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### **Academic Employment**

**2021-Present** Associate Professor of Public Administration and Director, PhD in Urban Affairs Program, University of Memphis, School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy

**2017- 2021** Associate Professor of Public Administration Grand Valley State University, School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration

**2014- 2021** Master of Public Administration Program Director, Grand Valley State University, School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration

**2011 to 2017** Assistant Professor of Public Administration  
Grand Valley State University, School of Public, Non-profit and Health Administration

### **Education**

**2011** Ph.D. Michigan State University (American Politics, Public Policy)

**2004** MPA Eastern Michigan University: Ypsilanti, Michigan (Public Management)

**1999** BA Albion College: Albion, Michigan (Music Performance, Human Services minor)

### **Additional Training**

**2023** Qualitative Analysis using Atlas.ti

**2017** Statistical Horizons: Longitudinal Data Analysis Using Stata

**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, bureaucracy studies, urban politics, minority politics, local government management, public policy analysis and evaluation, organizational behavior, and political institutions

## **Research Interests**

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

## **Work Currently Under Review**

“Effective Communication in Times of Crisis: The Case of Face Mask Mandates in the United States” with William M. Myers (University of Tampa). Invitation to Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management.

“Executive Orders and Face Mask Mandates in U.S. States” with William M. Myers (University of Tampa). Invitation to Revise and Resubmit at Law and Policy.

“State Instability, Violence and the Ethics of Saw IV: A Pedagogical Exploration of Horror as a Teaching Tool” with Wesley Wehde (Texas Tech University) and Kelli Davis (University of Memphis). Under Review at Public Integrity.

“The Role of Localized Protest in Responsive National Policymaking” with Jocelyn Taliaferro (North Carolina State University). In preparation for submission to the Journal of Community Practice.

## **Work In Progress**

“Eras of Local Government Litigation: Patterns of Supreme Court Decision-Making with William M. Myers (University of Tampa)

“Local Governments at Court” book project with William M. Myers (University of Tampa)

“Patterns of Emergency Management Funding in the United States” with Logan Gerber-Chavez (University of Delaware), Samantha Montano (Massachusetts Maritime Academy), Amanda Savitt (Center for Climate Adaptation Research) & Tanya B. Corbin (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University).

## **Books**

Downey, D. C. (2021). *Disasters and Economic Recovery*. London: Routledge Publishing

Downey, D. C. (Ed.). (2015). *Cities and Disasters*, Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press. 2016 CHOICE Award Winner.

## **Refereed Journal Articles**

Gerber-Chavez, L., Montano, S., Savitt, A., Corbin, T. B., & **Downey, D. C.** (2023). Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding allocations and relevance for US disaster policy. *Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy*, OnlineFirst. <https://doi.org/10.1002/rhc3.12269>.

Wehde, W. & **Downey D.C.** (2022). Review of Saw IV: Extreme Violence, Ethics, and Street-Level Bureaucracy. *Public Integrity*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10999922.2022.2125910>.

**Downey, D. C.**, & Myers, W. M. (2020). Federalism, Intergovernmental Relationships, and Emergency Response: A Comparison of Australia and the United States. *The American Review of Public Administration*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0275074020941696>.

Blackmond Larnell, T., & **Downey, D. C.** (2019). Tax Increment Financing in Chicago: The Perplexing Relationship Between Blight, Race, and Property Values. *Economic Development Quarterly*, 33(4), 316–330. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0891242419877944>

Reckhow, S., **Downey, D. C.**, & Sapotichne, J. (2019). Governing Without Government: Nonprofit Governance in Detroit and Flint. *Urban Affairs Review*, 56(5). <https://doi.org/10.1177/1078087419847531>

Myers, W. M. & **Downey, D.C.** (2017) “Which Governments Come Out Ahead?” *Perspectives on Federalism*, 9(1), 13-33.

**Downey, D. C.** & Reese, L. A. (2017) “Sudden Versus Slow Death of Cities: New Orleans and Detroit.” *DuBois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 4(1), 219- 243.

