

Aaron Smith-Walter
Curriculum Vitae – September 2022¹

Department of Political Science
College of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
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Education

Ph.D., December 2015

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg Virginia
Dissertation: “Crafting the Public: Cultural Theory and the Public Participation Mechanisms Chosen by Administrators in Metropolitan Planning Organizations”
Dissertation Chair: Brian J. Cook

M.P.A., December 2007

James Madison University, Harrisonburg Virginia

B.S. Sociology, May 2002

James Madison University, Harrisonburg Virginia

Academic Appointments

University of Massachusetts Lowell

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2016 – Current

Interim Director Master of Public Administration Program, September 2021 - Current

University of Alaska Southeast

Assistant Professor of Public Administration, 2015 - 2016

Interim Director Master of Public Administration, January - June 2016

Policy Studies Journal

Associate Editor, 2022 - Current

Associate and Managing Editor, 2019 – 2021

Teaching and Research Interests

Public Policy Processes

Public Participation

Narrative Policy Framework

Cultural Theory

Public Budgeting

¹ Line items with bolded terms indicate achievements occurring during the period under review.

Public Financial Management
Policy Analysis
Public Administration and Popular Culture

Publications

Articles in Refereed Journals

Smith-Walter, Aaron and Christian Angelucci.² 2021. "Simulacra and Spectacle: The Role of Negative Public Values in the Re-enchantment of U.S. Politics." *Administrative Theory & Praxis* 43(4): 412-430.

Smith-Walter, Aaron and Doug Snow. 2020. "Making Budget Decisions in the Shadow of the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Massachusetts Case." *Municipal Finance Journal* 41(3): 61-73.

Smith-Walter, Aaron, Michael D. Jones, Elizabeth A. Shanahan, and Holly L. Peterson. 2019. "Narrative Cognition and Cultural Networks: How Groups Inform Campaign Finance Reform Preferences." *Quality & Quantity: International Journal of Methodology*. Special Issue on Political Culture Research Methodology 54(2): 645-684.

Smith-Walter, Aaron. 2018. "Victims of Health Care Reform: Hirschman's Rhetoric of Reaction in the Shadow of Federalism." *Policy Studies Journal* 46(4): 894-921.

Smith-Walter, Aaron, Holly L. Peterson, Michael D. Jones, and Ashley Nicole Reynolds Marshall.³ 2016. "Gun Stories: How Evidence Shapes Firearms Policy in the United States." *Politics & Policy* 44(6): 1053-1088.

Kadir, Nadhrah A. and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. 2016. "Stakeholders' Perceptions of the Administrative Rules Governing Public Participation in the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization." *The Macrotheme Review: A Multidisciplinary Journal of Global Macro Trends* 5(1): 73-96.

Smith-Walter, Aaron and Fatima Sparger Sharif. 2014. "Is Government (Un)Dead?: What Apocalyptic Fiction Tells Us About Our View of Public Administration." *International Journal of Organizational Theory & Behavior* 17(3): 336-366.

Ko, Jaekwon, SeungUk Hur, and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. 2013. "Family-Friendly Work Practices and Job Satisfaction and Organizational Performance Moderating Effects of Managerial Support." *Public Personnel Management* 42(4): 545-565.

Ko, Jaekwon, and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. 2013. "The Relationship Between HRM Practices and Organizational Performance in the Public Sector: Focusing on Mediating Roles of Work Attitudes." *International Review of Public Administration* 18(3): 209-23.

² Christian Angelucci was a Political Science Undergraduate Student at UML at the time of publication.

³ Ashley Reynolds Marshall is a Ph.D. Candidate at Virginia Tech.

