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Education

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Ph.D. in Public Administration, May 2007

- Qualifying Exam Field: Public Management, *passed with distinction*, November 2005
- Dissertation Topic: “Negotiating Bureaucratic Responsiveness in Collaboration with Citizens: Findings From Action Research in Los Angeles”

George Washington University, Washington, DC

Master of Public Administration, Concentration in Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation, May 2003

Achievements:

- Herbert Roback Scholarship from the National Academy of Public Administration
- Pi Alpha Alpha, National Public Affairs and Administration Honor Society
School of Business and Public Management Honor Graduate

American University, Washington, DC Major: Political Science, B.A. May 1999 Achievements:

- Beta Psi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, Chapter President
- Golden Key National Honor Society

Research Interests

- Government-Citizen Relations
- Bureaucratic Responsiveness
- Collaboration and Networks
- Public Management
- Citizen Engagement

Select Research Papers and Publications

Articles in Refereed Journals

Bryer, T. A. 2009. Explaining Responsiveness in Collaboration: Administrator and Citizen Role Perceptions. *Public Administration Review*, 69(20): 479-500.

Bryer, T. A. 2009. Minnowbrook III: What Was Missing? Procedural Justice and Backbone. *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, 31(1): 104-107.

Bryer, T. A. and Cooper, T. L. 2007. Challenges in Enhancing Responsiveness in Neighborhood Governance. *Public Performance & Management Review*, 31(2): 190-213.

Cooper, T. L. and Bryer, T. A. 2007. William Robertson: Exemplar of Politics and Public Management Rightly Understood. *Public Administration Review*, 67(5): 816-824.

Bryer, T. A. 2007. Toward a Relevant Agenda for a Responsive Public Administration. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 17(3): 479-500.

Bryer, T. A. 2006. Stakeholder Approach to Bureaucratic Responsiveness: A Network Based Framework to Analyze Public Administrator Value Preferences. *International Journal of Organization Theory and Behavior*, 9(4).

Cooper, T. L., Bryer, T. A., and Meek J. W. 2006. Citizen-Centered Collaborative Public Management. *Public Administration Review*, 66(Special Issue): 76-88.

Bryer, T. A. 2003. Bureaucratization and Active Citizenship: Approaches to Administrative Reform. *Pi Alpha Alpha Online Journal*. Vol. 5. http://www.naspaa.org/initiatives/paa/journal/volume_5.asp.

Book Reviews in Refereed Journals

Bryer, T.A. 2008. Warning: The Hollow State Can Be Deadly. Review of *Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army* by Jeremy Scahill and *Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry* by Peter W. Singer, *Public Administration Review*, 68(3): 587-590.

Bryer, T. A. 2005. Defining Identity Through the State and Academia. Review of *Constructing "Race" and "Ethnicity" in America* by Dvora Yanow, *American Review of Public Administration*, 35 (3): 300-302.

Book Chapters in Peer Reviewed Books

Cooper, T. L., Bryer, T. A., and Meek J. W. 2008. Outcomes Achieved through Citizen-Centered Collaborative Public Management. In Rosemary O'Leary and Lisa Bingham (eds.) "Big Issues in Collaborative Public Management," Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, pp. 211-229.

Submitted Articles to Peer-Reviewed Journals

Bryer, T. A., Catlaw, T. J., Eikenberry, A. M., Farmbry, K. W., Horiuchi, C. M., Mingus, M. S., Molina, A. D., and Stout, M. R. Re-Conceptualizing Public Administration for Democracy as a Way of Life. Submitted February 2009.

Cooper, T. L., Bryer, T. A., and Meek, J. W. From Collaborative Public Management to Collaborative Public Governance: Capacity Building for Sustainability. Submitted January 2009.

Bryer, T. A. and Sahin, I. Re-Conceptualizing Representation for the Administrative Role: Implications for Public Participation. Submitted October 2008.

Bryer, T. A. Building Capacity for Public Participation in Land Use Planning: Lessons From Two Counties in Florida. Submitted October 2008.

Bryer, T. A., T. L. Cooper, and R. Kuramoto. Exploring the Facilitative Role in Administrator-Citizen Collaboration. Submitted November 2008.

Bryer, T. A. Explaining Responsiveness in Collaboration: Political Dimensions and Environment. *Revise and Resubmit* Received July 2008. Re-Submitted January 2009.

