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Commentary

Soundings: https://ipg.vt.edu/tags.resource.html/ipg_vt_edu:Soundings
Tidings: https://ipg.vt.edu/tags.resource.html/ipg_vt_edu:Tidings

Education

Academic degrees

Ph.D. University of Virginia, Government, 1985
M.A.P.A., University of Virginia, 1979
B. A., with High Distinction, University of Virginia, 1977

Executive education

Harvard University Graduate School of Education
Harvard Institutes for Higher Education
Management Development Certificate Program, 2001

Research and Teaching Interests

Nonprofit/Nongovernmental Organizations, Governance, Leadership, Management and Civil Society
Governance
Food Systems Policy and Change
Higher Education: Policy and Practice
Humanitarian and Refugee Relief and Disaster Risk Mitigation
Public Policy and Democratic Theory
Peacebuilding, International Development and Democratization

Professional appointments

Academic appointments

Present

Professor of Public and International Affairs
School of Public and International Affairs
Urban Affairs and Planning
Virginia Tech

July 2006-present
Founding Director
Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance (VTIPG)
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

October 2019-Present
Affiliated Faculty, Virginia Tech
Center for European Union, Transatlantic & Trans-European Space Studies (CEUTTSS) - *A*
Jean Monnet Center of Excellence

August 2024-
Fellow
Virginia Tech Center for Humanities

June 2015-Present
Affiliated Faculty
Virginia Tech Center for the Study of Rhetoric in Society

August 2012- present
Affiliated Faculty
Virginia Tech Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention

August 2012-present
Affiliated Faculty
Virginia Tech Master of Public Health Program

October 2007-present
Professor for Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought (ASPECT)
Doctoral Program
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
Virginia Tech

Past

2019
Visiting Scholar in Governance
Shandong University
Shandong, China

2018-2021
Visiting Hai-Tien (Sea-Sky) Scholar in Governance
Dalian University of Technology
Dalian, China

Leadership

July 2006-present
Founding Director
Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance (VTIPG)
School of Public and International Affairs, College of Architecture and Urban Studies until July 1, 2022, and College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences thereafter

March 2007-July 2018
Coordinator MURP Program (and MPIA Program, 2012-2018)
Master's International Program, United States Peace Corps
School of Public and International Affairs
Virginia Tech

July 2005-December 2015
Coordinator
Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit and Nongovernmental Organization Management (also offered online)
School of Public and International Affairs
Virginia Tech

Professional Awards, Organizations and Activities

Selected for inclusion in the Academic Keys Who's Who in Social Sciences Higher Education (WWSSHE): <https://socialsciences.academickeys.com/> January 2022.

Virginia Tech Graduate School/College of Architecture of Urban Studies, Outstanding Mentor Award, 2018.

Virginia Tech College of Architecture and Urban Studies Excellence in Scholarship Award, 2017.

Society of International Scholars, Virginia Tech Chapter, Member, 1999-Present.

Publications (last 10 years)

Books

Critical praxis and the social imaginary for sustainable food systems. Lausanne: Frontiers Media SA. doi: 10.3389/978-2-8325-5480-7, 2024. Editor with Niewolny, Kim., Erwin, Anna., Zanotti, Laura, 467 pp. <https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/37417/critical-praxis-and-the-social-imaginary-for-sustainable-food-systems>

Policy and Politics of the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Eastern Mediterranean States: National and Institutional Perspectives, Bristol, U.K., E-International Relations: 2023. 14 chapters, 275 pages. Editor, with Yannis Stivachtis. <https://www.e-ir.info/publication/policy-and-politics-of-the-syrian-refugee-crisis-in-eastern-mediterranean-states/>

Conversations in Community Change: Voices from the Field Volume II. Editor with Cathy Grimes. Virginia Tech Publishing. 288 pages, 2023. With Introduction, Foreword, Afterword and Index. Also: for that volume, Max Stephenson Jr. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21061/communitychange.v2>