Book Chapters

- Shanahan, Elizabeth A., Michael D. Jones, Mark K. McBeth, and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. (Forthcoming). "The Narrative Policy Framework." In *Theories of the Policy Process*, Fifth Edition. Christopher M. Weible (ed.). Westview Press.
- Smith-Walter, Aaron**, Emily Fritz⁶ and Shannon O'Doherty⁷. (Forthcoming) "Sanctuary Cities, Focusing Events, and the Solidarity Shift: A Standard Measurement of the Prevalence of Victims for the Narrative Policy Framework." (Forthcoming). *Narratives and the Policy Process: Applications of the Narrative Policy Framework*. Michael D. Jones, Mark K. McBeth, and Elizabeth A. Shanahan (eds.). Montana State University Press.
- Holly L. Peterson, Chad Zanocco, and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. "Lost in Translation: Narrative Salience of Fear > Hope in Prevention of COVID-19." (Forthcoming). *Narratives and the Policy Process: Applications of the Narrative Policy Framework*. Michael D. Jones, Mark K. McBeth, and Elizabeth A. Shanahan (eds.). Montana State University Press.
- Jones, Michael D., Mark K. McBeth, Elizabeth A. Shanahan, **Aaron Smith-Walter**, and Geoboo Song. (2022). "Conducting Narrative Policy Framework Research: From Theory to Methods." *Methods of the Policy Process*, Christopher M. Weible and Samuel Workman (eds.). Routledge.
- Smith-Walter, Aaron** and Michael D. Jones. 2020. "Using the Narrative Policy Framework in Comparative Policy Analysis." *Handbook of Research Methods and Applications in Comparative Policy Analysis*, Guillaume Fontaine and B. Guy Peters (eds). Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Pierce, Jonathan J., **Aaron Smith-Walter**, and Holly L. Peterson. 2014. "Research Design and the Narrative Policy Framework." *The Science of Stories: Applications of the Narrative Policy Framework in Public Policy Analysis*, (ed.) Michael D. Jones, Elizabeth A. Shanahan, and Mark K. McBeth. New York, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Book Reviews

- Smith-Walter, Aaron** and Ronald Pannell II⁴. 2020. "S.H.I.E.L.D. – The Complete Collection & Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. – The Coulson Protocols." *Public Integrity*, 23(3): 328-335.

Works in Progress

- Kingsley, David and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. "Grid-Group Cultural Theory and Behavior in a Public Good Experiment." (Under Review at *Applied Economic Letters*, Spring 2022).
- Kingsley, David and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. "Cultural Theory and Institutional Preferences."
- Giordono, Leanne, **Aaron Smith-Walter**, and Michael D. Jones. "A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Policy Narratives in Disparate Policy Subsystems."

⁴ Ronald Pannell II was a MPA student at UML.

Smith-Walter, Aaron, Jenna Vinson, and Cecilia Idika-Kalu⁵. “Developing Family-Friendly Policy and Programs Recommendations as an Introduction to Needs Assessment in MPA Education.” (In Progress).

Smith-Walter, Aaron and Ashley Nicole Reynolds Marshall⁶. “Narrating Conflicting Crises: Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea.” (In Progress)

Smith-Walter, Aaron, Emily Fritz⁷ and Shannon O’Doherty⁸. “Immigration, Illegality, and Federalism: Dueling Policy Narratives Surrounding Sanctuary Cities.” (In Progress)

Aaron Smith-Walter and Ronald Pannell, II³. “An Administrative Marvel: Bureaucrats as Heroes, Villains, and Victims in the Age of Trump.” (In Progress)

Conference Presentations

Aaron Smith-Walter and Ashley Nicole Reynolds Marshall. “Narrating Conflicting Crises: Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea.” 79th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago IL, April 7th -10th, 2022.

Aaron Smith-Walter, Cecilia Idika-Kalu⁴, and Jenna Vinson. “Viable Strategies for Student Retention and Recruitment: A Case Study of Family-Friendly Campus Policies.” Northeast Conference on Public Administration Virtual Conference, November 6th, 2021.

Nicole Gellar⁹ and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. “The Shield: Steve Rogers, Bucky Barnes, Sam Wilson and the Evolution of Captain America as Policy Symbol.” Northeast Popular Culture Association Virtual Conference, October 21st, 2021.

Aaron Smith-Walter, Leanne Giordono, and Michael D. Jones. “Problem-Definition, Mobilization, World-Building (or something else)? – A fuzzy-set Qualitative Comparative Analysis (fsQCA) Approach to Developing a Policy Narrative Typology. 78th Annual Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual Conference, April 14th-18th, 2021.

Aaron Smith-Walter and Christian Angelucci¹. “Simulacra and Spectacle: The Role of Negative Public Values in the Re-enchantment of U.S. Politics.” Northeast Conference on Public Administration Virtual Conference, November 6th, 2020.

Ronald Pannell, II³ and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. “An Administrative Marvel?: “Images of Bureaucrats in S.H.I.E.L.D.” Northeast Popular Culture Association Virtual Conference, October 24th, 2020.

Smith-Walter, Aaron and Douglas Snow. “Making Budget Decisions in the Shadow of the

⁵ Cecilia Idika-Kalu is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Global Studies Program at the University of Massachusetts Lowell

⁶ Ashley Reynolds Marshall is a Ph.D. Candidate at Virginia Tech.

