

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration

Martin School of Public Policy and Administration
University of Kentucky

Dissertation Defended
October 2016

Dissertation Title: "Empirical Advances in the Study of Revenue Diversification in the U.S. States"

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Eugenia Toma (chair, Martin School), Dr. David Wildasin (Martin School, Department of Economics), Dr. Dwight Denison (Martin School), Dr. Jenny Minier (Department of Economics)

Master of Public Policy: Martin School of Public Policy and Administration,
University of Kentucky

Bachelor of Science, Political Science: Truman State University

May 2010

WORKING PAPERS

"Revenue Complexity vs. Revenue Diversification: A New Empirical Approach to an Old Debate"

"Reconsidering the Measurement of Revenue Diversity in Public Finance"

"Not All Diversification Is Created Equal: Empirically Unpacking Revenue Diversification and Volatility Trends Among the States"

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“Public Management Meets Public Economics: An Empirical Investigation of the Relationship between Government Performance, Citizen Satisfaction, and Property Values” *with Jue Young Mok and Saerim Kim, University of Kentucky*

“Citizen Preference for Debt: The Relationship Between Citizen Private Debt Levels and Support of Public Debt for Education” *with Peter A. Jones, University of Alabama – Birmingham*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND COMPETITIONS

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management November, 2016
“Revenue Complexity vs. Revenue Diversification: A New Empirical Approach to an Old Debate”

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management October, 2016
“Not All Diversification is Created Equal: Empirically Unpacking Revenue Diversity and Volatility Trends among the States”

Public Management Research Conference June 2016
“Public Management Meets Public Economics: An Empirical Investigation of the Relationship Between Government Performance, Citizen Satisfaction, and Property Values” *with Jue Young Mok and Saerim Kim, University of Kentucky*

World Bank/Wharton School Ideas for Action Competition April 2015, 2016
2015, 2016: Finalist – top 20 out of over 350 submissions; Honorable Mention
“Education Savings Accounts: Leveraging Resource Wealth to Invest in Future Generations” *with Bethany Paris, University of Kentucky; Peter Jones, University of Alabama – Birmingham; Lauren Kesselring, University of Kentucky*

Association for Education Finance and Policy February 2015
“Citizen Preference for Debt: The Relationship Between Citizen Private Debt Levels and Support of Public Debt for Education” *with Peter Jones, University of Kentucky*

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Visiting Assistant Professor August 2016-Present
Martin School of Public Policy and Administration
Instructor of three MPA courses: PA 602 – Strategic Planning, PA 622 – Program Evaluation, and PA 623 – Decision Analysis

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Research/Teaching Assistant August 2015-May 2016

Dr. David R. Agrawal

Martin School of Public Policy and Administration/Department of Economics, University of Kentucky

Responsible for the creation and management of large public finance datasets, including a complete panel dataset of state and local government revenues from the Census of Governments; gave occasional lectures in courses, including PA 683 – Tax Policy

Teaching Assistant January 2015-May 2015

Department of Economics

University of Kentucky

Primary instructor of two independent sections of ECO 201 – Principles of Economics I (Microeconomics)

Research Assistant August 2012-August 2014

Dr. Eugenia Toma

Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky

Assisted with the compilation and preparation of materials for the Martin School's accreditation with the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA); prepared the budget document for a National Science Foundation grant proposal totaling nearly \$8 million; gave occasional lectures in courses, including PA 652 – Public Economics

Research Assistant May-August 2012

Dr. Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo

Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky

Background research on topics including: investigations of the role of environmental science in policymaking, links between core values and public opinion on climate change, and state climate change policy behavior

AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Student Advisory Board September 2014-May 2016

Quantitative Institute for Policy and Social Research (QIPSR), University of Kentucky

Graduate School Academic Year Fellowship July 2012-June 2014

University of Kentucky

Outstanding First Year Masters of Public Policy Student Award May 2012

Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky

Daniel R. Reedy Quality Achievement Fellowship August 2011-June 2014

University of Kentucky