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APPOINTMENTS

- 2014 – Present Assistant Professor, Syracuse University, Public Administration
- 2010 – 2014 Assistant Professor, Georgia State University, Public Policy & Management

EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D. Social Science Program, Maxwell School of Syracuse University
My research spans public administration, applied economics, and organizational theory.
Fields: civil society, non-profit studies, program evaluation
- 2006 M.S. in Public Policy and Management, Carnegie Mellon
- 2001 B.A. in Peace Studies/Theology, University of St. Thomas, MN

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic analysis of nonprofit markets with a focus on organizational life-cycles (nonprofit entrepreneurship, growth, and organizational closure). I use a contracting perspective and an organizational ecology approach to build a model of the “marketplace for grants.” I have an interest in social innovation and organizational effectiveness, which has evolved into curriculum and research in the fields of data science and performance management. I also do work on urban policy, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, and the empirical modeling of community development outcomes.

PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)

- Millar, G. & Lecy, J. (2016). "Disciplinary Divides in Post-Conflict Justice and Peace: Tracking If and How We Share Ideas." *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, Vol. 10, Issue 3, pp 302-320.
- Lecy, J. & J. Thornton, (2016). "What Big Data Can Tell Us about Government Awards to the Nonprofit Sector: Using the FAADS Dataset." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, Vol. 45, Issue 5, pp 1052-1069.
- Faulk, L., Lecy, J. & McGinnis, J. (2016) "Competitive Advantage in Nonprofit Grant Markets: Implications of Network Embeddedness and Status." *International Public Management Journal*.
- Shadish, W. & Lecy, J. (2015). "The Meta-Analytic Big Bang." *Research Synthesis Methods*, Vol 6, Issue 3, pp 246-264.
- Lecy, J. & Searing, E. (2015). "Anatomy of the Nonprofit Starvation Cycle." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, Vol. 44, Issue 3, pp 539-563.
- Young, D. & Lecy, J. (2014). "Defining the Universe of Social Enterprise: Competing Metaphors." *Voluntas*, Vol 25, Issue 5, pp 1307-1332.
- Lecy, J., Mergel, I., Schmitz, H.P. (2014). "Networks in Public Administration: Current Scholarship in Review." *Public Management Review*, Vol 16, Issue 5, pp 643-665.
- Harris, J., Lecy, J., Hipp, A., Brownson, R., & Parra, D. (2013). "Mapping the Development of Research on Physical Activity and the Built Environment." *Preventive Medicine*, 57(5):533-540.
- Searing, E., Avila, F., & Lecy, J. (2013). "The Impact of Psychological Trauma on Wages in Post-Conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina", *Social Science and Medicine*, 96, 165-173.
- Lecy, J. & D. Van Slyke (2013). "Nonprofit Sector Growth and Density: Testing Theories of Government Support." *JPART*, Vol 22, Issue 4.
- Choi, C., Lecy, J. (2012). "A Semantic Network Analysis of Economic Policy Regime Changes in North Korea from the Mid 1980s to 2009." *Governance*, Vol 24, Issue 4.
- Lecy, J., Schmitz, H.P., Swedlund, H. (2012) "NGO and NPO Effectiveness: A Modern Synthesis." *VOLUNTAS*, Volume 23, Issue 2, Page 434-457. *ISTR best paper award for articles published in 2012.*
- Harris, J., Beatty, K., Lecy, J., J. Cyr, R. Shapiro (2011). "The Evolution of Health Systems Research: A Citation Network Analysis." *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 41(1), 105-111.

Lecy, J. (2010). "New Approaches to Evaluation: Comparative Impact Assessment." *Journal of Civil Society and Social Transformation*, Vol 5.

Krishna, A., & Lecy, J. (2008). "The Balance of All Things: Explaining Household Poverty Dynamics in 50 Villages of Gujarat, India." *International Journal of Multiple Research Approaches*, 2(2), 160-175.

Lecy, J. (2007). "Aid Effectiveness After the Gujarat Earthquake: A Case Study of Disaster Relief." *Journal of Development and Social Transformation*, Vol 4, 5-12.