Research Reports

Findings From a Community Health Care Discussion. December 2008. Report written for the Obama Transition Team.

Collaboration Between Los Angeles City Departments and Neighborhood Councils: Findings and Recommendations from the Collaborative Learning Project. 2007. Urban Initiative Policy Brief, University of Southern California. With Terry L. Cooper.

Select Teaching Experience

University of Central Florida, Department of Public Administration, Orlando, FL

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration

Administrative Theory (Spring and Summer 2008; Fall 2008--Online)

Cross-Sectoral Governance (Summer 2008)

Public Organization Management (Fall 2007, 2008, 2009; Spring 2008)

Strategic Planning and Management (Fall 2007; Summer 2008)

University of Southern California, School of Policy, Planning, and Development, Los Angeles, CA

Instructor

Cross-Sectoral Governance (Spring 2007, Summer 2007)

Public Policy and Management (Spring 2006)

Invited Lectures and Presentations

A Seminar in Civic Engagement, Metropolitan Orlando Urban League Young Professionals, February 2009

- “Public Participation, Activism, and Citizenship”

Conflict Management Training, Jewish Family Services, October 2008

Communication Strategies in Organizations, Orlando Rotary Club, May 2008

Public Administration Research Colloquium, Florida State University, February 2008

- “Public Participation with Government: A Research Agenda”

Public Administration Research Colloquium, University of Central Florida, October 2007

- “Networks in Management: Using Network Analysis as a Diagnostic Tool”

Civic Engagement Initiative, University of Southern California, April 2007

- “Negotiating Bureaucratic Responsiveness in Collaboration with Citizens”

Network Theory and Analysis Workshop, University of La Verne, October 2006 & 2007

- Taught a full day workshop on network theory and the tools of network analysis

Managing Collaborative Networks, PADM 583, Prof. Jack Meek, University of La Verne, April and October 2006

- “Forms of Collaboration – the Learning and Design Forum”

Dilemmas of Democracy, Local Participation in the New American City, Loyola Marymount University, April 2006

- “Bureaucratic Responsiveness to Citizens”

Emergent Public Administration Conference, University of Texas at Dallas, December 2005

- Facilitated open space technology for this conference of public administration doctoral students from around the United States

Democracy Day, Center for Democracy & Technology, September 2003

- “State of American Democracy and Civic Engagement”

International Development Forum on Civic Engagement, George Washington University, April 2003

- “Overview on the Changing Landscape of Civic Engagement”

Globalization Week, George Washington University Center for the Study of Globalization, 2003

- “Digital Diasporas: What Makes Online Communities Thrive”

Performance Measurement in Government and Balanced Scorecard in Government, Advanced Learning Institute, 2002

- “Proposal for a Performance Measurement and Management Framework for E-Government”

Select Research

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Co-Investigator, Feasibility Study for the Incorporation of Poinciana, FL, Funded by the Association of Poinciana Villages through the UCF Institute of Government.

Principal Investigator, Uncovering the Public Participation Values of Elected Representatives, Unfunded.

Principal Investigator, Examining the Cross-Sectoral and Public Participation Components of myregion.org, Bedrosian Center for Governance and the Public Enterprise for **\$5,000**

Principal Investigator, Building Capacity for Public Participation in Planning, UCF Office of Research Commercialization In-House Grant for **\$7,500**

Co-Principal Investigator, Capacity Building Institute: Second Harvest Food Bank, \$6,000.00

Co-Principal Investigator, Creation and Transformation of a New City Government Department, Proposal Submitted to IBM Center for the Business of Government for \$20,000 (with Terry L. Cooper)

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Co-Principal Investigator, Research for a Book on the Emergency of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council System, May 2006 – August 2007, \$19,216.00

Lead Research Assistant, Collaborative Learning Project, January 2006 – May 2007

Recent and Forthcoming Conference Presentations

American Society for Public Administration, March 2009, Miami, FL. Presenting “Uncovering the Public Participation Values of Elected Representatives” (with Suzanne Piotrowski)

American Society for Public Administration, March 2009, Miami, FL. Presenting “Civic Engagement in the Procurement and Management of Public Private Partnerships for Infrastructure Development” (with Wendell Lawther)

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, November 2008, Philadelphia, PA. Presented “Responsibilities of and for Nonprofit Organizations in the Economically Tumultuous Hollow State” (with Mary Ann Feldheim)

Minnowbrook III, September 2008, sponsored by Syracuse University. Accepted participant in facilitated discussions among 50 junior faculty on the state of public administration as a discipline.