RE: Reflections and Explorations, Volume III, Virginia Tech Publishing, Including 26 essays and 296 pages with Preface, Introduction, Section introductions and Index. Ed. With Lyusyena Kirakosyan, 2023. With Introduction, “Reflections on an Experiment in Helping Graduate Students Write,” Max Stephenson, Jr. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21061/vtipg.re.v3>

Conversations in Community Change: Voices from the Field. Editor with Cathy Grimes. With Introduction, Foreword, Afterword and Index, 250 pages. Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Publishing, 2021. ISBN: EPUB 978-1-949373-40-0; Paperback, 978-1-949373-38-7; PDF 978-949373-39-4.

Maré from the Inside: Arts, Culture and Politics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Editor with Nicholas Barnes and Desiree Poets. Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Publishing, 2021. Paperback 978-1-949373-54-7; PDF 978-1-949373-55-4.

This book also was published in Portuguese, *Maré de Dentro A exposição | Favelas do Rio de Janeiro | Complexo da Maré | Policiamento no Rio de Janeiro*, Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Publishing, 2021.

Fragile Foundations and Enduring Challenges: Essays on Democratic Politics and Governance, 124 essays. Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Publishing, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-949373-09-7 (PDF), ISBN: 978-1-949373-08-0 (epub), ISBN: 978-1-949373-07-3 (paperback), 560 pp.

RE: Reflections and Explorations Volume II: A Forum for Deliberative Dialogue. Editor, with Lyusyena Kirakosyan Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Publishing, 2017. ISBN: 978-0-9963838-3-7 (PDF) ISBN: 978-0-9963838-4-4 (ePub) ISBN: 978-0-9963838-5-1 (paperback), 419 pp.

RE: Reflections and Explorations: Essays on Public Policy and Governance. Editor with Lyusyena Kirakosyan, Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Publishing, 2015. ISBN: 978-0-9963838-0-6 (ePub) ISBN: 978-0-9963838-2-0 (paperback), 357 pp.

Arts and Community Change: Exploring Cultural Development Policies, Practices and Dilemmas. Editor with Scott Tate. Oxford, UK: Routledge Publishers, 2015. ISBN: 978-1-13-802434-2. Available in hardcover, paperback and e-book formats, 258 pp.

Edited Journal Volumes

“Decolonization/Decoloniality: Old Debates and New Directions,” *Community Change Journal*, 6(1) 2, 2024. Three articles and Introductory essay. With Desiree Poets and Laura Zanotti, <https://communitychange.ipg.vt.edu/10/volume/6/issue/1>

Editorial (Cover) Essay for “Critical Praxis and the Social Imaginary for Sustainable Food Systems,” for Special issue of *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*, Max Stephenson Jr., Kim Niewolny, Laura Zanotti, Anna Erwin, Eds. Accepted August 30, 2024.

Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems, “Critical Praxis and the Social Imaginary for Sustainable Food Systems,” Max Stephenson Jr., Editor with Kim Niewolny, Laura Zanotti and Anna Erwin. 2024. 13 articles. <https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/37417/critical-praxis-and-the-social-imaginary-for-sustainable-food-systems>

Essay Series Editor

RE: Reflections and Explorations, a weekly commentary series written by Virginia Tech graduate students: Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance, January 2013-May 2021 (Archived at https://ipg.vt.edu/tags.resource.html/ipg_vt_edu:Reflections).

Peer Reviewed Articles Organized by Area of Interest

Policy/Politics, Governance and Civil Society

“Phronetic Planning's Janus Face: Charting Elite Advantage in Tehran's Land Use Decisions,” With Neda Moayerian and Mohammadmehdi Panahi. Max Stephenson Jr.* * Corresponding author. <https://www.mdpi.com/2073-445X/14/1/127> Published January 9, 2025.

“‘Magic Concepts’ and USAID: Framing Food Systems Reform to Support the Status Quo,” *Development Policy Review*, 43, 1, 2025, <https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12823> Published December 19, 2024. With Lia Kelinsky Jones* and Kim Niewolny. * Corresponding author.