BOOK CHAPTERS

EAM Searing, J. Lecy, F. Andersson (2016). "Ecologies within the Habitats of the Zoo." In: *The Social Enterprise Zoo: A Guide for Perplexed Scholars, Entrepreneurs, Philanthropists, Leaders, Investors, and Policymakers*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

D.R. Young, J. Lecy (2016). "The Role of Social Entrepreneurs in the Social Enterprise Zoo." In: *The Social Enterprise Zoo: A Guide for Perplexed Scholars, Entrepreneurs, Philanthropists, Leaders, Investors, and Policymakers*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

T. Monroe-White, J. Lecy (2016). "Social Innovation in the Zoo." In: *The Social Enterprise Zoo: A Guide for Perplexed Scholars, Entrepreneurs, Philanthropists, Leaders, Investors, and Policymakers*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

J. Lecy, EAM Searing (2016). "Changes Over Life-Cycles of Social Enterprise Animals." In: *The Social Enterprise Zoo: A Guide for Perplexed Scholars, Entrepreneurs, Philanthropists, Leaders, Investors, and Policymakers*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Lecy, J., Mitchell, G., Schmitz, H.P. (2010) "Structuring Global Advocacy: Explaining Organizational Change and the Emergence of Transnational Networks," book chapter for A. Prakash and M.K. Gugerty (eds.) *Rethinking Advocacy Organizations. A Collective Action Perspective*. Cambridge Press.

WORKING PAPERS

Van Slyke, D. & J. Lecy. "Profiles of Nonprofit Startups and Nonprofit Entrepreneurs."

Lecy, J. & E. Chisolm. "The End is Nigh: Limits to Growth of the Nonprofit Sector."

Lecy, J. & D. Van Slyke. "Towards a Consistent Theoretical Basis of Nonprofit Density in Urban Areas."

Thornton, J. & Lecy, J. “Bargain or Bargainer: Nonprofits and Government Contract Renegotiations.” Under Review.

Lecy, J., Thornton, J. & Koumpias, A. “A Systematic Review of Nonprofit vs. For-Profit Performance in Mixed Markets for Social Services.”

Henderson, M., Fyall, R. & Lecy, J. “Facilitating Community Change through Federal Grants and Nonprofit Intermediaries.”

Lecy, J. & H.P. Schmitz. “Advancing the Organizational Effectiveness Debate: The Domain-Measurement-Stakeholder Model.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- 2016 Public Management Research Conference, Aarhus, Denmark. “Growth Drivers of Nonprofit Start-Ups: Testing Five Theories.”
- 2016 International Society for Third-Sector Research, Stockholm, Sweden. Lecy, J., Thornton, J. and Koumpias, A. “Nonprofit vs. For-Profit Performance in Mixed Markets: A Meta-Analysis.”
- 2015 Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Chicago, IL. Lecy, J., Thornton, J. “Good Enough for Government Work: Federal Contracting with Nonprofits.” Henderson, M., Fyall, R. & Lecy, J. “Facilitating Community Change through Federal Grants and Nonprofit Intermediaries.” Lecy, J. “The Process of Nonprofit Organizational Birth: What We Know, What We Need, and How to Get There.” Presenter at: “Mini Plenary Session: Big Sources of Big Data.”
- 2014 Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Denver, CO. Lecy, J., Thornton, J. and Koumpias, A. “A Meta-Analysis of Nonprofit vs. For-Profit Performance in Mixed Markets for Social Services.” Thornton, J. and Lecy, J. “Bargain or Bargainer: Nonprofits and Government Contract Renegotiations.”
- 2014 Bloch School of Management Research Colloquium on Social Entrepreneurship, Kansas City, MO, June 2014. Lecy, J. and Van Holm, E., “Managing Innovation: Getting Incentives, Policies and Ecosystems Right.”
- 2013 Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Hartford, CT. Lecy, J. & Searing, E., “Growing up Nonprofit: A Coming of Age Story.”; Lecy, J. & J. Thornton, “What Big Data Can Tell Us about Government Awards to the Nonprofit Sector: Using the FAADS Dataset”; Lecy, J.

