low Income Housing Market.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, August 2007) with Drs. Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore and Richard Hula

“Natural Disasters, Local Economic Development, and the Chocolate City.” Paper presented at the American Society of Public Administration Annual Meeting (Washington D.C., March 2007) with Dr. Laura A. Reese

“Local Civic Culture: A Comparison of Citizen and Elite Attitudes.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, April 2006) with Drs. Laura A. Reese and Raymond Rosenfeld

“Arts in Education: A Program Analysis.” presented at the Eastern Michigan University Graduate Research Fair (Ypsilanti, Michigan, March 2005)

Teaching Experience

- Fall 2011 Assistant Professor, Public and Nonprofit Administration (PA 270), Local Politics and Administration (PA 307), Community Analysis (PA 495), Grand Valley State University
- Fall 2009 Instructor, Public Policy Analysis, (PLS 313), Michigan State University
- Summer 2009 Instructor, Public Bureaucracy in the Public Policy Process, (PLS 310), Michigan State University
- Spring 2009 Instructor, Minority Politics (PLS 304), Michigan State University
- Fall 2007 Teaching Assistant, Urban Politics, (PLS 302), Michigan State University
- Spring 2006 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis (PLS 201), Michigan State University

Awards and Grants

- 2010 Recipient: Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Michigan State University
- 2009 Recipient: Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association
- 2006 Recipient: Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Traveling Scholar Grant
- 2005 Author: Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant
- 2005 Nominee: Eastern Michigan University’s Graduate Research Fair

Professional Activity/Memberships

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Urban Affairs Association
International City/County Managers Association
American Society of Public Administrators, Michigan Capital Area Chapter
Pi Alpha Alpha, Public Administration Honor Society, Eastern Michigan University
Phi Kappa Phi, Graduate Honor Society, Eastern Michigan University

Committee Membership/Service

Sept 2011- Present	Member, College Curriculum Committee, Grand Valley University
Sept 2011- Present	Member, Public Administration and Health Administration Faculty Search Committees, School of Public, Non-profit, and Health Administration, Grand Valley University
Sept 2011- Present	Member, Adjunct Teaching Committee, School of Public, Non-profit, and Health Administration, Grand Valley State University
Jan 2010- Present	Board Member, Michigan Capital Area Chapter of the American Society of Public Administrators
Sept 2007- May 2008	Graduate Advisory Committee, Michigan State University Department of Political Science
Sept 2006- May 2007	Global Urban Studies Program Faculty Search Committee

Professional References

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