Editorial (Cover) Essay for “Critical Praxis and the Social Imaginary for Sustainable Food Systems,” for Special issue of *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*, September 13, 2024. Max Stephenson Jr., Kim Niewolny, Laura Zanotti, Anna Erwin, Eds. https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/sustainable-food-systems/articles/10.3389/fsufs.2024.1487397/full?utm_source=Email_to_authors&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=T1_11.5e1_author&utm_campaign=Email_publication&field&journalName=Frontiers_in_Sustainable_Food_Systems&id=1487397

“The Contributions of Community Newspapers to the Resilience of the Citizenries of Rio’s Maré and Rocinha Favelas During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” *Journal of Urban Affairs*, [The contributions of community-led newspapers to the resilience of Rio’s Maré and Rocinha favelas during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). 2024. With Vanessa Guerra,* Desiree Poets and Molly Todd. *Corresponding author. This article was featured in the Nonprofit Academic Centers, July 2024, Newsletter, <https://mailchi.mp/e4bfd6464a05/nacc-news-july-2024?e=e27879fa41>

“Plus Ça Change: The Politics of Alterity, and Italian and Maltese Responses to Recent Migration Challenges,” *Athens Journal of Politics and International Affairs*, 1: 1-21

<https://www.athensjournals.gr/politics/2024-5779-AJPIA-Stephenson-03.pdf>, 2024. Max Stephenson Jr.* and Neda Moayerian.
* Corresponding author.

“The Black Radical Imagination in a Rural Forgotten Space,” *MetroPolitics*, <https://metropolitics.org/The-Black-Radical-Imagination-in-a-Rural-Forgotten-Space.html>, 2024. With Brad Stephens* and Chris Stephenson. * Corresponding author.

“Reflections on Bordering, Micropolitics and Everyday life in Peacebuilding Processes: Revisiting the 1949 Armistice Agreements,” *Qeios*, With Laura Zanotti, 2023, <https://www.qeios.com/read/H0XJGO>.

“Storytelling, Performing Arts and Collective Capacity in One Rio Favela,” *The International Journal of Social, Political and Community Agendas in the Arts*, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.18848/2326-9960/CGP/v19i01/75-95> With Neda Moayerian.

“Sustainable agriculture and food sovereignty in Haiti: Sharing knowledge and shaping understanding of food systems at the University of Fondwa,” *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*. With Lesly Joseph, Laura Zanotti and Scutt Ricot. https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fsufs.2023.1230763/full?&utm_source=Email_to_authors&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=T1_11.5e1_author&utm_campaign=Email_publication&field=&journalName=Frontiers_in_Sustainable_Food_Systems&id=1230763

“The Arts and Individual and Collective Agency in a Brazilian Favela,” *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Studies*, 10(4), November 2023, 58-80. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.29333/ejecs/1407> With Neda Moayerian, * Desiree Poets and Cathy Grimes.

“Community Capacity, Agency, and Community Newspapers during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case from the Global South,” *World Development Perspectives*, 2023, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2452292923000243?dgcid=author> With Desiree Poets, Cathy Grimes and Neda Moayerian.
This article is also featured by the United States National Institutes of Health, National Library of Medicine, National Center for Biotechnology Information, <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37193198/>.

"Building Agroecological Traction: Engaging Discourse, the Imaginary, and Critical Praxis for Food System Transformation," *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*, 2023. With Lia Kelinsky and Kim Niewolny. https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fsufs.2023.1128430/full?&utm_source=Email_to_authors&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=T1_11.5e1_author&utm_campaign=Email_publication&field=&journalName=Frontiers_in_Sustainable_Food_Systems&id=1128430

“Reflections on a Cross-Border Collaborative Research Effort During COVID-19,” Molly F. Todd, Cathy Grimes, Neda Moayerian, Desiree Poets, Max Stephenson, Jr., *Community Change*, 4(1): 3. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21061/cc.v4i1.a.37> Published December 23, 2022.

