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EDUCATION

- 2015 University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center—Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Ph.D. in Health Promotion Sciences
Subfield: Health Disparities
Dissertation Title: *State Physical Activity Policies and Recommended Physical Activity among U.S. Adults: A Regional and Racial/Ethnic Analysis from 2006-2013*
- 2012 Texas A&M University—College Station, Texas
M.A. in Political Science
Subfields: Public Administration/Public Policy, Race and Ethnic Politics
- 2009 University of Oklahoma—Norman, Oklahoma
B.A. in Journalism, *Magna cum laude*
Minors: Spanish, Political Science

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2018-present *Founding Director*, Center for Research on Inclusion and Social Policy (CRISP)
Clinical Assistant Professor, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs
Faculty Affiliate, Africana Studies Program
- 2016-2018 *Senior Research Analyst*, Indiana University Public Policy Institute (PPI)
Research Scientist, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
School of Public and Environmental Affairs
- 2015-2016 *Research Analyst*, Indiana University Public Policy Institute (PPI)
School of Public and Environmental Affairs
- 2013-2015 *Project Manager*, NIH-Funded Center Grant, American Indian Diabetes
Prevention Center; Sub-Award, Building Youth Assets to Prevent Diabetes
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- 2013-2014 *Research Fellow*, Oklahoma Policy Institute
- 2012-2013 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Oklahoma Public Health Training Center (OPHTC)
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-Funded Grant
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

2009-2012 *Research Associate and Co-Research Director, Project for Equity, Representation and Governance (PERG)*
Texas A&M University

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Funded

2019-2020 *Project: CRISP Evaluation Clinic: Service Learning in Social Policy and Equity*
Funding Agency: Women's Philanthropy Leadership Council
Role: Grantee

2019-2021 *Project: State of Aging in Central Indiana*
Funding Agency: Central Indiana Senior Foundation
Collaborator: The Polis Center and Center for Aging Research
Role: Co-Evaluator

2018-2021 *Project: Planning and Evaluation of IndyEast Public Safety Team*
Funding Mechanism: Innovations in Community Based Crime Reduction Program
Community Partner: John Boner Neighborhood Centers
Role: Co-PI (Dr. Eric Grommon)

2018 *Project: Community Conversations on Police-Community Relations*
Funding Agency: Indianapolis City-County Council
Collaborating Organization:
Role: Co-PI

2018-2019 *Project: Evaluation of INHP's Transformational Grant Program*
Funding Agency: Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership
Collaborating Organizations: The Polis Center, Indiana Business Research Center
Role: Co-PI

2018 *Project: Assessment of Homelessness Prevention in Indiana: Housing Stability, Evictions, and*
Funding Agency: Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention
Role: Co-PI

2017-2018 *Project: IndyEast Promise Zone Evaluation Report*
Funding Agency: John Boner Neighborhood Centers
Role: Writer

2017-2018 *Project: Evaluation of Centers for Working Families Network*
Funding Agency: United Way of Central Indiana
Role: Co-PI

2017 *Project: Recovery Housing in Indianapolis*

Funding Agency: Coalition for Homelessness Prevention and Intervention
Role: PI

2016-2019 *Project:* Evaluating and Empowering Neighborhood Crime Prevention in Mid-North Indianapolis Neighborhoods
Funding Agency: Central Indiana Community Foundation
Partner Agency: Martin Luther King Community Center
Role: PI/Evaluator

2016-2021 *Project:* Evaluation of Great Families 2020
Funding Agency: Social Innovation Fund, Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)
Applicant Organization: United Way of Central Indiana
Subawardee: The Polis Center
Role: PI/Evaluator

2016-2019 *Project:* Civic Leadership Survey
Funding Agency: Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Program (INHP)
Role: PI

2016-2019 *Project:* Evaluation of Indianapolis Homelessness Outreach and Service Team (iHOST)
Funding Agency: Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Initiative, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Applicant Organization: Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County
Role: PI/Evaluator

