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## EDUCATION

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- PhD** North Carolina State University, Public Administration May 2019  
Dissertation: “Understanding Network Evolution: Comparing and Integrating Phenomenological, Configurational, and Main Effect Methodologies”
- MPA** North Carolina State University, Public Administration May 2016
- BS** University of Miami, Communications May 2006  
Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*  
Minored in Business

## PUBLICATIONS

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\* mentored graduate student

### *Journal Publications*

Shafiq, S.\*, **Albrecht, K.**, & LeRoux, K (2023). “Extending the Interdependence Theory to Local Public Service Provision: The Case of Iowa.” In press at *Nonprofit Policy Forum*.

Nowell, B. & Albrecht, K (2023). “Purpose-oriented Networks and their Environment: A Population Ecology of Network Domains.” In press at *Public Management Review*.

Michnick, J.\*, **Albrecht, K.**, Carroll, D. (2023). “Networked supply chains: Examining the costs of Lake Michigan Drinking Water”. In press at *Illinois Municipal Policy Journal*.

Nowell, B., Steelman, T., Velez, A. -L., & **Albrecht, K.** (2022). Co-management during crisis: insights from jurisdictionally complex wildfires. *International Journal of Wildland Fire*, 31(5), 529-544.

**Albrecht, K.** (2022). Shapeshifting to address complexity: Advancing a typology of network evolution and transformation. *Complexity Governance & Networks*, 8(1), 25-40.

Coupet, J., **Albrecht, K.**, Williams, T., & Farruggia, S. (2020). Collaborative Value in Public and Nonprofit Strategic Alliances: Evidence From Transition Coaching. *Administration & Society*, 52(3), 405–430.

Nowell, B., & **Albrecht, K.** (2019). A reviewer’s guide to qualitative rigor. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 29(2), 348–363.

**Albrecht, K.**, Varkey, S., Colville, K., & Clerkin, R. (2018). Perceptions of Nonprofits and For-Profit Social Enterprises: Current Trends and Future Implications. *The Journal of Nonprofit Education and Leadership*, 8(3).

**Albrecht, K.** (2018). Institutional Logics and Accountability: Advancing an Integrated Framework in Nonprofit–Public Partnerships. *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*, 4(3), 284–305.

Nowell, B., Velez, A.-L. K., Hano, M. C., Sudweeks, J., **Albrecht, K.**, & Steelman, T. (2018). Studying networks in complex problem domains: Advancing methods in boundary specification. *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance*, 1(4), 273–282.

### ***Journal Papers in Preparation***

**Albrecht, K.**, Michnick, J.\*, Carroll, D.A. “Authority and Accountability in Collaborative Water Systems: A Comparative Case Study of Intergovernmental Organizations in Northeastern Illinois.” Preparing for submission to *Public Administration Review*.

**Albrecht, K.**, Kurtz, S.\*, & Shafiq, S.\* “Agency, Stewardship, and Information Sharing Ties: The intersection of network dynamics and monitoring mechanisms in nonprofit-government service delivery.” Preparing for submission to the *Journal of Nonprofit and Public Affairs*.

**Albrecht, K.**, & Leinwand, B. “Exploring network community detection to inform policy implementation process theories”. Preparing for submission to the *Policy Studies Journal*.

### ***Book Reviews***

**Albrecht, K.** (2020). “Can Managers Get it Right? Examining the Crossroads of Accountability and Measurement”. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 30(4), 693–695.

### ***Book Chapters***

(Peer-Reviewed)

Velez, A-L., Bodkin, C., **Albrecht, K.** & Patrick, A. (2024). “Unpacking informal partnerships and intangible resources in co-creation of community”

**Albrecht, K.** & Archibald, E\*. (2023). “Inductive Survey Research.” To be published in Ford, L. & Scandura, T., *Sage Handbook of Survey Development and Application*. Sage.