⁷ Emily Fritz is a University of Massachusetts Lowell MPA Alumna.

⁸ Shannon O’Doherty is a University of Massachusetts Lowell MPA Alumna.

⁹ Nicole Gellar is a Masters student in the Peace and Conflict Studies Program at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

COVID-19 Pandemic: The Massachusetts Case.” Online Association for Budgeting & Financial Management Symposium, September 26th, 2020.

Smith-Walter, Aaron and Michael D. Jones. “A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Policy Narratives in Disparate Policy Subsystems.” 4th International Conference on Public Policy, Montreal PQ, June 26th-28th, 2019.

Pannell, Ronald II³, and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. “An Administrative Marvel: Bureaucrats as Heroes, Villains, and Victims in the Age of Trump.” 77th Annual Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 4th-7th, 2019.

Smith-Walter, Aaron, Shannon O’Doherty⁷, and Emily Fritz⁶. “Sanctuary Policies, Trump, and Undocumented Migrants: Villains as Condensation Symbols and Driving Forces in Policy Narratives.” 31st Annual Meeting of the Public Administration Theory Network, Cleveland OH, May 31st-June 3rd, 2018.

Smith-Walter, Aaron, Emily Fritz⁶, and Shannon O’Doherty⁷. “Immigration, Illegality, and Intergovernmental Relations: The Application of Actantial Models to Policy Narratives Surrounding Sanctuary Cities.” 76th Annual Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 5th-8th, 2018.

Hassey, Margaret¹⁰ and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. “Policy Intentions and Evolution in Title IX of the Education Act Amendments of 1972: A Policy Process Examination.” 76th Annual Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL., April 5th-8th, 2018.

Fritz, Emily⁶, Shannon O’Doherty⁷, and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. “Federal Immigration Policy and Sanctuary Cities: Conflict and Contention in Contemporary U.S. Intergovernmental Relations.” Northeast Conference on Public Administration (NECoPA), Burlington VT, November 3-5, 2017.

Smith-Walter, Aaron and Fatima Sparger Sharif. “Victims of Healthcare Reform: Hirschman’s Rhetorics of Reaction in the Shadow of Federalism.” 75th Annual Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 6th-9th, 2017.

Smith-Walter, Aaron. “Crafting the Public.” 2017 American Society for Public Administration Conference: Saluting the Public Service: A Bold and Noble Profession. Atlanta, GA, March 17-21, 2017.

Smith-Walter, Aaron and Holly L. Peterson. “Public Will as Shared Policy Beliefs: An NPF Approach and Application.” 74th Annual Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 7th-10th, 2016.

Jones, Michael D., Elizabeth A. Shanahan, Holly L. Peterson, and **Aaron Smith-Walter**. “Narrative Cognition and Cultural Networks: How Groups Inform Campaign Finance Reform Preferences.” American Political Science Association. 111th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2-6, 2015.

¹⁰ Margaret Hassey was a Masters student in the Peace and Conflict Studies Program at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and is a current Ph.D. Candidate in Global Governance at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