2016-2019 *Project:* Spatial Analysis of Affordable Housing and Panhandling
Funding Agency: Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention
Role: PI/Evaluator

2016-2018 *Project:* Evaluation of Wellness Program for Midtown Employees
Funding Agency: Center for Mind-Body Medicine
Collaborating Organization: Eskenazi Health/Midtown Community Mental Health
Role: PI/Evaluator

2016 *Project:* The Creative Economy in Indiana
Funding Agency: Indiana Arts Commission
Role: PI

2015-2016 *Project:* Tobacco Policy in Indiana
Funding Agency: Fairbanks School of Public Health
Role: PI

2015-2016 *Project:* Indiana Bicentennial Visioning Project
Funding Agency: Indiana Lt. Governor's Office
Role: PI

Submitted, but Not Funded

- 2018-2020 *Project:* Reducing Family Mobility and Increasing Civic Engagement through Equal Access to Services
Funding Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service
Funding Mechanism: Community Conversations Research
Community Partner: John Boner Neighborhood Centers
Role: PI
- 2018 *Project:* Evaluation of the Excel Center and Nurse Family Partnership
Funding Agency: The Aspen Institute
Organization: Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana
Role: Co-PI
- 2016-2017 *Project:* Far Eastside Collective Impact
Funding Agency: Glick Philanthropies
Role: PI
- 2017-2019 *Project:* Analyzing the Effectiveness of State Policies to Reduce Income-Related Disparities among Youth
Funding Agency: William T. Grant Foundation
Role: Co-PI
- 2017 *Project:* Creating a Civic Agenda for IUPUI
Funding Agency: IUPUI Chancellor's Office
Grant Mechanism: IUPUI Welcoming Campus Innovation Fund
Applicant Organization: PPI, the Polis Center, IUPUI Office of Community Engagement
Role: Co-Evaluator
- 2019-2021 *Project:* Safe and Thriving Communities (IndyEast Promise Zone)
Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Grant Mechanism: Safe and Thriving Communities
Applicant Organization: City of Indianapolis
Role: Evaluator
- 2018-2022 *Project:* IndyEast Achievement Zone
Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education
Grant Mechanism: Promise Neighborhoods
Applicant Organization: John Boner Neighborhood Centers
Role: Evaluator/PI

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Oman, R. F., Merritt, B. T., Fluhr, J., & Williams, J. M. (2015). Comparing School-Based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programming: Mixed Outcomes in an At-Risk State. *Journal of School Health, 85*(12), 886-893.

Zhu L., & Thomas B. School-based obesity policy, social capital, and gender differences in weight control behaviors. *American journal of public health. 2013*;103(6):1067-1073.

Under Review

The role of public agencies in racial/ethnic disparities: Considerations for preventing inequitable outcomes (with K. Jurée Capers).

Reports

Merritt, B., Bailey, K., & Davila, K., (2019). "Interim Feasibility and Implementation Report for Great Families 2020: A Service Delivery Model of United Way of Central Indiana."

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/impact-our-nation/evidence-exchange/united-way-central-indiana-great-families-2020>

Non-Refereed Reports

Yang, E, Merritt, B., Andres U.M., Kinghorn, M., Nowlin, M. & Comer, K.F. (2019). Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership: Baseline report of evaluation of Transformational Grant programs.

Merritt, B., Wolley, M., & Grommon, E. (2019). Report on Indianapolis City-County Council Community Conversation on police and community relations.

Merritt, B., Stringham-Marquis, K., & Beckman, W., (2019). "Homelessness Prevention in Indianapolis: Trends, Strategies, Recommendations."

Merritt, B., Bailey, K., Yang, L., Alton, M, & Eggold, M. (2018). "Evaluation of Indianapolis' Center for Working Families Network: 2012-2017."

Merritt, B, Eggold, M, Yang, L, Martin, J. (2017). "Neighborhood Empowerment in Near-North Indianapolis: Neighborhood and Resident Trends."