Varkey, S. & **Albecht, K.** (2023). “Performance Management”. To be published in Managing Human Resources in Kuenzi, K. & Stewart, A., *Nonprofit Sector Human Resource Management: Equipping Organizations to be Democratic, Diverse, Inclusive, and Employee-Friendly*. Sagamore Press.

**Albrecht, K.** (2021). “Longitudinal Network Analysis with RSiena”. Published as an online supplement in Garson, D. G., *Data Analytics for the Social Sciences: Applications in R*. Routledge.

### ***Conference Papers***

(Peer-Reviewed)

Nowell, B., Steelman, T., Velez, AL, & **Albrecht, K.** “Co-management during crisis: Insights from jurisdictionally complex wildfires”. Academy of Management 2022.

Nowell, B. & **Albrecht, K.** “Purpose-oriented Networks and their Environment: A Population Ecology of Network Domains”. Academy of Management, August 2021.

Shafiq, S.\*, **Albrecht, K.** & LeRoux, K. “Toward a Unified Approach to Studying the Role of Nonprofits in Public Service Delivery”. Academy of Management, August 2021.

Coupet, J., **Albrecht, K.**, T. Williams, & S. Farruggia. “Extending the CVC Framework to Public-Nonprofit Strategic Alliances.” Academy of Management 2018.

Clerkin, R. & **Albrecht, K.**. “Are we all on the same page? Using data and dialogue to understand nonprofit capacity building.” Academy of Management 2018.

(Abstract-Reviewed)

**Albrecht, K.**, Leinwand, B., & Siciliano, M. “Exploring network community detection to inform policy implementation processes”. Public Management Research Conference. Phoenix, May 2022.

**Albrecht, K.**, & Coupet, J. “Ties that bind: Examining the costs of nonprofit engagement in interlocal service agreements”. Public Management Research Conference, May 2022.

Skuzinski, T., **Albrecht, K.**, & Michnick, J.\* “Infrastructure governance and Institutional Grammar: A conceptual framework and application to drinking water systems in Chicagoland”. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2022.

**Albrecht, K.**, Michnick, J.\*, & Skuzinski, T. “Triangulating network knowledge, position, and performance: Insights from water governance systems”. American Society of Public Administration conference, March 2022.

Skuzinski, T., Michnick, J.\*, & **Albrecht, K.** “Punctuations and frictions in collaborative water governance: Evidence from the Chicagoland region”. American Society of Public Administration conference, March 2022.

Nowell, B. & **Albrecht, K.** “Purpose-oriented Networks and their Environment: A Population Ecology of Network Domains.” Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference, July 2021.

**Albrecht, K.** “Seeing the forest and the trees: Integrating interdisciplinary network domain theories”. Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference, July 2021.

Kurtz, S.\*, **Albrecht, K.**, & Shafiq, S\*. “Towards a Map of Monitoring Mechanisms: The Role of Institutions and Activities in Monitoring Cross-Sector Collaboration”. American Society of Public Administration conference, April 2021.

Shafiq, S.\*, **Albrecht, K.**, & LeRoux, K. “Expanding the scope of nonprofit-government relations theory: A longitudinal examination of interlocal collaborations.” Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Action, November 2020.

Nowell, B. & **Albrecht, K.** “Networks and Meta-Governance Dynamics: Examining population ecology within Network Domains.” Accepted to the 2020 International Research Society for Public Management Conference. [Not presented due to COVID-19 conference cancellation]

**Albrecht, K.** “Paperwork as myth and ceremony: Exploring definitions of interlocal collaboration and partnership.” Accepted to the 2020 Public Management Research Conference. [Not presented due to COVID-19 conference cancellation]

(List of conference papers prior to 2019 available upon request)

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

**Academy of Management Public-Nonprofit Division Charles Levine Best Paper 2021**  
“Purpose-oriented Networks and their Environment: A Population Ecology of Network Domains”

Nowell, B. & Albrecht, K.

