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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS	Public administration, public management, organization theory, human resources management, education policy, research methods, policy analysis	
EDUCATION	American University , Washington, DC Ph.D., Public Administration, Expected graduation: May 2016 Fields: Public Administration, Public Policy, Research Methods Dissertation: Performance Management and Mission Drift in Public Higher Education Committee: Vicky Wilkins, Alisa Hicklin Fryar, Jocelyn Johnston, Seth Gershenson, Edmund Stazyk Master of Public Policy, May 2012 University of Alaska, Fairbanks , Fairbanks, Alaska B.A., Political Science, August 2009	
PUBLICATIONS	“Managerial Discretion Under Performance Management: An Application of the Synthetic Control Method for Comparative Case Studies” (Conditional Acceptance at International Public Management Journal)	
MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS	“Performance Funding for Public Higher Education: Implications for Equity and Access” “Understanding Policy Adoption and Innovation in the Performance Management Context: The Case of State-Level Performance-Based Funding Policies for Higher Education” “Managing Diversity in the US Federal Government: Can Diversity Management Practices Mitigate Military Veteran Turnover Intention?”, with Matthew Vanderschure. “Branding, Signaling, and Institutional Identity in Public Higher Education”, with Alisa Hicklin Fryar, Tom Rabovsky, and Paul Valentine. “Summer Engagement and Student Persistence at a Selective Private University”, with Scott Bass, Seth Gershenson, and Ray Zuniga.	
HONORS AND AWARDS	Charles H. Levine Doctoral Student Research Award, March 2014 <i>Awarded for Best Manuscript by an American University Ph.D. Student in Public Administration</i> American University School of Public Affairs Doctoral Fellowship, August 2012 - Present	
CONFERENCE PAPERS	2015. “Branding, Signaling, and Institutional Identity in Public Higher Education”, with Alisa Hicklin Fryar, Tom Rabovsky, and Paul Valentine. Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL)	

2014. “Managerial Discretion and Performance Management: Evidence from Student-Based Budgeting in Houston, Texas”. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (Albuquerque, NM)

2013. “Understanding Policy Adoption and Innovation in the Performance Management Context: The Case of State-Level Performance-Based Funding Policies for Higher Education”. American Political Science Association (Chicago, IL)

2013. “Performance Based Funding in the Higher Education Context: Evidence from Pennsylvania”. Public Management Research Association (Madison, WI)

2012. “Understanding Policy Adoption and Innovation in the Environmental Context: The Case of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets”. American Political Science Association (New Orleans, LA)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, PUAD 343: Introduction to Public Administration and Governance, American University, Spring 2015

Tutor, Statistics and Economics for MPP/MPA Students, American University, Spring 2013 - Present

Teaching Assistant, GOVT 613: Conduct of Inquiry II, American University, Spring 2014

Teaching Assistant, PUAD 601: Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis I, American University, Fall 2012

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

United States Senate, Washington, DC

Staff Assistant/Deputy Scheduler
Intern

September 2011 - October 2011
May 2011 - August 2011

Alaska Legislature, Juneau, AK

Legislative Aide
Intern

December 2008 - August 2010
January 2008 - April 2008

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
American Society for Public Administration
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
Public Management Research Association