Merritt, B., Stringham-Marquis, K., & Eggold, M. (2017). "Recovery Housing in Indianapolis: Trends among Referral Services and Housing Providers."

Bailey, K. & Merritt, B. (2017). "State of Panhandling in Downtown Indianapolis."

Merritt, B., Kaur, J., Camacho-Reyes, K., Brown, T., & Eggold, M. (2017). "IndyEast Achievement Zone Initiative: Needs Assessment and Segmentation Analysis."

Merritt, B. (as IU Public Policy Institute) (2017). "Indiana Arts Commission: Creative Economy Report, 2016." http://www.in.gov/arts/files/Creative-Economy-Report_2016.pdf

Heikens, N. & Merritt, B. (2016). *The Bicentennial Visioning Project: A Collection of Big Ideas for Indiana's Future*. <https://www.in.gov/ibc/files/BicentennialBookWEBposting.pdf>

Policy Briefs

Merritt, B., Pena R., Martin J., & Yang, L. (2020). "Disparities in black homeownership in Marion County: Implications for the racial wealth gap."

Yang, E. & Merritt, B. (2019). "International migration in Indiana counties." Center for Research on Inclusion and Social Policy (CRISP). Indiana University Public Policy Institute.

Merritt, B., Yang, E., & Stringham-Marquis, K. (2019). "Renter trends in Marion County." Center for Research on Inclusion and Social Policy (CRISP). Indiana University Public Policy Institute.

Merritt, B., Stringham-Marquis, K., & Gibson, K. (2019). "Eviction trends in Marion County: 2010 to 2016". Center for Research on Inclusion and Social Policy (CRISP). Indiana University Public Policy Institute. https://policyinstitute.iu.edu/doc/eviction-trends.pdf?utm_source=press-release&utm_campaign=eviction_trends

Merritt, B., Riggs T., & Kaur, J. (2016). "Crime in Indianapolis: Trends, sources, and opportunities." Indiana University Public Policy Institute.

Merritt, B. & Klacik, D. (2015). "Domestic migration in Indiana counties." Indiana University Public Policy Institute.

Blog Posts

Thomas, B. (2014). "The debate on e-cigarettes lights up." Oklahoma Policy Institute, May 29th, 2014.

Thomas, B. (2014). "Tackling the diabetes epidemic in Oklahoma." Oklahoma Policy Institute, January 24th, 2014.

Working Papers

Assessing and measuring panhandling: Lessons for addressing homelessness (with Katie Bailey).

Does rental policy contribute to disparity?: State landlord-tenant policy and eviction rates in racial/ethnic minority neighborhoods. (with Morgan Farnworth)

The role of race/ethnicity in public policy: A theoretical framework. (with K. Jurée Capers)

Abstinence-only teen pregnancy prevention programs and racial/ethnic disparities in youth sexual behaviors and attitudes. (with Jennifer Moore and Roy Oman)

Built environment policies and disparities in physical activity-related outcomes: 2006-2013