- and E. Van Holm, "The End is Nigh: Limits to the Growth of the Nonprofit Sector.;" Lecy, J. "The Role of the Entrepreneur in the Social Enterprise Zoo."
- 2013 Symposium on Nonprofit Competition sponsored by the Nonprofit Policy Forum and Syracuse University, Washington, DC. Presentation: "The End is Nigh: Limits to the Growth of the Nonprofit Sector."
- 2013 EMES Research Network Conference, Liege, Belgium. Presentation: "Entrepreneurs in the Social Enterprise Zoo."
- 2013 Public Management Research Association, Madison, WI. Lecy, J. & D. Van Slyke. "Towards a Consistent Theoretical Basis of Nonprofit Density in Urban Areas."
- 2012 Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Indianapolis, IN. Lecy, J. & Searing, E. "Anatomy of the Nonprofit Starvation Cycle.;" Lecy, J. & D. Van Slyke. "Towards a Consistent Theoretical Basis of Nonprofit Density in Urban Areas.;" Van Slyke, D. & J. Lecy. "Profiles of Nonprofit Startups and Nonprofit Entrepreneurs.;" Faulk, L., Lecy, J. & McGinnis, J. "A partial theory of nonprofit competition in grant markets.;" Lecy, J. & H.P. Schmitz. "Advancing the Organizational Effectiveness Debate: The Domain-Measurement-Stakeholder Model." Paper presentations.
- 2012 NYU Stern Conference on Social Entrepreneurship, New York, NY. Young, D. & Lecy, J. "Defining the Universe of Social Enterprise: Competing Metaphors." Paper presentation.
- 2012 Invited talk on methods of Semantic Network Analysis. June 2012, Korean Development Institute.
- 2012 Southwest Jiatong University and Andrew Young School Public Policy Research Symposium, Chengdu, China. "Studies of Long-Term Change in Community Poverty Rates: The Stages of Progress Methodology." Paper presentation.
- 2011 Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Toronto, CA. Lecy, J., Van Slyke, D. "Entrepreneurship in the nonprofit sector." Faulk, L., Lecy, J., McGinnis, J. "Entrance barriers and competition in nonprofit grant markets." Paper presentations. "Nonprofit effectiveness: a modern synthesis." Invited panel discussion.
- 2011 Public Management Research Association (PMRA) Conference, Syracuse, NY Lecy, J., Van Slyke, D. "Nonprofit sector growth: testing theories of government support." Lecy, J., Gugerty, M.K. "Credible Commitments to downward accountability in nonprofits: a model of beneficiary empowerment." Paper presentations.
- 2011 International Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Conference, St Petersburg, FL Lecy, J., Harris J.K. "Mapping your field without going crazy: new software for citation network analysis." Conference workshop on citation analysis

- 2010 Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Washington DC. Lecy, J., Van Slyke, D. "Nonprofit sector growth: testing theories of government support." Paper presentation.
- 2010 Keeneland Public Health Systems Conference, Lexington, KY
Beatty K., Harris J.K., Lecy, J., "Understanding the role of Public Health Systems and Services Research in Public Health: A Citation Network Analysis." Paper presentation by co-authors
- 2010 International Studies Association (ISA), New Orleans, MS
Lecy, J., Mitchell, G., Vinuela, L. "Large-N Approaches to Studying Civil Society Organizations." Panel presentation
- 2009 ARNOVA, Cleveland, OH. Lecy, J., Van Slyke, D., Brechin, S. "A Population Ecology Study of International NGOs." Paper presentation.
- 2009 Networks in Political Science, Harvard Conference, Cambridge MA
Lecy, J., "Structured Literature Reviews: A New Approach to Citation Network Research." Poster presentation.
- 2009 International Social Network Analysis Conference, San Diego, CA
Lecy, J., Mergel, I. and Schmitz, HP. *Exploring Network Theory in Public Administration Through a Structured Literature Review*, paper presentation
- 2008 International Society of Political Psychology Conference, Paris, France
Lecy, J. *Review of the NGO Literature*, panel presentation with the TNGO Study
- 2008 Eastern Evaluation Research Society, Carson City, NJ
Lecy, J. "Citation Network Analysis: A Software Tool for Structured Literature Reviews." Skill-building workshop
- 2006 INFORMS Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
Lecy, J. "Auction Mechanisms to Structure Post-Conflict Aid", paper presentation
- 2006 International Communication Association Conference, Dresden, Germany
Lecy, J., Diesner, J., & Carley, K. M. "Identification of Knowledge Groups from the Enron Email Corpus." Paper presentation
- 2006 Robotics Department, Carnegie Mellon
Lecy, J. "The Accelerated Statistical Learning Package." Technical report on a new software package created through the lab