**Downey, D. C.** (2016) “Disaster Recovery in Black and White: A Comparison of New Orleans and Gulfport.” *The American Review of Public Administration*, vol. 46(1), 51-74.

**Cox, D. S.** & Reese, L. A. (2007) “Local Culture and Governmental Change: Exploring the Endurance of Culture in the Face of Structural Change.” *Canadian Public Administration*, 50(2), 245-27.

## **Law Review Articles**

Myers, W. M. & **Downey, D. C.** (2021). Covid-19 Policy Executive (In)Action in Florida and Michigan. *Wayne State Law Review*, 67(1).

## **Book Chapters**

Reese, L. A., Rosenfeld, R. A. & **Downey, D. C.** (2012) "Civic Culture in Ottawa: The Endurance of Local Culture" in *Comparative Civic Culture*, Eds. LA Reese and RA Rosenfeld. London: Ashgate Publishing.

## **Other Publications**

Governing Without Government. *Urban Affairs Review*, *Urban Affairs Forum*. (April 24, 2020).

Reckhow, Sarah; Downey, Davia; and Sapotichne, Joshua, "Governing Without Government: Nonprofit Governance in Detroit and Flint" (October 26, 2018). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3273190>

Making the Economic Development Process Accessible to Students. *Urban Affairs Review*, *Urban Affairs Forum*. (November 2, 2018).

Book Review of *Obama on the Home Front: Domestic Policy Triumphs and Setbacks* by John D. Graham. *Public Administration Review*, vol. 67, 6: 804-804. (December 2017).

"Ethnocentrism." In Linwood H. Cousins and Geoffrey J. Golson (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Human Services and Diversity*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications (September 2014)

"Environmental Racism." In Linwood H. Cousins and Geoffrey J. Golson (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Human Services and Diversity*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications (September 2014)

"Gentrification." In Linwood H. Cousins and Geoffrey J. Golson (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Human Services and Diversity*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications (September 2014)

"Ethnocentrism". In *Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*, ed. Stephen M. Caliendo and Charlton McIlwain. New York: Routledge, (December 2010).

Book 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.

## **Media Appearances**

Release of 2020 census data starts countdown to congressional redistricting by Kimberly Adams. *NPR Marketplace* (August 12, 2021).

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott announces temporary statewide school, restaurant, gym closures by Allie Morris and James Barragán. The Dallas Morning News (March 19, 2020)

America Is Not Set Up For This by Michael Hobbes. The Huffington Post (April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

Natural disaster response strategies success dependent on collaboration by Patrick Center. WGUV (NPR Affiliate), Grand Rapids, Michigan (May 12, 2020)

Regional strategies work best during times of disaster, GVSU researcher says by Dottie Barnes. WKTVJournal (May 12, 2020)

A federal court ruled Michigan political districts are "gerrymandered." What comes next by Dustin Dwyer. WUOM/Michigan Radio. (May 16 2019)

Cities in Crisis by No Jargon Podcast and the Scholars Strategy Network. (March 21, 2019)

Detroit and Flint keep relying on private money to solve public problems. Why? with Sarah Reckhow and Joshua Sapotichne. The Washington Post, Monkey Cage blog. (November 27, 2018).

### **Conference Presentations**

“The Role of Urban Protest in Responsive Policymaking” Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C., April 2022).

“A Linguistic Analysis of Reopening Plans: The United States and Australia” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Virtual, January 2021).

“When Cities Go to Court: A Test of Party Capability Theory” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Virtual/San Francisco, CA, September 2020).

“Local Governments and Party Capability Theory: Who Wins and Why?” Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA April 2019).

“Local Governments and Party Capability Theory: Who Wins and Why?” with William Myers (University of Tampa). Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Austin, TX, January 2019).