- Pierce, Jonathan J., Holly L. Peterson, and *Aaron Smith-Walter*. "Narratives Everywhere." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 14-17, 2015.
- Sharif, Fatima Sparger and *Aaron Smith-Walter*. "The Good, the Bad, and the Worthy: Examining the Effects of Policy Venue and Partisanship On the Portrayal of Stakeholders in Policy Narratives Surrounding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act." LSA 50th Annual Conference, Minneapolis MN, May 29-June 1, 2014.
- Pierce, Jonathan J., *Aaron Smith-Walter*, and Holly L. Peterson. "Research Design and the Narrative Policy Framework." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 3-6, 2014.
- Smith-Walter, Aaron*, Ashley N. Reynolds Marshall, Holly L. Peterson, and Michael D. Jones. "Gun Stories: How Evidence Shapes Firearm Policy in the United States." Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management: 35th Annual Fall Research Conference: Power of the Past-Force for the Future. Washington DC, November 7-9, 2013.
- Jorgensen, Paul D. and *Aaron Smith-Walter*. "Policymaking in a Money-Driven Political System." 2013 International Conference on Public Policy Grenoble, France, June 26-28, 2013.
- Cook, Brian J., Michael D. Jones, and *Aaron Smith-Walter*. "The Political Dynamics of National Climate Change Governance in the United States." Law and Society Association: Power, Privilege, and the Pursuit of Justice: Legal Challenges in Precarious Times. Boston MA, May 30th – June 2nd, 2013.
- Smith-Walter, Aaron*. "Who is "The Public": Investigating Public Participation Plans for Clues to Its Meaning." Center for Public Administration and Policy: High Table 2013: (Re)Mastering Democracy. Blacksburg VA, April 5-6, 2013.
- Smith-Walter, Aaron* and Fatima Sparger Sharif. "The Competing Values Surrounding Health Care Reform in the United States Federalist System." 2013 American Society for Public Administration Conference: Governance & Sustainability: Local Concerns, Global Challenges. New Orleans, LA, March 15-19, 2013.
- Smith-Walter, Aaron*, Michael D. Jones, Brian J. Cook, Paul D. Jorgensen. "The Political Dynamics of National Climate Change Governance in the United States." Dupont Summit 2012: Pressing Issues Amid the Political Maelstrom. Carnegie Institution for Science, Washington DC, December 7, 2012.
- Brock, Emily Swenson, *Aaron Smith-Walter*, and Fatima Sharif. "Employing the Philosophy of Pragmatism in the Classroom: Eliciting a Range of Views and Perspectives." 35th Annual Teaching Public Administration Conference: 2012 Teaching Public Administration Conference. South Padre Island, TX, May 22nd, 2012.
- Sharif, Fatima Sparger and *Aaron Smith-Walter*. "Is Government (Un)Dead?: What Apocalyptic Fiction Tells Us About Our View of Public Administration." 25th Annual Meeting of Public Administration Theory Network- Exploring Borders: New Realities, Challenges, and Solutions. South Padre Island, TX, May 20th, 2012

Courses Taught

University of Massachusetts Lowell – Lowell, Massachusetts

PCST 5060: Research Methods, Fall 2016, 2017
POLI 1050 Introduction to Public Policy, Spring 2018 - Current
POLI 1010: Introduction to American Politics, Spring 2019 - Current
MPAD 5010: Foundations of Public Administration, Fall 2016 - Current
MPAD 5030: Public and Nonprofit Leadership and Management, Spring 2017 - Current
MPAD 5050: Professional Practicum, Spring 2020 - Current

University of Alaska Southeast – Juneau, Alaska

Economics and Public Policy, 2015 - 2016
Public Financial Management, 2015 - 2016
Introduction to Public Administration, 2015 - 2016

James Madison University – Harrisonburg, Virginia

Politics of Public Budgeting, Fall 2012
Policy Analysis, Fall 2013

Other Instruction Related Activities

Directed Studies

Emily Fritz, Spring 2016 – Student research project on “Sanctuary City” Policy Narratives
David Provencher, Fall 2017 – Student research project on Emergency Management Education
Meg Hassey, Fall 2017 – Student research project on Title IX Policy Narratives and History
John Buckley, Spring 2018 – Student research project on Theories of Volunteer and Donation Management
Emily Fritz, Spring 2018 - Student research project on “Sanctuary City” Policy Narratives
Shannon O’Doherty, Spring 2018 - Student research project on “Sanctuary City” Policy Narratives
Emily Maguire, Summer 2019 – Student research project on “Living Waters” Organization
Masachs Bounou, Fall 2019 – Student research on Entrepreneurship as Response to Trauma
Ronald Pannell II, Spring 2020 – Student research on Representative Bureaucracy in Marvel’s S.H.I.E.L.D. Organization
Cecilia Idika-Kalu, Spring 2020 – Student research on Contemporary Public Management
Ronald Pannell II, Spring 2020 – Student research on Contemporary Public Management
Janette Schley, Spring 2020 – Student research on Contemporary Public Management
Richard Jordan, Summer 2020 – Student research on Narrative Policy Framework
Patrick Lagan, Summer 2020 – Student research on Narrative Policy Framework
Erica Bradford, Spring 2021 – Student research on Contemporary Public Management
Anna Buscemi, Spring 2021 – Student research on Contemporary Public Management
Connor Stack, Spring 2021 – Student research on Contemporary Public Management
Nicole Gellar, Fall 2021 – Student research on Current State of Gender and Administration
Cody Moran, Fall 2021 – Student research on Current State of Gender and Administration
Stephanie Adams, Spring 2022 – Professional Practicum
Zach Rogers, Spring 2022 – Student research on Comparative State Red-Tide Management
Gloria Donkor, Summer 2022 – Student research on Clothing and Fiber Recycling Programs

Theodora Slone, Summer 2022 – Student research on Mental Health and Public Sector Culture

Masters Thesis Committees

Bridget M. Diaz, Fall 2021- A Good Life: An Exploration of Wellness on First Nations Reserves in Canada

Roland Joseph, Spring 2018 – Negotiation and Democratic Stability in Haiti: Analyzing the Second Presidential Terms of Jean-Bertrand Aristide and René Préval

Doctoral Thesis/Qualifying Committees

Nadia Mahallait, TBD, - Political Science PhD candidate at the University of Utah. I am serving as a Committee Member on the Narrative Policy Framework on parental leave policy at the state-level.

