

# Neal D. Buckwalter

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2012 **Ph.D., Public Affairs**  
Indiana University, School of Public and Environmental Affairs (Bloomington, IN)  
Fields: Public Management and Public Finance  
Dissertation: Mandated Democracy: Information, Participation, and the Prospects for Public Empowerment  
Chair: Michael McGuire  
Committee: James L. Perry, Sergio Fernandez, David Reingold
- 2004 **Master of Public Administration**  
Brigham Young University, Romney Institute of Public Management, Marriott School of Management (Provo, UT)  
Graduated with High Distinction
- 2002 **B.S., Sociology**  
Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)  
Graduated Magna Cum Laude

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2012 - Present **Grand Valley State University**, Grand Rapids, MI  
Assistant Professor at the School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration
- 2006-2012 **Indiana University**, Bloomington, IN  
Associate Instructor at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Buckwalter, Neal D., Nathan Y. Sharp, Jaron H. Wilde, and David A. Wood. 2014. Are State Tax Amnesty Programs Associated with Increases in Financial Reporting Irregularities? *Public Finance Review* 42(6): 774-799.
- Buckwalter, Neal D. 2014. The Potential for Public Empowerment through Government-Organized Participation. *Public Administration Review* 74(5): 573-584. [Open access available at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/puar.12217/pdf>]
- Ross, Justin M. and Neal D. Buckwalter. 2013. Strategic Tax Planning for State Tax Amnesties: Evidence from Eligibility Period Restrictions. *Public Finance Review* 41(3): 275-301.
- Perry, James L., and Neal D. Buckwalter. 2010. The Public Service of the Future. *Public Administration Review* 70(s1): s238-45.

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

Buckwalter, Neal D. (Jan/Feb 2015). [Of Stewards and Stakeholders: Getting the Government Ownership Question Right](#). *Board Leadership* 137: 6-8. (invited author)

WORKS-IN-  
PROGRESS

Buckwalter, Neal. Exploring the Dimensions of Public Empowerment. [Substantially complete and being prepared for submission]

Buckwalter, Neal and Alex Gallucci. Michigan's Role in the Spread of Professional Municipal Administration: A Historical Analysis. [Data collection and writing in progress]

Buckwalter, Neal, Crystal Collins-Camargo, and Blake Jones. Child Welfare Administrators' Perceptions of Citizen Review Panels. [Data instrument under construction; will survey child welfare administrators across the country on perceptions of citizen participation in child protective services]

Buckwalter, Neal. Passionate Participants and Everyday Experts: Increasing Public Service Capacity through Citizen Involvement. [Research being designed; mix-methods examination of Cooperative Extension Service and Master Gardener program]

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

Buckwalter, Neal. "Passionate Participants and Everyday Experts: Increasing Public Service Capacity through Citizen Involvement." *Association for Budgeting and Financial Management*. Grand Rapids, MI. Oct. 4, 2014.

Buckwalter, Neal, Crystal Collins-Camargo, and Blake Jones. "The Promising and Difficult Path to Accountability and Effective Partnership: New Research on Citizen Participation in Child Welfare." *National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect*. New Orleans, LA. May 1, 2014.

Buckwalter, Neal and Alex Gallucci. "Michigan's Role in the Spread of Professional Municipal Administration: A Historical Analysis." *Midwest Public Affairs Conference*. Ft. Wayne, IN. March 29, 2014.

Buckwalter, Neal. "The Potential for Public Empowerment through Government-Organized Participation." *Public Management Research Conference*. Madison, WI. June 21, 2013.

Buckwalter, Neal. "Rethinking Citizen Empowerment." *National Citizen Review Panel Conference*. Jackson Hole, WY. May 22, 2013. (invited presenter)

Ross, Justin M. and Neal Buckwalter. "Strategic Delinquency in State Tax Amnesty Programs." *National Tax Association Conference*. New Orleans, LA. Nov. 19, 2011.

Wilde, Jaron, Nathan Sharp, Neal Buckwalter, and David Wood. "Are State Tax Amnesty Programs Associated with Financial Reporting Irregularities?" *National Tax Association Conference*. New Orleans, LA. Nov. 19, 2011.

Buckwalter, Neal. "Remembering the 'C' in CRP." *The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Citizen Review Panel Conference*. Charleston, SC. May 18-20, 2011.

Buckwalter, Neal. "The Role of Transparency in Public Administration." *Southeastern Conference for Public Administration*. Wilmington, NC. Oct. 13-16, 2010.