PRESENTATIONS

Oral Presentations

- 2019 Merritt, B. & Farnworth, M. "Does rental policy contribute to disparity?: State landlord-tenant policy and eviction rates in racial/ethnic minority neighborhoods." Prepared for the Association of Public Policy and Management (APPAM). November 9th, 2019.
- Merritt, B. "Public service mid-career opportunities in teaching and research." Prepared for the Annual Conference for the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). October 17th, 2019.
- Merritt, B. "Alumni engagement for community engagement." Using Data (and Alumni) to Inform and Build Curriculum. Prepared for the Annual Conference for the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). October 17th, 2019.
- Merritt, B. & Capers, K.J. "The role of race/ethnicity in public policy: A theoretical framework." Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Austin, Texas. January 16, 2019.
- 2015 Merritt, B. & Oman, R. "Enacted state-level physical activity policies and minutes of moderate physical activity among U.S. adults by race/ethnicity: 2006-2013." Prepared for the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Chicago, Illinois. November 2, 2015.
- Merritt, B. & Oman, R. "Built environment policies and physical activity among U.S. adults: A regional analysis from 2006-2013." Prepared for the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Chicago, Illinois. November 2, 2015.
- Merritt, B. & Oman, R. "Public safety policies and physical activity among U.S. Adults: A regional and racial/ethnic analysis from 2006-201." Prepared for the GREAT Symposium, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. April 1, 2015.
- 2013 Thomas, B., Oman, R., & Williams, J.M. "Unintended consequences of teen pregnancy prevention: Abstinence-only education and racial/ethnic differences in sexuality-related outcomes." Prepared for the GREAT Symposium, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.
- 2012 Thomas, B. M. "Contracting equity: The role of representation in the contracting process." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- 2011 Thomas, B. M. "Navigating through fog: the role of goal ambiguity and managerial strategies on minority performance." 'Presented at the biennial meeting of the Public Management Research Association, Syracuse, NY.

Thomas, B. M. "Calling the pinch hitter: Policy implementation by non-government agencies." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

2010 Thomas, B. M. "Keeping Up with the Ivies: Exploring New Public Management. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Zhu, L. & Thomas, B. "Trust and Collaborative Management on Health Behaviors among American Youth: A Race and Gender Perspective." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Poster Presentations

2012 Oman, R. F., Thomas, B.M. & Williams, J.M.. "Preventing Teenage Pregnancy: A Comparison of Comprehensive Sex Education Intervention to an Abstinence-Based Intervention." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior.

2011 Thomas, B. M. & Escobar-Lemmon, M. "Decentralization and Public Service Provision: A Recipe for Citizen Satisfaction or Frustration?" Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

2010 Zhu, L. & Thomas, B.. "Community Support, School Health Programs and Effective Management of Childhood Obesity." Presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Obesity Research Center, Houston, TX.

2008 Thomas, B. "The Ignored Minority: Teachers' Effects on the Low-Income White Student Achievement Gap in U.S. Public Schools." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2019 *Panelist*, "Evictions." Ivy Tech Community College, Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month. November 22nd, 2019.

Presenter, Indiana Arts Homecoming. "Diversity in Indiana: Implications for Arts Organizations." October 24th, 2019.

Speaker, Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention, 2019 Celebration and Moderated Mayoral Candidates Discussion. September 25th, 2019.

Panelist, "Indiana by the Numbers: "A research-driven approach to community development issues and opportunities." Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. September 24th, 2019.

Presenter, O'Neill School of Public Environmental Affairs Distinguished Alumni Council Meeting, September 13th, 2019.

Presenter, Near Eastside Quality of Life Visioning Day. September 7th, 2019.

Keynote Speaker, Annual Conference, Indiana Health Advocacy Coalition. August 28th, 2019.

Speaker, Urban Leaders Fellowship Program. July 29th, 2019.

Panelist, "2Gen Outcomes for System." Two Generations, One Future. A 2Gen Summit for Central Indiana. Indianapolis, Indiana. June 11, 2019.

Speaker, Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership's Annual Community Breakfast

Panelist, Confronting a Hoosier Housing Crisis; Press Conference and Community Conversation about Policies to Address Evictions. Indianapolis, Indiana. June 5th, 2019.

Panelist, IndyEast Promise Zone Partner Briefing. Indianapolis, Indiana. May 16th, 2019.

Presenter, "Locked Out – Evictions & Housing Instability." Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana's 7th Annual Fair Housing Conference. Indianapolis, Indiana. April 3rd, 2019.

Panelist, "Mis-Education of the Negro: Revisited." February 7th, 2019. Taylor Hall, IUPUI.

Panelist, "Social Justice Scholars Networking Panel." Hosted by IUPUI's Social Justice Education Program. January 25th, 2019. IUPUI Campus Center

2018 *Speaker*, "Politics of Education." Urban League of Indianapolis, Urban League Fellows Program. November 17th, 2018.