“Conceptualizing Cross-sectoral Partnership Building in Two Small Appalachian Towns,” *Community Development Journal*, 58(3), July 2023, 472-491, <https://doi.org/10.1093/cdj/bsac012> With Neda Moayerian* and Lara Nagle.

“Community Agency, Cultural Development and Sustainable Tourism.” *Annals of Tourism Research*, Published February 5, 2022. <https://authors.elsevier.com/c/1eXb7aZ3EbQZ4> With Neda Moayerian and Nancy McGehee.

“Towards Defining and Advancing ‘Made in Africa Evaluation,’” *African Evaluation Journal*, ISSN: (Online) 2306-5133, (Print) 2310-4988, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4102/aej.v9i1.564>, Published November 9, 2021, Dayo Omosa (corresponding author), Thomas Archibald, Max Stephenson, Jr., Kim Niewolny, James C. Anderson, II.

“Community Social Polarization and Change: Evidence from Three Recent Studies,” *World, I*(1), June 2020, pp. 20-33, <https://www.mdpi.com/2673-4060/1/1/2>, With Beng Abella-Lipsey, Lara Nagle and Neda Moayerian.

“Tacit Knowledge, Vulnerability and Agential Possibility in Rural Haiti,” *Community Development Journal*, 56 (4), October 2021, pp. 663–678, <https://doi.org/10.1093/cdj/bsaa017>. With Laura Zanotti.

“Pondering Grassroots Development Initiatives: Evidence from Haiti and Jamaica,” *Forum for Development Studies*, 47(1), April 2020, pp. 49-66. With Laura Zanotti.

“Farmworker Justice, Faith and Governance: A Critical Realist Analysis of one FBO’s Participatory initiative,” *Journal of Administrative Theory and Praxis*, 41(4), December 2019, pp. 350-367. With Anna Erwin.

“Exploring the Arts as Dialogic Practice: Deriving Lessons for Change from Community-Based Art-Making for International Development,” *Psych*, 1, 2019, pp. 375-390; [doi:10.3390/psych1010027](https://doi.org/10.3390/psych1010027). With Lyusyena Kirakosyan.

“Exploring the Intersection of Theory and Practice of Arts for Peacebuilding,” *Global Society*, 31(3), 2017, pp. 336-352. With Laura Zanotti.

“International Aid, Local Ownership and Survival: Development and Higher Education in Rural Haiti,” *Voluntas: The International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 27(1), February 2016, pp. 273-298. With Laura Zanotti and Nancy McGehee.

“Biopolitical and disciplinary Peacebuilding: Sport, reforming bodies and rebuilding societies,” *International Peacekeeping*, 22(2), February 2015, pp. 186-201, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13533312.2015.1017082>. With Laura Zanotti and Marcy Schnitzer.

Humanitarian Relief, Disaster Mitigation and Refugee Issues

“Exploring Syrian Refugees’ Access to Medical and Social Support Services Using a Trauma-Informed Analytic Framework,” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public*

Health, 2023, 20, 2031. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph20032031>. With Neda Moayerian, * Renad Abbadi and Muddather Jameel-Abu. Karaki. * Corresponding author. Published January 22, 2023.

“Human Rights, Economic Assumptions, the Jordan Compact and the Syrian Refugee Crisis,” *Academia: Letters*, June 2021. <https://doi.org/10.20935/AL1429>. With Neda Moayerian (primary author).

“Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations as Vehicles for Democratizing the Refugee Regime Complex,” *Voluntas: The International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 29, August 2018, pp. 790–800. With Emily Barry-Murphy.

Higher Education and Pedagogy

“Neoliberalism, Academic Capitalism and Higher Education: An Analysis of One University in Rural Haiti,” *International Journal of Educational Development*, 65, March 2019, pp.115-122, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijedudev.2017.08.009>. With Laura Zanotti.

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Articles

“Pluralism.” for Regina A. List, Helmut K. Anheier and Stefan Toepler (eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Civil Society*, 3rd ed. New York: Springer Publishing Company, 2025. With Neda Moayerian. Accepted January 9, 2025.

