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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

MPA, December 2007

James Madison University, Harrisonburg Virginia

B.S. Sociology, May 2002

James Madison University, Harrisonburg Virginia

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Policy Processes
Public Participation
Narrative Policy Framework
Cultural Theory
Public Budgeting
Public Financial Management
Policy Analysis
Public Administration and Popular Culture

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals

Smith-Walter, Aaron, Michael D. Jones, Elizabeth A. Shanahan, and Holly L. Peterson. (forthcoming). “Narrative Cognition and Cultural Networks.” *Quality & Quantity: International Journal of Methodology*. Special Issue on Political Culture Research Methodology.

Smith-Walter, Aaron. (2018). “Victims of Health Care Reform: Hirschman’s Rhetoric of Reaction in the Shadow of Federalism.” *Policy Studies Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.12273>

Smith-Walter, Aaron, Holly L. Peterson, Michael D. Jones, and Ashley Nicole Reynolds Marshall. (2016). “Gun Stories: How Evidence Shapes Firearms Policy in the United States.” *Politics & Policy*. Vol. 44, No. 6 pp. 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 Macrotrend Review: A Multidisciplinary Journal of Global Macro Trends*. Vol. 5, No. 1 pp. 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*. Vol. 17, No. 3 pp. 336-366. (Impact Factor: 0.184)

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* December 2013 Vol. 42, No. 4 pp. 545-565. (Impact Factor: 0.389)

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* Vol. 18, No. 3 pp. 209-231 (Impact Factor: 0.157)

Book Chapters

Pierce, Jonathan J., *Aaron Smith-Walter*, and Holly L. Peterson. (2014). “Research Design and the Narrative Policy Framework,” in *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.

Works in Progress

Smith-Walter, Aaron and Michael D. Jones. (under review). “Have Story – Will Travel: The Narrative Policy Framework and the Study of Comparative Public Policy.” Guillaume Fontaine and B. Guy Peters (eds).

Smith-Walter, Aaron. “Planning Participation: A Grid-Group Cultural Theory Approach to Public Participation Mechanism Selection in Metropolitan Planning Organizations.” Estimated Completion, Winter 2019.

Smith-Walter, Aaron, Emily Fritz and Shannon O’Doherty. (under review) “Immigration, Illegality, and Federalism: Dueling Policy Narratives Surrounding Sanctuary Cities.”

Smith-Walter, Aaron and Ronald Pannell II. “An Administrative Marvel: Bureaucrats as Heroes, Villains, and Victims in the Age of Trump.” Estimated Completion, Fall 2019.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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.

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.

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.

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. "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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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., Holly L. Peterson, and *Aaron Smith-Walter*. "Narratives Everywhere." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 14-17, 2015.

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.

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.

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 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.

Fritz, Emily, Shannon O'Doherty, 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.

Hassey, Margaret 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.

Smith-Walter, Aaron, Emily Fritz, and Shannon O'Doherty. "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.

Smith-Walter, Aaron, Shannon O'Doherty, and Emily Fritz. "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.

Pannell, Ronald II, 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 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENTLY TAUGHT COURSES

James Madison University – Harrisonburg, Virginia

Instructor, Politics of Public Budgeting, James Madison University, Fall 2012

Instructor, Policy Analysis, James Madison University, Fall 2013

University of Alaska Southeast – Juneau, Alaska

Assistant Professor, Economics and Public Policy, University of Alaska Southeast, Fall 2015

Assistant Professor, Public Financial Management, University of Alaska Southeast, Spring 2016

Assistant Professor, Introduction to Public Administration, University of Alaska Southeast, Spring 2016

University of Massachusetts Lowell – Lowell, Massachusetts

Assistant Professor, Introduction to Public Administration, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Fall 2016

Assistant Professor, Research Methods, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Fall 2016

Assistant Professor, Introduction to Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Spring 2017

Assistant Professor, Public and Nonprofit Leadership and Management, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Spring 2017

Assistant Professor, Introduction to American Politics, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Spring 2018

Assistant Professor, Public and Nonprofit Leadership and Management, University of Massachusetts

Lowell, Spring 2018
Assistant Professor, Introduction to Public Administration, University of Massachusetts Lowell,
Summer 2018 (Online)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Professional Groups:

Vice-President: Massachusetts Chapter of American Society for Public Administration, 2017-2019
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

EDITORIAL WORK & POSITIONS

Associate Editor: *Policy Studies Journal*, April 4th 2019 – Current

Reviewer/Referee:

Administration & Society
Politics & Policy
Policy Studies Journal
Public Policy & Administration
Asian Journal of Communication

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

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.

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.

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

FUNDING AWARDS

Public Administrators at Virginia Tech PAT-Net Conference Scholarship, Virginia Tech, 2011, 2012
Public Administrators at Virginia Tech TPAC Conference Scholarship, Virginia Tech, 2012
Public Administrators at Virginia Tech ASPA Conference Scholarship, Virginia Tech, 2013
Public Administrators at Virginia Tech APPAM Conference Scholarship, Virginia Tech, 2013
Public Administrators at Virginia Tech MPSA Conference Scholarship, Virginia Tech, 2014
Wilson Fund for Faculty Professional Development, University of Alaska Southeast, January 2016

INVITED TALKS

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.