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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025 -	Assistant Professor, Martin School of Public Policy & Administration, University of Kentucky
2022-2025	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Kent State University Faculty Affiliate, Environmental Science and Design Research Institute
2021-2022	Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Natural Resources and the Environment; and School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona
2019-2020	Pre-Doctoral Visiting Scholar, Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, Florida State University

EDUCATION

2021	Ph.D., Political Science, University of Cincinnati Dissertation: <i>Interdependence in Complex Polycentric Governance Systems</i>
2016	M.S., Natural Resources & Environmental Science University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2011	B.S., Political Science and Geology, University of Pittsburgh, <i>magna cum laude</i>

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Uttermark, Matthew, Jack Mewhirter, Rebecca Sanders, & **Danielle M. McLaughlin**. 2024. Blame Attribution, Partisanship, and Federalism: Evidence from a Panel Study. *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

Mewhirter, Jack, **Danielle M. McLaughlin**, & Brian Calfano. 2024. Manifesting Symbolic Representation Through Collaborative Policymaking. *Policy Studies Journal*, 52(18): 283-318. [Featured on PSJ's [Art of Science Interview Series](#) June 14, 2024]

- Feng, Xiao, Abigail Swann, David Breshears..., **Danielle M. McLaughlin**, et al. 2023. Distance Decay and Directional Diffusion of Ecoclimate Teleconnections Driven by Regional-Scale Tree Die-off. *Environmental Research Letters*, 18: 114013.
- McLaughlin, Danielle M.** 2023. Evaluating the Impact of Different Spatial Dependencies on Forum Outcomes in Polycentric Systems. *Public Administration Review*, 83(3): 552-569.
- Baldwin, Elizabeth, **Danielle M. McLaughlin**, Vincent Jasso, et al. 2023. Diverse Stakeholders and Their Interests Matter to the US Forest Service: A Network of Action Situations Analysis of How Stakeholders Affect Forest Plan Outcomes. *Sustainability Science*, (18): 27-42.
- McLaughlin, Danielle M.**, Jack M. Mewhirter, & Mark Lubell. 2022. The Spread of Conflict in Polycentric Governance Systems. *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory*, 32(3): 543-560.
- Angst, Mario, Jack M. Mewhirter, **Danielle M. McLaughlin**, & Manuel Fischer. 2022. Who Joins a Forum-and Who Does Not? Evaluating Drivers of Forum Participation in Polycentric Governance Systems. *Public Administration Review* 82(4), 692-707.
[Top cited PAR paper 2022-2023]
- Mewhirter, Jack M. & **Danielle M. McLaughlin**. 2021. The Pitfalls Associated with More Intensive Engagement in Collaborative Processes: The Role of Behavioral Spillovers and Cognitive Load. *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*, 4(1), 1-29.
- McLaughlin, Danielle M.**, Jack M. Mewhirter, & Rebecca Sanders. 2021. The Belief that Politics Drive Scientific Research and Its Impact on COVID-19 Risk Assessment. *Plos One*, 16(4), e0249937.
- McLaughlin, Danielle M.**, Jack M. Mewhirter, James Wright, & Richard Feiock. 2020. The Perceived Effectiveness of Collaborative Approaches to Address Domestic Violence: The Role of Representation, “Reverse-Representation”, Embeddedness, and Resources. *Public Management Review*, 1-25.
- Mewhirter, Jack M., **Danielle M. McLaughlin**, & Manuel Fischer. 2019. The Role of Forum Membership Diversity on Institutional Externalities in Resource Governance Systems. *Society and Natural Resources*, 32(11), 1239-1257.
- McLaughlin, Danielle M.**, & Bethany B. Cutts. 2018. Neither Knowledge Deficit nor NIMBY: Understanding Opposition to Hydraulic Fracturing as a Nuanced Coalition in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. *Environmental Management*, 62(2), 305-322.