**TIBS Felice Davidson Perlmutter Best Paper Award** 2020

ARNOVA Theories, Boundaries, and Intersections section

“Bridging Theoretical Perspectives from Nonprofit Studies and Urban Governance: Toward a Unified Approach to Studying the Role of Nonprofits in Public Service Delivery”

Shafiq, S., Albrecht, K., & LeRoux, K.

**Sam Overman Best Paper Award** 2019

ASPA Section on Complexity and Network Science

“Is a network always a network? Advancing and applying a typology of network evolutionary forms”

Albrecht, K.

**Volker Junior Scholar Research Award** 2019

APSA Public Administration Section

“Risk, reward, and rationality: Toward a theory of partner selection between well-resourced and distressed local governments”

## **RESEARCH / GRANT EXPERIENCE**

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- 2022-2025 – Affiliated faculty, UIC Government Finance and Research Center, with Illinois Office of Management and Budget “Water Rate Study” - \$769,000
- 2022-2023 – Affiliated Faculty, UIC Great Cities Institute, with Grand Victoria Foundation “Illinois Racial Equity and Racial Justice Landscape Scan” - \$50,000
- August 2020 to July 2021–Co-Principle Investigator for Illinois Innovation Network “Sustaining Illinois through Collaborative Governance: A Pilot Study of Water Systems Governance in Northeast and North Central Illinois” - \$30,000
- 2019 to present – UIC Networks and Governance Lab affiliated faculty

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**University of Illinois-Chicago, Chicago**

August 2019 to Present

**Assistant Professor, Public Administration**

- **Undergraduate course**
  - PPOL 230 – Nonprofit Organizations in US Civil Society
- **Graduate courses**
  - PA 521 – Strategic Management: Planning and Measurement
  - PA 544 – Qualitative Research Methods
  - PA 541 – Advanced Data Analysis I
- **Doctoral Students Advised**

- Jun Li, “Multiplexity in Networks of Intergovernmental Agreements”, planned graduation 2022
- Charles Van Hecke, “Elite nonprofit donor behaviors”, planned graduation 2023
- Saman Shafiq, “Publicness in Networks”, planned graduation December 2022
- Samuel Kurtz, “The Next Frontier: Inter-Institutional Dynamics in Regional Problem Solving”, planned graduation December 2022
- Victor Hugg, “Collaborative Governance and Public Education: Interlocal Networks and Student Outcomes”, May 2020
- **Tutorial/teaching simulation development**
  - Qualitative Comparative Analysis Tutorial. Online-synchronous course and archived materials. Overview of the logic and use of QCA. Additional lab opportunity for students to apply and practice QCA in R.
  - Case study development for E-PARCC simulation contest and use in Strategic Management course. “Water for you and me, or water for us? Regional collaboration in drinking water systems”. 2022 E-PARCC Teaching Simulation Winner.
- **Teaching fellowship**
  - UIC Office of Planning, Sustainability, and Project Management. Teaching Sustainability Initiative 2022-2023

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## SERVICE EXPERIENCE

### University of Illinois-Chicago

#### Department of Public Administration

August 2019-present

- Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Committee
- MPA/MPP Admissions and Program Committee (Completed NASPAA reaccreditation in 2020)
- Bachelors of Public Policy Program Committee

### University of Illinois-Chicago

#### College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

August 2021-present

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group
- UIC-Partnerships for Anti-racist Campus Transformation (PACT)

### Association leadership and engagement

- ARNOVA Early Scholars Section Vice Chair 2018-2020
- ASPA Section on Complexity & Network Science Exec Committee 2020-present
- AOM PNP Division Doctoral Consortium Mentor August 2022
- AOM PNP Division Doctoral Consortium Co-Chair October 2022-present

### Journal editorship and reviewer

- Associate editor, *Complexity, Governance and Networks* 2021-present
- Peer reviewer
  - *Academy of Management, PNP Division*

- *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*
- *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*
- *International Public Management Journal*
- *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*
- *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*
- *State and Local Government Review*
- *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance*
- *Public Administration Review*