“David and Goliath? Party Capability Theory and Local Governments” with William Myers (University of Tampa). Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA January 2018)

“Governing Without Government: Nonprofit Governance in Flint, Detroit and New Orleans” with Sarah Reckhow (Michigan State University). Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA January 2018)

“Unnatural Disasters: Can Nonprofit Governance Promote Recovery in Detroit and Flint?” with Sarah Reckhow (Michigan State University). Paper presented at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Annual Meeting (Grand Rapids, MI November 2017)

“Where the Action Is: Party Capability and Conflict in Federal Systems” with William Myers (University of Tampa). Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA January 2017)

“Which Governments Come Out Ahead? with William Myers (University of Tampa). Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016)

“The Problem with TIFs: Engineering Blight in Wealthy Communities” with Twyla Blackmond-Larnell (Loyola University of Chicago). Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Meeting (San Diego, CA, March 2016)

“How Do Voluntary Neighborhood Associations Vary? A Study of Programmatic Activities and Economic Vitality in Grand Rapids, Michigan” Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Meeting (Miami, FL, April 2015)

“Sudden Versus Slow Death of Cities: New Orleans and Detroit” with Laura A. Reese (Michigan State University) Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Meeting (San Antonio, TX, March 2014)

“Preparing the Non-profit Sector for Change: The Budget Control Act of 2011” with E. Miles Wilson (Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University) Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Meeting (San Francisco, CA, April 2013)

“Disaster Recovery in Black and White: A Comparison of New Orleans and Gulfport.” Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Meeting (Pittsburgh, PA, 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, LA, March 2011)

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

“Race, Class and Recovery: Louisiana Under Water?” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (Chicago, IL, 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, IL, March 2009)

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

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

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

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

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

### **Invited Presentations**

“Equity in Public Administration” 2021. Invited presentation for the Spring Graduate Colloquium at Northern Illinois University.

“Redistricting Reform and Grassroots Level Advocacy” 2020. Invited presentation for the Chicagoland Scholars Strategy Network chapter.

"Governing without Government: Nonprofit Governance in Detroit and Flint " 2019. Invited presentation for the University of Pittsburgh Center for Social & Urban Research Brown Bag Lecture Series.

"Montcalm County Business Incubator" 2014. Webinar presentation for the University Center for Regional Economic Innovation. Partially funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration through Michigan State University's Center for Community and Economic Development.

### **Teaching Experience**

**2021-Present** Associate Professor, University of Memphis. Graduate Courses Taught: Exploration of Urban Research and Theory, Scope and Methods in Urban Affairs, Collaborative Urban Problem Solving

**2017-2021** Associate Professor, Grand Valley State University. Undergraduate Courses Taught: Public and Nonprofit Administration, Local Politics and Administration, Comparative and International Administration, Community Analysis, Public Policy Analysis and Research  
Graduate Courses Taught: Foundations of Public Service, and Public Policy Analysis

**2011-2017** Assistant Professor, Grand Valley State University. Undergraduate Courses Taught: Public and Nonprofit Administration, Local Politics and Administration, Comparative and International Administration, Community Analysis, Public Policy Analysis and Research  
Graduate Courses Taught: Foundations of Public Service, Public Policy Analysis

**2008- 2009** Graduate Instructor, Michigan State University. Undergraduate Courses Taught: Public Policy Analysis, Public Bureaucracy in the Public Policy Process, Minority Politics

**2007** Graduate Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University. Undergraduate Courses Taught: Urban Politics, Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis

### **Awards and Grants**

#### **INTERNAL**

**2022** Recipient: Faculty Research Grant, University of Memphis (\$5000)

**2021** Recipient: Community for Research Scholars Grant, University of Memphis (\$2500)

**2017** Recipient: Russel G. Mawby Fellowship in Philanthropic Studies, Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (\$2500)

**2016** Recipient: Russell G. Mawby Fellowship in Philanthropic Studies, Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (\$2500)

**2013** Recipient: Dissemination Grant, Grand Valley State University (\$500)



- 2012** Recipient: Dissemination Grant, Grand Valley State University (\$500)
- 2012** Recipient: Travel Grant, Grand Valley State University (\$500)
- 2010** Recipient: Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Michigan State University (\$6000)