Dean's Research Seminar, SPEA Bloomington

Panelist, "Data Integration and Management." A 10-Year Overnight Success: Transformational Opportunities through Community Collaboration and Education Innovation. U.S. Department of Education Peer Exchange Network Conference. September 19th, 2018.

Presenter, "Center for Research on Inclusion and Social Policy." SPEA Dean's Research Council. Washington, D.C. September 5th, 2018.

Speaker, "Eviction Trends in Indianapolis." Indiana Housing and Homelessness Conference. August 23rd, 2018.

Presenter, "Reducing Inequality Created by Public Policy: Evidence from Local Nonprofits." Young Nonprofit Professionals Network National Conference and Leaders Institute. July 30th, 2018.

Speaker, 2018 Indianapolis Cohort, Urban Leaders Fellowship Program. June 27th, 2018.

Speaker, U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program
Presenter, "Education Reform without Education." SPEA City-County Alumni Luncheon. February 20th, 2018.

Speaker, "IEAZ Data Team Progress." IndyEast Achievement Zone. January 26th, 2018.

2017 *Workshop Developer and Speaker*, "Demystifying the Numbers." Indiana Arts Homecoming, Indiana Arts Commission. October 5, 2017

Guest Lecturer, "Disparities in Marion County." SPEA V-450: Indy Community Development Network. October, 13th, 2017

Presenter, Poverty and Education Workgroup, "Translating Community Feedback into Policy Recommendations" September 22, 2017

Guest Lecturer, "Disparities in Marion County." SPEA V-450: Indy Community Development Network. February 22nd, 2017

2016 *Guest Lecturer*, SPEA H549: Health Policy. October 19, 2016

Panelist, Education Policy Student Association, IU Bloomington

Panelist, "Chalk the Vote: How Your Vote Impacts Education", hosted by School on Wheels

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Monthly Data Meeting

2014-2015 "Some Tips on Writing Your Practicum Paper," OU College of Public Health, CPH 7941-Practicum Preparation Seminar

OUHSC'S Preview Day

Oklahoma Gear-Up

Oklahoma Public Health Association, Student Caucus

2013 OU College of Public Health Biostatistics and Epidemiology Student Association
University of Oklahoma's Sooner Saturday

MEDIA APPEARANCES

2019 "Report links high rent burdens, homelessness in Indianapolis." *Indianapolis Business Journal*
"Rent is rising, but income is not in Marion County." WFYI. October 7th, 2019.
"Study: Black renters have some of the heaviest burdens in Marion County." *Indianapolis Recorder*. October 10th, 2019

“Woman faces eviction after health department took landlords to court.” WTTV. September 23rd, 2019.

“Eviction in Indiana Communities.” All In. WFYI. August 22, 2019

“Four-in-10 Indiana evictions occur in Marion County.” Public News Service. May 7, 2019.

“Community foundation's new mission: helping the marginalized thrive.” *Indianapolis Business Journal*. April 11, 2019

“Study finds hate crime laws applied unevenly.” *NUVO*. March 12, 2019.

“Indiana University research questions effectiveness of bias crimes laws.” *Indianapolis Business Journal*. March 11, 2019

“How effective would an Indiana hate crimes law be? It depends according to new IU Research.” *Indianapolis Star*. March 11, 2019.

“Northwest Indiana mosques see support as legislators debate hate crimes bill in weeks after New Zealand mass shooting.” *Gary Post-Tribune*. March 20, 2019.