“Introduction: Reflections on the Paradoxical Character of Social Change,” in *Conversations in Community Change: Voices from the Field, Volume 2*, Virginia Tech Publishing. 288 pages, 2023. doi:[10.21061/communitychange.v2](https://doi.org/10.21061/communitychange.v2)

Stephenson, Jr. M., Introduction, (2023). “Reflections on an Experiment in Helping Graduate Students Write,” in Stephenson, Jr., M. & Kirakosyan, L. Eds., *RE: Reflections and Explorations*, Volume III, Virginia Tech Publishing.

Moayerian, Neda and Max Stephenson Jr., “UNHCR, National Policies and the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Lebanon and Jordan,” in Max Stephenson Jr. and Yannis Stivachtis, eds. *Policy and Politics of the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Eastern Mediterranean States: National and Institutional Perspectives*, Bristol, U.K., E-International Relations: 2023.

Muddather, Abu Karaki, Renad Abbadi, Max Stephenson Jr., in “Investigating Refugee Agency Amidst Widespread Popular, Political and Economic Discrimination and Alienation,” in Max Stephenson Jr. and Yannis Stivachtis, eds. *Policy and Politics of the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Eastern Mediterranean States: National and Institutional Perspectives*, Bristol, U.K., E-International Relations: 2023.

Stephenson, Jr., M., and Stivachtis, I., “Introduction,” in Stephenson, Jr., M. and Stivachtis, I., eds., (2023), *The Policy and Politics of the Refugee Crisis in the Eastern Mediterranean Countries: National and Institutional Perspectives*. Bristol: e-International Relations Publishing. <https://www.e-ir.info/publication/policy-and-politics-of-the-syrian-refugee-crisis-in-eastern-mediterranean-states/>

Stephenson, Jr., M., and Stivachtis, I., “From Securitization to Integration,” in (2023), Stephenson, Jr., M., and Stivachtis, I., eds., *The Policy and Politics of the Refugee Crisis in the Eastern Mediterranean Countries: National and Institutional Perspectives*. Bristol: e-International Relations Publishing. <https://www.e-ir.info/publication/policy-and-politics-of-the-syrian-refugee-crisis-in-eastern-mediterranean-states/>

“Arts, Culture and Community Building in Rural Virginia,” for Margaret Cowell and Sarah Lyon Hill, eds., *Vibrant Virginia: Engaging the Commonwealth to Expand Economic Vitality*. Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Publishing, 2022. With Lara Nagle and Neda Moayerian.

“Truth-telling, Meaning Making and Imagining the Future” in Nicholas Barnes, Max Stephenson Jr. and Desiree Poets, Eds. *Maré from the Inside: Arts, Culture and Politics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*, Editor with. Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Publishing, 2021.

“Conclusion: On the Struggle for Freedom and Dignity” in Nicholas Barnes, Max Stephenson Jr. and Desiree Poets, Eds. *Maré from the Inside: Arts, Culture and Politics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*, Editor with. Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Publishing, 2021.

“Corporatism,” for Regina A. List, Helmut K. Anheier and Stefan Toepler (eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Civil Society*, 2nd ed. New York: Springer Publishing Company, Published On-Line First on April 10, 2020, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-99675-2_543-1.

“NGOS in International Humanitarian Relief,” for Regina A. List, Helmut K. Anheier and Stefan Toepler (eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Civil Society*, 2nd ed. New York: Springer Publishing Company, 2020, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-99675-2_564-1.

“Sport, Peace and Development and Social Theory: An Overview,” for Holly Collison, Simon Darnell, David Howe and Richard Giulianotti (eds.), *Routledge Handbook on Sport, Peace and Development*, Oxford, UK: Routledge Publishers, 2018, pp. 165-174. With Laura Zanotti.