Minnowbrook III, September 2008, sponsored by Syracuse University. Presenting “Capacity Building and Sustaining Collaborative Governance in Practice” (with Terry Cooper and Jack Meek).

Southeast Conference of Public Administration, September 2008, Orlando, FL. Presented “Re-Conceptualizing Representation for the Administrative Role: Implications for Public Participation” (with Ismail Sahin).

Learning Democracy by Doing, October 2008, Transformative Learning Centre, University of Toronto. Presenting "Building Capacity for Public Participation in Planning."

International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, January 2008, St. Pete Beach, FL. Presented "Meta-Network Evaluation: Linking Ties to Performance in California's Weed Management Networks."

International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, January 2008, St. Pete Beach, FL “Organizational Learning under Stress: A Network Perspective.” (with Naim Kapucu)

American Society for Public Administration, March 2008, Dallas, TX. Presented "Negotiating Bureaucratic Responsiveness in Collaboration with Citizens: Findings from Action Research in Los Angeles."

American Society for Public Administration, March 2008, Dallas, TX. Presented "Organizational Learning under Stress: A Network Perspective." (with Naim Kapucu)

UCF Second Annual Public Administration Conference, March 2008, Orlando, FL. Presented "Building Capacity for Public Participation in Land Use Planning."

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2008, Chicago, IL. Presented "Negotiating Bureaucratic Responsiveness in Collaboration with Citizens: Findings from Action Research in Los Angeles."

Consortium on Collaborative Governance, April 2008, Santa Monica, CA. Presented "Exploring the Facilitative Role in Administrator-Citizen Collaboration" (with Terry Cooper)

Select Service to Department, College, University, Community and Discipline

2008/2009

Associate Editor, International Journal of Public Participation (effective January 2009)

Faculty Advisor, Organization for Public Administration (effective January 2009)

Faculty Advisor, Masters in Public Administration Student Association (effective spring 2008)

Conference Chair, 3rd Annual Public Administration Research Conference (scheduled for April 2009)

President-Elect, Central Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (effective May 2008)

Convening of Community Health Care Forum at the request of the Obama Transition team (December 2008)

Reviewer for scholarly journals, including *Public Administration Review*, *American Review of Public Administration*, *Public Performance and Management Review*, and *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*.

Recent Awards, Fellowships, and Recognitions

2008/2009

Faculty Fellow, University of Central Florida Academy for Teaching, Learning, and Leadership.

2008

Best Practice Award for Online Teaching, Sponsored by University of Central Florida's Course Development and Web Services

Teaching Case and Simulation Competition in Collaborative Public Management, Collaborative Governance, and Collaborative Problem Solving, Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts, Maxwell School of Syracuse University

- Honorable Mention (\$1000) for Simulation: “Developing a Young Professionals Network for the Arts”

2007

Teaching Case and Simulation Competition in Collaborative Public Management, Collaborative Governance, and Collaborative Problem Solving, Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts, Maxwell School of Syracuse University

- 1st Prize (\$5000) for Simulation: “Collaborative Design of Citizen Engagement in City and County Comprehensive Planning”

Select Non-Profit Professional Experience

Mobilizing America’s Youth, Board of Directors, March 2003 – October 2008

- Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, September 2007 until October 2008
- Chair of the Oversight and Evaluation Committee January 2007 until Present
- Chair of the Ad-hoc Committee on Strategic Planning July 2006 until December 2006
- Interim Chair of the Board December 2005 until July 2006

Council for Excellence in Government, Research Associate, March 2000 – December 2000

Project Leader, Government Performance and Technology Projects, January 2001 – July 2003

- Administered a program in partnership with the Maryland Sub-cabinet for Children, Youth and Families to enhance the leadership skills of Maryland early childhood practitioners
- Designed, implemented, and led e-government projects, such as the development of a cross-agency, intergovernmental portal for low-income residents, and the intergovernmental coordination of geospatial data collection and dissemination
- Reviewed and rated federal agency Performance and Accountability Reports as part of the Association for Government Accountants’ Certificate for Excellence in Accountability Reporting program