Policy Reports

Cities for CEDAW Gender Audit Report. Prepared for Cincinnati Gender Equity Task Force and Cincinnati City Council. Submitted June, 2020. Funded: \$40,000.

IN PROGRESS/UNDER REVIEW

Agriculture Economic Implications of Climate Links Between Forest Removal and Agriculture Elsewhere in the US **(R&R)**

Mind the Collaborative Gap: How the Public Rewards and Punishes Policy Actors for their Collaborative Choices **(R&R)**

Mobilizing Bias: How Blame Attribution Shapes the Public's Policy Tool Preferences? Evidence from a Survey Experiment **(under review)**

Pro-environment Behaviors, Invasive Plant Management, and Motivations for Behavioral Intentions and Action **(under review)**

Ecology of Games Framework. In R. Berardo, T. Heikkila, and K. Ingol (Eds.) *Handbook of Complex Policy Governance* (invited book chapter)

Leveraging Community Engaged Research Approaches to Reveal Collaborative Processes (invited book chapter)

Determinants of Public Participation in Collaborative Water Governance (working project)

Barriers and Opportunities to Adapting to Ecoclimate Teleconnections (working project)

Understanding the “Comment Shed” of Forest Service Planning Processes (working project)

GRANTS

National Science Foundation. PI. Collaborative Research: EAGER: Building an LLM-powered Digital Twin for Research Security Provision. 2025-2027. \$300,000. **(Submitted)**

National Science Foundation. PI. Collaborative Research: NSF R212: Southwest Invasive Fuels Incubator for Resilience and Extension (SW-iFIRE). 2025-2027. \$500,000. **(Submitted)**

National Science Foundation. Co-PI. Institutional Evolution in Resource Governance Systems. 2025-2029. \$525,000. (Not funded)

US/Swiss National Science Foundation. Co-PI. Institutional Evolution in Resource Governance Systems: Uncovering Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainability. 2024-2028. \$1.7 million. (Not funded)

National Science Foundation, Award #: 2331095. Co-PI. Planning: Fire Plan: Wildfire and Climate-Resilient Ecosystems and Diverse Communities in the Southwest United States: An Early Warning System. 2023-2026. \$200K. **Awarded.**

National Science Foundation. Co-PI. Innovations in Public Participation Organizational Learning and Diffusion of Emerging Technologies. 2023-2025. \$400K. (Not funded)

National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. Senior Personnel. An Integrative Approach for Mitigating Impacts from HABs from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie. 2023-2028. \$3 million. (Not funded)

INVITED TALKS/MEDIA

Roundtable: The Future of Scholarship on Complex Governance Systems. Hosted by the Conference on Policy Process Research, Syracuse, NY, May 15, 2024.

Workshop on Analyzing Public Policy Approaches & Methods. Hosted by School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Cincinnati, May 8, 2023.

Manifesting Symbolic Representation through Collaborative Policymaking. Presented to the Environmental and Social Sustainability Lab, The Ohio State University, April 21, 2023.

The Impact of Actor Diversity on Effective Governance in a Resource Governance System. Presented at Methodological Pluralism Workshop in Political Science, Cincinnati, OH, May 14, 2018

Media

PSJ Editorial Team. Manifesting symbolic representation through collaborative policymaking. *Policy Studies Journal Blog*, July 31, 2024

Ambrose, G. (Host). 2024, June 14. *Episode 7: Dr. Jack Mewhirter, Dr. Dani McLaughlin, and Dr. Brian Calfano.* [Art of Science Interview Series](#) a co-production of Policy Studies Journal and Center for Policy Design and Governance at Syracuse University.

TEACHING and ADVISING

Kent State University

Graduate courses

Strategic Planning (online). Summer 2024, 2025

Program Evaluation (online). Spring 2023, 2024, 2025

Introduction to Public Administration (online). Spring 2023, Summer 2023, Spring 2024

Research Methods in PA (online). Fall 2022, 2023, Summer 2023

Program Evaluation (course development for MPA program). Fall 2022

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Spatial Econometrics (independent study). Spring 2024.