“The Theory and Practice of International Humanitarian Relief Coordination,” in Joachim Koops and Rafael Biermann (eds.), *Palgrave Handbook of Inter-Organizational Relations in World Politics*, London: Palgrave-MacMillan, 2016, pp. 485-502.

“Honoring Memory and Articulating Truth: The Case of Serbia’s DAH Teatar,” in Dennis Barnett (ed.), *DAH Theatre: A Sourcebook*, Lanham, MD: Rowman Littlefield/Lexington Books, 2016, pp. 17-36. With Lyusyena Kirakosyan.

“Theater as a Tool for Building Peace and Justice: DAH Teatar and Bond Street Theatre,” in Editor, with A. Scott Tate *Arts and Community Change: Exploring Cultural Development Policies, Practices and Dilemmas* Oxford, UK: Routledge Publishers, 2015, pp. 212-231. With Lyusyena Kirakosyan.

“Exploring the Connections among Adaptive Leadership, Facets of Imagination and Social Imaginaries.” in Colette Dumas and Richard Beinecke, (eds.), *Change Leadership*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, May 2015. (Reprint of 2009 article of this title.)

Book/Essay/Film Reviews

Review of “Spirit of the Spice of Life,” Alan Blum, published in *Academia: Letters*, 2021, Article 505, https://www.academia.edu/45576602/Spirit_as_the_Spice_of_Life.

Review of the documentary film, *Sky and Ground* (Syrian refugee crisis) (2018), *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees*, 37(1), Spring 2021, <https://doi.org/10.25071/1920-7336.40872>, With Neda Moayerian.

Review of Martin Barber, *Blinded by Humanity: Inside the UN's Humanitarian Operations* (London and New York: I.B. Taurus, 2015). *Voluntas: The International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organization*, 28(1), February 2017, pp. 450-451. DOI 10.1007/s11266-016-9748-6.

Refereed Proceedings

Other Publications

Lyusyena Kirakosyan and Max Stephenson Jr. “Embodied Agency and Resilience: A Framework for Examining Disabled Refugees’ Experiences in the Post-Migration Context.” *Preprints* 2024, 2024101250. <https://doi.org/10.20944/preprints202410.1250.v1>

“Reflecting on the Changing Character of American Civil Society and its Effects on Public and Nonprofit/Nongovernmental Organizations’ Management Strategies,” invited guest column for *NACC News*, the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council international newsletter. Published January 31, 2018.

“United Nations Invocations of the ‘Responsibility to Protect’: State Sovereignty and State Actions,” Academic Council of the United Nations System Online Scholarly Articles library: <http://acuns.org/scholarly-articles/> Published April 8, 2016. With Francesco Manca and Laura Zanotti.

Abridged version published in the Academic Council of the United Nations System International *Newsletter*. Vol. 2, April 2016.

“The Arts and Community Development and the Challenge of Equitable Social Change,” for Routledge online blog. <https://www.routledge.com/posts/451,2015>, With A. Scott Tate.

Books, articles, chapters and reviews under review

Books

Articles and Book Chapters

“Countering Persistent Alterity: Fostering Advocacy and Agency,” at *Journal of Human Rights Practice*, January 28, 2025. With Neda Moayerian, Desiree Poets, Vanessa Guerra, Henrique Gomes. Max Stephenson Jr. * *Corresponding author.

“Revisiting the Social Role of Radical Imagination Amidst Widespread Democratic Erosion,” at *Journal of African American History*, January 28, 2025. With Neda Moayerian and Brad Stephens. Max Stephenson Jr. * *Corresponding author.

Books, Articles/Chapters in Preparation

Books

Violent Infrastructure: Protracted Displacement and Housing (In)Justice in the South Caucasus and Beyond, for VT Publishing, Blacksburg, VA. Ed. With Ariel Otruba, Yannis Stivachtis and Nino Dzotsenidze, 2025.

The Politics of Alterity and the Syrian Displacement Crisis: The Cases of Malta and Cyprus, With Yannis Stivachtis and Neda Moayerian, For Berghahn Books, Oxford, England. 2025.