JOURNAL REFEREE

Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory (JPART), Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (JPAM), Administration and Society (A&S), Public Management Review (PMR), International Public Management Journal (IPMJ), International Studies Quarterly (ISQ), Nonprofit Voluntary Sector Quarterly (NVSQ), International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations (VOLUNTAS), Nonprofit Management and Leadership (NLM), Nonprofit Policy Forum (NPF), Journal of Development and Social Transformation (JDST).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014-2016 Masters courses in public management (Public Organizations and Management), urban policy, innovation policy, data-driven management, and nonprofit management. Syracuse University.
- 2010-2014 Masters courses in public management, nonprofit studies, applied statistics, program evaluation, the R programming language, urban policy, and geographic information systems (GIS). Undergrad courses in nonprofit studies and social policy. Georgia State University.
- 2007-2008 T.A.: Applied Statistics and Program Evaluation for Master's Students (Maxwell School)
- 2006 FINCA Micro-Finance Workshop, Washington DC
Instructor: survey implementation & impact analysis

SERVICE

- 2013-2014 Track Chair for ARNOVA conference papers.
- 2008-2009 Graduate Student Association Representative, Syracuse University
- 2007-2008 Social Science Student Association, President
- 2007-2008 Journal of Development and Social Transformation, Editorial Board
- 2004-2006 International Development Group, President, Student Group at CMU

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2016 – 2018 Kauffman Foundation: Index on Entrepreneurial Ecosystems; with Alejandro Amezcua, Tiago Ratinho, Kira Reed & Jeffrey Saltz: \$50,000

- 2015 – 2018 Editorial Board for Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly.
- 2015 – 2018 Editorial Board for American Review of Public Administration.
- 2012 – 2013 Internal Grant (GSU): study of performance in mixed markets; \$12,000.
- 2011 – 2013 Kresge Foundation & Center for Philanthropy research grant for Advancing Knowledge in Human Services Philanthropy and Nonprofit Organizations. \$21,000.
- 2012 ISTR Award for the best article published in *Voluntas* in 2012.
- 2006 – 2009 Syracuse University Fellowship, Top Graduate Fellowship, SU
- July 2009 Maxwell School Dean's Office, Summer Research Fellowship
- June 2009 NSF Travel Grant, Harvard University's Political Networks Conference
- June 2007 Institute for Policy Research, Northwest University, Workshop Grant
- June 2006 FINCA Award for Outstanding Research, masters thesis work
- 2004 – 2006 Heinz Fellowship, Top Fellowship + Research Position, Carnegie Mellon
- May 2006 Highest Honors (GPA above 3.9), Carnegie Mellon
- May 2001 *Summa Cum Laude*, University of St. Thomas
- Jan. 2001 Vincent L. Hawkins Foundation for Peace and Justice Scholarship Award

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2003-2004 Children's Residential Treatment Center, Minneapolis
 - Counseled youth with behavioral and emotional disorders; strong emphasis on inter-personal conflict resolution and development of coping mechanisms
- 2002 American Refugee Committee, Kosovo
 - Monitoring vulnerable household and community stabilization projects for 120 minority villages, dialogue facilitation during refugee returns process, supervised and trained 15 Kosovar staff
 - Independently organized a multi-ethnic marathon project training 14 youth and participating in the Athens Classic Marathon in Greece, included grant-writing, athletic training, and travel logistics