“IU establishes new research center focused on inclusion, socioeconomic barriers.” *Indianapolis Business Journal*. January 14, 2019

“IU Center to Focus on Social Policy.” *Inside Indiana Business*. January 14, 2019

2018 “Born into similar finances, black and white children earn differing incomes as adults.” *Indianapolis Business Journal*. November 23, 2018

“Mayor Joe Hogsett tries to chip away at poverty.” *Indianapolis Business Journal*. August 10, 2018

2016 Swanson, T. “Preventing the school-to-prison pipeline.” *Indianapolis Recorder*. July 1, 2016.

“No Limits,” WFYI

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019 Center for Service and Learning Dissemination/Leadership Development (\$500)
Translating Research Into Practice (TRIP) Scholar, IUPUI

2015-present *Member*, Delta Omega

2015 *Finalist*, Oral Presentation Award, American Public Health Association
Provost’s Award for Outstanding Research (\$1500 travel grant)
Oklahoma Public Health Association’s Joan K. Leavitt Award
Outstanding Student Leadership Award for the Graduate College (\$1000)
Willie V. Bryan Multicultural Service Award (\$500)
Multicultural African-American Student Award (\$500)
Outstanding Student—Department of Health Promotion Sciences (\$500)

2014-2015 *Recipient*, Cmdr. Edmund H. Gleason Scholarship (\$2500)

2013-2014 *Recipient*, OU College of Public Health Advisory Board Scholarship (\$2500)

2013 *Recipient*, Children’s Behavioral Health Conference, Oklahoma Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Scholarship

2009-2012 Texas A&M University Diversity Fellow

2009-2011 American Political Science Association Minority Fellow

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2020	<i>Instructor</i> , SPEA V/J 260/550 Topics in Public Affairs/Criminal Justice and Public Safety (Do the Homeless Count?)
Spring 2020	<i>Instructor</i> , SPEA V512 Public Policy Process
Spring 2016	<i>Instructor</i> , SPEA V590 Research in Public Affairs
Fall 2014	<i>Instructor</i> , HPS 5453 Theoretical Concepts of Health Promotion

Research Assistants

2019-present	Bailee Lucas, MSCJ
2019-present	Elizabeth Bowling, BSPA/MPA, Concentration in Urban and Regional Governance
2019-present	Brendan Bow, BS, Human Computer Interaction
2019	Nkuli Greenwood, MPA, Concentration in Policy Analysis
2019-present	Danielle Gerlach, MPA, Concentration in Policy Analysis
2019-present	Destiny Faceson, BA, Philanthropic Studies
2019-present	Rachell Pena, BSPA, Concentration in Media and Public Affairs
2019-present	Weston Jones, BA, Political Science
2018-present	Samantha Buran, MPA, Concentration in Policy Analysis
2018-present	Alondra Jara, BA, Anthropology
2018-2019	Madelyn Smith, BSCJ
2018-2019	Jadah Cunningham, BSPA, Concentration in Media and Public Affairs
2018-2019	Wyatt Beckman, MPH, Social, Community, and Behavioral Health
2018-2019	Micah Benson, BSCJ
2018-2019	Abe Roll, MPA, Concentration in Nonprofit Management
2018-2019	Krystal Gibson, MSW, Concentration in Community and Organizational Leadership
2018-2019	Madi Alton, MPA, Concentration in Nonprofit Management
2018	Luis Niño, BSPA
2018	Phillip Mitchell II, MSW, Concentration in Community and Organizational Leadership
2018	Tabitha Lowery, BSW
2017-2018	Precious Little, MPA, Concentration in Urban Affairs
2017-2019	Elle Yang, MPA, Concentration in Nonprofit Management
2017-2018	Kelsie Stringham-Marquis, MPA, Concentration in Nonprofit Management
2017	Rachel Santos, MPA, Concentration in Policy Analysis
2016-2018	Madalene Eggold, MSW, Social Work, Concentration in Community and Organizational Leadership
2016-2017	Tyler Brown, MPA, Concentration in Policy Analysis
2015-2016	Karla Camacho-Reyes, MPA, Concentration in Nonprofit Management and Urban Sustainability
2015-2016	Joti Kaur, MS, Criminal Justice and Public Safety
2013-2014	Elizabeth Chery, MPH, Health Promotion Sciences
2013-2014	Lacey Christian, MPH, Health Promotion Sciences