Undergraduate courses

Environmental Policy and Politics. Fall 2023, 2024

Graduate Advising

Proma Roy, Ph.D. Dissertation and Comprehensive Exam committees

Amy Sun, Ph.D. Dissertation and Comprehensive Exam committees

University of Cincinnati

Undergraduate courses

American Politics (online). Summer 2019, 2020

Quantitative Research (online). Summer 2020, 2021, 2022

SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS

Examining the public's water policy tool preferences

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Washington DC, 2024

Southern Political Science Association, Puerto Rico, 2025

Mind the (Collaborative) Gap: How representation within collaborative governance processes shapes public sentiment

Conference on Policy Process Research, Syracuse, NY, 2024

Mobilizing Bias: How blame attribution shapes the public's policy tool preferences?

Evidence from a survey experiment

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2024

Blame and water policy in the southwest United States

Public Management Research Conference, Seattle, WA, 2024

Representation in the policy process: A conjoint experiment

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2023

Manifesting symbolic representation through collaborative policymaking

Conference on Public Policy Research, Denver, CO, 2023

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2022

Resource constraints and behavioral spillovers: How more intense engagement in collaborative processes threaten the health of polycentric systems

Association for Public Policy & Management, virtual, 2020

The impact of social interdependence on forum influence
Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, 2020

The spread of conflict in polycentric governance systems
Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, 2019
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2019
International Spring School on Public Policy, Denver, CO, 2019

The impact of actor diversity on effective governance in resource governance systems
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2018
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2018

Barriers to cooperation in complex governance systems
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2018

AWARDS

- 2021 University Research Council (URC) Graduate Student Stipend and Research Cost Program for Faculty-Student Collaboration (\$7,500)
- 2020 University of Cincinnati Taft Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000, declined)
Malcolm Jewell Nominee for best graduate student paper
Southern Political Science Association
University of Cincinnati Taft Summer Fellowship (\$3,000)
University of Cincinnati Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship (\$1,500)
- 2019 University of Cincinnati Methodological Fellowship (\$3,500)
University of Cincinnati Graduate Enhancement Award (\$1,000)
National Society of Colonial Dames of America Research Scholarship (\$1,000)
SESYNC Travel Grant (\$1,000)
University of Cincinnati Taft Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$500)
University of Cincinnati Graduate Student Governance Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2018 University of Cincinnati Taft Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$500)
University of Cincinnati Graduate Enhancement Award (\$2,000)
- 2017 University of Cincinnati Graduate Student Governance Travel Grant (\$500)
University of Cincinnati Graduate Enhancement Award (\$2,000)
Southern Political Science Association Travel Grant (\$300)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Professional

Reviewer

Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory; Environmental Management; Plos One; American Political Science Review; Public Administration Review; Policy Studies Journal; International Journal of Public Administration

Discussant

Environmental Policy Diffusion Panel, Southern Political Science Association
San Juan, PR 2020

Policy Conflict Panel, International Spring School on Public Policy
Denver, CO 2019

University and Department

Kent State University

- DEI Committee, 2024-2025
- AAUP Representative, 2024-2025
- Faculty Advisory Committee, 2023-2025
- Master of Public Administration Committee, 2022-2025
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2022-2024
- Interdepartmental working group developing a Bachelor of Science major in Sustainable Development, 2022-2025

University of Cincinnati

- Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)
Vice President (2018-2019); Treasurer (2017-2018); Community Coordinator (2016-2017)

SPECIAL TRAINING

2021 Ohio Professional Development Consortium (OPDC) Inclusive Teaching in
Higher Education Endorsement
LINKS UCINET Network Analysis Workshop

2020 Racial Equity Matters Groundwater Training

2019 SESYNC Social Networks Training, Annapolis, MD
ICPSR Spatial Econometrics Training, Ann Arbor, MI
International Spring School on Public Policy, Denver, CO

2017 PolNet Network Analysis Training, Columbus, OH

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
Public Management Research Association