- Buckwalter, Neal. "Transparency in Government: A Search for Clarity." *Association for Budgeting and Financial Management*. Omaha, NE. Oct. 7-9, 2010.
- Ross, Justin M. and Neal Buckwalter. "Do Upcoming State Tax Amnesties Induce Strategic Tax Planning? Evidence from Eligibility Period Restrictions." *Association for Budgeting and Financial Management*. Omaha, NE. October 7-9, 2010.
- Perry, James L. and Neal Buckwalter. "The Public Service of the Future in the U.S." *The 2010 Yonsei Conference on Comparative Governance Studies*. Seoul, Korea. June 15-16, 2010.
- Buckwalter, Neal. "Municipal Tax Amnesties: Lessons from the States." *Conference on Interdisciplinary Scholarship in Public and Environmental Affairs*. Bloomington, IN. February 27, 2009.
- Facer, Rex L., Neal Buckwalter, and Lori L. Wadsworth. "The Role of Mentoring in Public Service Career Advancement: A Preliminary Examination." *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2008.

OTHER  
PRESENTATIONS

- Buckwalter, Neal. "Two Paradigms of Public Empowerment: Lessons for Citizen Review Panels and Child Welfare Administrators." Webinar hosted by the *National Citizen Review Panel Advisory Board*. Nov. 18, 2011.
- Buckwalter, Doyle and Neal Buckwalter. "City Manager or City Administrator?" *Utah League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference*, Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 11, 2003.

COURSES TAUGHT

Fall 2014 **PA699 Directed Readings**  
Oversaw directed readings course for Zachary VanOsdol elections administration.

Sp14 **PA619 Management Seminar**  
Graduate capstone course

F12,W13, F13, W14, F14 **PA 520 Foundations of Public Service**  
Introductory graduate course in public administration.

Sp13,F13, W14, F14 **PA420 Organization Theory and Dynamics**  
Upper-level course in organization theory and behavior, with emphasis on writing

Fall 2014 **PA375 Public Budgeting and Finance Administration**  
Undergraduate course in public finance

Winter 2014 **PA307 Local Politics and Administration**  
Course introducing local governance structures, with applied community project in partnership with the local fair housing authority.

Fall 2012 **PA 270 Public and Nonprofit Administration**  
Introductory undergraduate course in public and nonprofit administration.

2007 - 2011 **SPEA-V161 Urban Problems and Solutions (Indiana University)**  
Introductory undergraduate course in state and local policy and administration.

Fall 2006 **SPEA-V361 Financial Management (Indiana University)**  
Skills-based course in public accounting and financial management.

#### ACADEMIC SERVICE

Present **Grand Valley State University:** Faculty Salary and Budget Committee  
**College Service:** Workgroup on Community Engagement  
**Department Service:** Internal Dynamics Committee, MPA Program Committee  
2010 - 2011 Ad Hoc Teaching Assessment Committee, School of Public and Environmental  
Affairs, Indiana University  
2009 - 2010 Academic Fairness Committee, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana  
University

#### STUDENT SERVICE

2013 - Present Faculty advisor for ICMA Graduate Student Organization (GVSU)  
2008 – 2009 Advisor for Undergraduate Student Group: Public Administration and Civic Service  
(Indiana University)

#### PUBLIC SERVICE

Oct. 2014 -Present Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 315, Grand Rapids, MI.  
2010 – 2012 Elected Member, Board of Directors. Orchard Glen Cooperative, a non-profit housing  
community with over 350 housing units in Bloomington, IN.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Manuscript review:**  
*Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management; Public Administration  
Review; Review of Public Personnel Administration*

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

Grand Valley State University Open Access Publishing  
• University awarded funds to make publication available on open access. (\$3,000)  
Various Travel Grants  
• National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. New Orleans, LA. April 29-May 1,  
2014. (\$500)  
• Public Management Research Association Conference. Madison, WI. June 20-22, 2013.  
(\$500)  
• National Citizen Review Conference. Jackson Hole, WY. May 22, 2013. (\$250)  
Indiana University Teaching Award for Outstanding Associate Instructor, Indiana University, School of Public  
and Environmental Affairs (\$300)  
Brigham Young University Stewart L. Grow Award, Brigham Young University, Romney Institute of Public  
Management  
Doyle W. Buckwalter Outstanding Internship, Brigham Young University, Romney Institute  
of Public Management  
Arthur Winter Scholarship, Brigham Young University, Marriott School of Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present **Grand Valley State University**, Grand Rapids, MI  
Assistant Professor at the School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration

2006-2012 **Indiana University**, Bloomington, IN  
Associate Instructor at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs

2004 - 2005 **The City of Richland, WA and The City of Kennewick, WA**  
Post-Graduate Management Intern in City Manager's Offices

April - August 2003 **Municipal Government: Eagle Mountain City, UT**  
Administrative Intern with Chief Administrative Officer

2001 – 2002 **Springville Middle School, Springville, UT**  
Special Education Resource Technician

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Society for Public Administration  
Association for Budgeting and Financial Management  
International City/County Management Association  
Public Management Research Association