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DATE: August 2010

NAME: Kimberly L. Nelson

RANK: Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT: Public Administration

EDUCATION

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina

Ph.D. Public Administration

May 2004

Dissertation Title: *Political and Administrative Roles in City Government: The City Manager's Contributions to Economic Development*

Chair: Dr. James H. Svara

The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas

Master of Public Administration

December 1996

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia

Bachelor of Arts, Communications and Marketing

May 1991

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Northern Illinois University

Fall 2006-Present, DeKalb Illinois

Faculty Member in the Division of Public Administration

Courses: Public Administration, Scope and Dynamics of Public Administration, Organization Theory and Behavior, Problems of Municipal Administration, Local and Metropolitan Governance, Innovation Management in Local Government

Assistant Professor, Southern Illinois University

Fall 2004-Spring 2006, Carbondale, Illinois

Department of Political Science

Core faculty member in MPA Program

Courses: Public Budgeting and Finance, Data Preparation and Management, Management, Municipal Management, State and Local Government

Visiting Instructor, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Fall 2003-Spring 2004, Wilmington, North Carolina

Department of Political Science & Public Administration

One year appointment to teach both graduate (MPA) and undergraduate political science classes.

Courses: Public Budgeting and Financial Management, Statistics for Public Managers and Policy Analysts, Urban Politics, Seminar in State Politics, Introduction to Political Science Research Methods, American National Government

Teaching Assistant, North Carolina State University

Fall 2000-Summer 2003, Raleigh, North Carolina

Department of Political Science and Public Administration

Courses: State and Local Government, State and Local Government with Service Learning, Introduction to American Government

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Nelson, K. L. 2011. State level autonomy and municipal government structure: Influence on form of government outcomes. *American Review of Public Administration*, forthcoming.

Nelson, K. L., C. H. Wood, and G. T. Gabris. 2011. Innovation management in local government: An empirical analysis of suburban municipalities. *International Journal of Organization Theory and Behavior*, forthcoming.

Nelson, K. L. and J. H. Svara. 2010. Adaptation of models versus variations in form: Classifying structures of city government. *Urban Affairs Review*, 45 (4): 544-562.

Gabris, G. T., T. Davis, K. Nelson. 2010. Demand and supply: Assessing the capacity of MPA programs to satisfy the growing need for professional management in local government. *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, 16 (3): 379-400.

Book Chapters

Svara, J. H. and K. L. Nelson. 2011. Government structure, Chapter 4, in *Management Policies in Local Government Finance* (6th edition). John R. Bartle, W. Bartley Hildreth and Justin Marlowe, eds. Washington, DC: ICMA Press.

Nelson, K. L. and C. H. Wood. 2010. Kansas City, Missouri—The evolution of council-manager government, In *More than Mayor or Manager: Campaigns to Change Form of Government in America's Largest Cities*. James Svara and Douglas Watson, eds. Georgetown: Georgetown University Press.

Non Peer-Reviewed Articles

Gabris, G. T., K. L. Nelson, and C. H. Wood. 2009. Managing for innovation in local government: Three core strategic factors. *Government Finance Review*. 25 (6): 22-28.

Svara, J. H. and K. L. Nelson. 2008. Taking stock of form and structure in county government. *Public Management*. 90 (11): 21-26.

Svara, J. H. and K. L. Nelson. 2008. Council-manager government at 100: Growing and making a difference. *Public Management*. 90 (7): 6-15.

Nelson, K. L. 2002. Assessing the role of CAOs in strong-mayor governments. *National Civic Review*. 91(1): 41-54.

Monographs

Nelson, K. L. 2002. *Elected Municipal Councils*. Special Data Issue no. 3. Washington, D.C.: International City/County Management Association, 2002.

Nelson, K. L. 2002. *Structure of American Municipal Government*. Special Data Issue no. 4. Washington, D.C.: International City/County Management Association, 2002.

Works in Progress

Nelson, K. L. and K. Nollenberger. *Conflict and Cooperation in Municipalities: Do Variations in Form of Government Have an Effect?* Received a revise and resubmit from *Urban Affairs Review*, sent back for second review April 2010.

Nelson, K. L. and Svara, J. H. *Form of Government Still Matters: Fostering Innovation in U.S. Municipal Governments*. Sent to *American Review of Public Administration* in June 2010.

Nelson, K. L. *Five Years Later: State Legislation Restricting Eminent Domain and the Potential Effects on Urban Revitalization Efforts Post-Kelo Decision*. Making minor revisions, sending to *Economic Development Quarterly*, August 2010.

Nelson, K. L. National survey project and book proposal on innovation capacity in local government. Summer 2010, draft questionnaire and prospectus. Seek grant funding for the survey.

Conference Papers

Spring 2010. American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), Annual Conference. San Jose, California. Presented "Innovation Management in Local Government: An Empirical Analysis of Suburban Municipalities," with Curtis Wood and Gerald Gabris.

March 2009. Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois. Presented "The Question of Form: Constitutional Contests in America's Largest Cities," with Curtis Wood (James Svara and Douglas Watson, eds.).

October 2008. Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SeCOPA). Annual Conference. Orlando, Florida. Presented "Innovation Management in Local Government: An Empirical Analysis of Suburban Municipalities," with Curtis Wood and Gerald Gabris.

- April 2008. Urban Affairs Association (UAA). Annual Conference. Baltimore, Maryland. Presented "At-Risk and Developing Suburbs in the Chicago Metropolis: Use of Eminent Domain and other Redevelopment Tools."
- March 2008. American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas. "Exploring Innovation Management in Local Government: An Empirical Analysis of Northern Illinois Municipalities," with Heidi Koenig, Gerald Gabris, and Curtis Wood.
- April 2007. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois. Presented: "Management of Voter Lists in Illinois," with John Jackson and Scott McClurg.
- April 2007. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois. Presented: "Comprehensive Planning in Municipal Government," with Angela Shimkus.
- March 2007. American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), Annual Conference. Washington, DC. Presented: "Toward a Theory of Innovation in Local Government: The Wherefore and the Why," with Jerry Gabris, Kurt Thurmaier, and Curtis Wood.
- September 2006. American Political Science Association (APSA), Annual Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Presented "Limiting Eminent Domain for Economic Development: Potential Consequences of State and Federal Legislative Restrictions."
- April 2005. American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), Annual Conference. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Presented: "Municipal Economic Development: Strategies and Organizational Arrangements."
- October 2003. Southeastern Conference of Public Administration (SECoPA). Savannah, Georgia. Presented "The Role of the City Manager in Economic Development."
- August 2003. American Political Science Association (APSA), Annual Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Presented "Political and Administrative Roles in City Government: The City Manager's Contribution to Economic Development."
- October 2002. Southeastern Conference of Public Administration (SECoPA). Columbia, South Carolina. Presented, "Trends in Form of Government."

OTHER

May 2010, received Professor of the Year award, from the students of the Division of Public Administration, NIU.

June 2007, received the Northern Illinois University Graduate School Research and Artistry Grant for survey research.

SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Reviewer for the journals *Public Administration Review*, *Publius*, *Journal of Politics*, and *American Politics Research*.
- Founded a mentor program for female MPA students at Northern Illinois University, 2008-2009
- Colloquium Committee Coordinator 2006-2008
- Served on Herbert Simon Book Award Committee, for the American Political Science Association, 2007.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Public Administration (ASPA)

International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

American Political Science Association (APSA)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND/OR RESEARCH INTERESTS

Local form of government

Innovation in local government

Urban management and politics

Economic development

Organization theory

Public budgeting and finance