## **EXTERNAL**

- 2022** Russell-Sage Foundation Research Grant (\$163,000) with Drs. Logan Gerber-Chavez, Samantha Montano, Amanda Savitt, and Tanya B. Corbin. Unfunded.
- 2022** Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Evidence for Action Grant (\$615,353) with Drs. Courtnee Melton-Fant and Katherine Lambert-Pennington. Unfunded.
- 2021** Department of Energy Inclusive Energy Innovation Prize Grant (\$199,848) with Drs. Alexander Headly, Brian Waldron, Allistair Windsor, LC Wells, and Stephanie Ivey. Unfunded.
- 2020** Recipient: ENACT Faculty Fellowship: The Educational Network for Active Civic Transformation, International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life at Brandeis University (Canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic)
- 2016** Co-Recipient: Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan Applied Public Policy Research Grant Program at Michigan State University
- 2013** Recipient: EDA Center for Regional and Economic Innovation Technical Assistance Grant, Michigan State University (\$2500)
- 2009** Recipient: Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$600)
- 2006** Recipient: Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Traveling Scholar Grant (\$1800)
- 2005** Author: Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant (\$80,303)

## **Professional Activities and Memberships**

Scholars Strategy Network, Former State Co-Chair for Michigan  
 Consultative Panel, MSU Center for Community and Economic Development  
 American Political Science Association, Member  
 Midwest Political Science Association, Member  
 Southern Political Science Association, Member  
 Urban Affairs Association, Member  
 International City/County Managers Association, Member  
 American Society of Public Administrators, Michigan Capital Area Chapter, Member  
 Pi Alpha Alpha, Public Administration Honor Society, Eastern Michigan University  
 Phi Kappa Phi, Graduate Honor Society, Eastern Michigan University

**Journal Reviewer:** Choice, American Review of Public Administration, Journal of Public Policy, Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs, Public Integrity, Journal of Urban Affairs, Population and Environment, Cities, State and Local Government Review, SN Social Sciences,

Cities, Public Administration Review, and Local Government Studies, Urban Affairs Review, and Publius.

## **Professional, University, and Community Service**

### Professional Service

Secretary/Treasurer, American Political Science Association Urban and Local Politics Section (2022-2025).

Daniel Elazar Distinguished Federalism Scholar Award Committee, American Political Science Association Federalism Section (2022-2023).

Bryan Jackson Dissertation Research Award Committee, American Political Science Association Urban and Local Politics Section (2021-2022).

Scholar Development Editor, Urban Affairs Association (2022-2025)

Associate Editor, Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs (2020-2023)

Human Rights Advisory Council Member, Brooks College for Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Valley State University (2018-2021)

Section Co-Chair for the American Political Science Association Urban and Local Politics Section (2019-2020)

State Co-Chair, Scholars Strategy Network (2018-2020)

Alma H. Young Emerging Scholar Award Committee, Urban Affairs Association (2019-2020)

### University Service

College Personnel Committee, College of Community and Public Service, Grand Valley State University (2018-2021)

Member, External Relations Committee, School of Public Nonprofit and Health Administration (2015-2020)

Committee Chair, MPA Graduate Program Committee, School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration (2014-2020)

Faculty Advisor, Pencils of Promise Campus Club, Grand Valley State University (2014-2015)

Member, Evaluation Committee, School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration at Grand Valley State University (2013-2015)

Member, Adjunct Teaching Committee, School of Public, Nonprofit, and Health Administration at Grand Valley State University

Graduate Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science at Michigan State University (2009-2011)

Community Service

Consultant, America's Best Communities Rural Economic Development Competition (2015-2016)

Board Member, Count MI Vote (2018-2021), Board President (2019-2020)

Board Member, Voters Not Politicians (2017-2020)

Member (and Chair) of Housing Commission, City of East Lansing (2014-2019)

Secretary and Board Member, Michigan Capital Area Chapter of the American Society of Public Administrators (2010-2017)