Service Learning Assistants

Summer 2019	Bushra Rashrash, BSPA, Concentration in Policy Studies
Fall 2019	Jacob Purcell, BA, Sociology

Fall 2019 Aunyá Sutton, MPA, Concentration in Policy Analysis

Internship Supervision

2019 Rachell Peña, BSPA, Concentration in Law and Public Policy

2019 Yordanos Gebru, MPH, University of Indianapolis

Mentorship

2018 Morgan Farnworth, Faculty Thought Partner—SPEA Innovation Fellowship, MPA, Concentration in Policy Analysis

Dissertation Committee Membership

2019 Roddrick Dugger, Ph.D. University of South Carolina

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY WORK

2019-2021 *Member, Indianapolis Homeless Continuum of Care Governing Board*

2019 *Member, Ivy Tech Community College Hunger and Homelessness Community Team*

2019 *Thought Partner, City of Fort Wayne Evictions Task Force*

2019 *Grant Reviewer, Crime Prevention Grants City of Indianapolis Office of Public Health and Safety*

2019 *Resource Table Host, Data Day at the Indiana State Capitol*

2018-2019 *Member, Healthy Opportunities Task Force, Office of Social Determinants of Health, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration*

2017-present *Board Member and Academic Excellence Committee Member, Near Eastside Innovation School*

2017-2019 *Member, Executive Team, Poverty and Education Workgroup, Mayor's Office of Education Innovation*

2017-2018 *Member, SAVI Curriculum Committee*

2016-present *Member, KIDS COUNT in Indiana Advisory Group*

2016-2017 *Strategy Team Leader, High school education/postsecondary certification OpportunINDY*

2016-present *Committee Member, Indiana Arts Commission Steering Committee*

2016-present *Volunteer, Feed My Sheep Food Pantry*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2019-present *Member, Community-Engaged Research Certificate Development*

2019 *Member, Career Advisor Search Committee, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs*

2019 *Judge, Research Study on Public Sector Collaborative Problem Solving*

2019 *Poster Judge, IUPUI Center for Research and Learning Summer Poster Symposium*

2019 *Member, Business Manager Search Committee, IU Public Policy Institute*

2019 *Resource Table Host, IUPUI Civic Engagement Showcase*

2018-2020	<i>Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, IUPUI Faculty Council</i>
2018-2019	<i>Participant, Cohort 4, IUPUI Next Generation 2.0 Leadership Program</i>
2018-present	<i>Member, IUPUI's Community Engaged Research Group (CERG)</i>
2018-present	<i>Member, Community Engagement Committee, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs</i>
2018	<i>Chair, Program Analyst Search Committee, Center for Criminal Justice Research</i>
2018	<i>Member, Maternal and Child Health Community Engagement Project, IUPUI</i>
2014-2015	<i>Student Senator, College of Public Health</i>
2014-2015	<i>Vice-President, African-American Student Association</i>
2014-2015	<i>Vice-President, Social, Community, and Behavioral Health Association</i>
2014-2015	<i>Voluntary Program Evaluator, Healing Hands Health Care Services</i>
2014	<i>Evaluation Captain, Open Streets OKC</i>
2014	<i>Selection Committee, OU HSC's JJ Ferreti Student Leader of Year</i>
2013-2014	<i>Mentor, Emerging Young Leaders Program</i>
2013-2014	<i>Treasurer and Founder, Social, Community, and Behavioral Health Association</i>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2019	<i>Panel Discussant, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management</i> <i>Contributor, NASPAA Ph.D. Pathways Initiative</i> <i>Mentor, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Mentor Matching Program</i> <i>Proposal Reviewer, Community Development Topical Interest Group, American Evaluation Association</i>
2011-2012	<i>Editorial Assistant, Journal for Public Administration Research and Theory (JPART)</i>

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management
Scholars Strategy Network
American Evaluation Association
Indiana Evaluation Association
American Public Health Association
Midwest Political Science Association
American Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association