Meg Hassey, TBD – Global Governance and Human Security PhD candidate at the University of Massachusetts Boston. I am serving as a Committee Member advising on the application of the Narrative Policy Framework on plastics regulation policy.

Gloria Donkor, TBD – TBD. I am serving as Chair of Gloria’s Dissertation Committee.

Aysun Ficici, TBD – The Impact of Race and Ethnicity, Foreign Policy, and Economics on US Immigration Policy and State-Level Public Finance: A Public Policy Analysis. I am serving as Chair of Aysun’s Dissertation Committee.

Masachs J. Bounou, Fall 2020 – Enhancing Our Understanding of Empowerment by Examining the Perspectives of Returning Citizens at a Community-Based Correctional Center.

Organizational Membership

Northeast Conference on Public Administration (NECoPA) 2022 – Conference Program Committee, 2022 - Current.

Northeast Conference on Public Administration (NECoPA) 2020 – Conference Planning Committee, 2019 – 2020.

President-Elect: Massachusetts Chapter of American Society for Public Administration, 2020-Current

Vice-President: Massachusetts Chapter of American Society for Public Administration, 2017-2020

Member: International Public Policy Association, 2019 - Current

Member: Policy Studies Organization, 2018 – Current

Member: Public Administration Theory Network, 2017-Current

Member: American Society for Public Administration, 2014-Current

Member: Midwest Political Science Association, 2014-Current

Vice President: Public Administrators at Virginia Tech, 2010-2011

High Table Vice Chair: Public Administrators at Virginia Tech, 2010-2011

High Table Chair Public Administrators at Virginia Tech, 2011-2012

High Table Committee Member, 2012-2013

Reviewer Activity for Academic Journals

Administration & Society
Politics & Policy
Policy Studies Journal
Public Policy & Administration
Asian Journal of Communication
Sustainability
European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research
Public Integrity
American Political Science Review
Policy Sciences
Review of Policy Research

Research Positions

Adjunct appointment in School of Public and International Affairs as Graduate Research Assistant for research project titled: “The Political Dynamics of Climate Change Policy Design.” Summer 2012.

Professional Development

Nominated to participate in Virginia Tech Future Faculty Program. Blacksburg, Virginia, January 9-12, 2012.

Awards

Teaching Excellence Award Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Lowell 2021.

Valente Center Humanities Research Seminar Series, Fellowship at Bentley University, Waltham MA, 2020-2021.

Teaching Excellence Award Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Lowell 2018.

Larry Terry Ph.D. Candidate Award for Paper *Is Government (Un)Dead?: What Apocalyptic Fiction Tells Us About Our View of Public Administration*. High Table 2014 Public Administration and the Failure of Politics. Blacksburg, Virginia, March 26-27, 2014.

Larry Terry Ph.D. Student Award for Paper *Who Is “The Public” – Investigating Public Participation Plans for Clues to Its Meaning*. High Table 2013 (Re)Mastering Democracy. Blacksburg, Virginia, April 5-6, 2013.

Invited Talks

Mid Sweden University, Invited Lecture. “What’s the Story with the Narrative Policy Framework?” Presentation to Political Science Department - Seminarium II Policy Track. November 19th, 2021.

Center for Public Administration and Policy, Spring Symposium Panel Participant. April 25th – 26th, 2019. Virginia Tech, Blacksburg VA.

Grants

Associated Industries of Massachusetts, *The State of Grid Energy Storage in Massachusetts*, DC: \$20,647; TC: \$25,000. Co-Investigator (PI: Ertan Agar). 5/15/19 – 10/31/19.

University of Massachusetts Lowell, Internal Seed-Grant, *Cultural Theory and Institutional Preferences in a Public Goods Experiment*, \$9,600. PI (Co-Investigator Dr. David Kingsley). 6/1/19 – 6/1/20.