Special Journal Issues

“Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture,” for *Sustainability*, 2025. Lead ed. With Kim Niewolny and Lia Kelinsky-Jones. Anticipated 10-12 articles.

“Exploring the Dynamics and Possibilities of Refugee (Re)settlement Amidst Existing Social, Political and Environmental Tensions,” for *International Journal of Population Studies*,” 2025, Ed. with Ariel Otruba. Anticipated 12 articles.

Articles

“Corporatism,” for Regina A. List, Helmut K. Anheier and Stefan Toepler (eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Civil Society*, 3rd ed. New York: Springer Publishing Company, 2025. December 2024 submission.

“NGOS in International Humanitarian Relief,” for Regina A. List, Helmut K. Anheier and Stefan Toepler (eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Civil Society*, 3rd ed. New York: Springer Publishing Company, 2025. December 2024 submission.

“The Impact of Iranian Non-Governmental Organizations on Inclusiveness in Cultural Heritage Discourses,” for a special issue of *Local Development and Society*, Eds. Anne-Lise Velez, Candice Bodkin, and Kristina Patterson. Due: January 31, 2025. With Armin Firouzi.” * *Corresponding author.

Scholarly Symposia/Workshop Leadership

International Symposium, “Entangled Ontologies, Decoloniality and Decolonization,” Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance and Virginia Tech Department of Political Science, March 4-5, 2021. Seven selected authors from multiple nations presented papers on the theme. Five selected graduate students also offered research on the theme. Host and organizer with Desiree Poets and Laura Zanotti. Virtual.

Commentary

Tidings, a quarterly column, Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance (Archived at https://ipg.vt.edu/tags.resource.html/ipg_vt_edu:Tidings). Most recent columns listed below. For others, please see archive.

2025

January “Reflections on Change”

2024

October “Chronicling Governance at an Existential Moment”

July “Dancing on the Precipice”

April “On Looking at the Many Ways Hatred Serves as Political Impulse (With Apologies to Wallace Stevens)”

January “The ‘Hollow Men’ and United States Democracy”

2023

October “The Presidential Center Directors and Preserving Democracy in America”

July “The Scaffolding is Worth Saving”

April “Two Perspectives on Growing Indifference to Moral Bankruptcy”

January “Confronting the Challenge of Hyper-Partisan Illiberalism”

2022

October “Beggaring Imagination”

July “On the Very Real Consequences of Racist Lies and Illusions”

April “Remarks on the Opening of the *Maré from the Inside* Exhibit at the University of Virginia”

January “Six Paradoxes on the Theme of Migration”

2021

October “A Democratic Crisis Rooted in Mass Delusion”

July “Reflections on the Institute’s Fifteenth Anniversary”

April “‘Canceling’ Reality and Trust in Policy Discussion”

January “The ‘Contempt’ Virus and Democratic Politics”

2020

October “Public Colleges and Universities and the Nation’s Governance Crisis”

July “Reflections on a Deepening Governance Crisis”

April “On Empathy, Social Imagination and Efforts to Combat the Current Drug Crisis”

January “A Reflection on Equality, Justice and U.S. Governance”

2019

October “The Enduring Power and Danger of the ‘Deep Story’”

July “Democratic Accountability Redux”

April “Selling Books while Salvaging Lives: Civic and Social Entrepreneurship on the Cliff’s Edge”

January “Attacking Human Rights and Eroding Self-Governance”

2018

October “Thoughts on Community Change and Higher Education”

July “Considering the Critical Roles of Graduate Students”

April “The Dangers of ‘Cotton Candy’ Politics”

January “Learning from Appalachia”

Soundings, a periodic (from January 17, 2010 to January 14, 2012), weekly (from January 15, 2012-January 5, 2015) and thereafter bi-weekly series (Archived at https://ipg.vt.edu/tags.resource.html/ipg_vt_edu:Soundings).

Most recent commentaries listed below. For others, please see archive.

2024

January 22, 2024 “Refusing to Hate or Fear the Unknown”

2023

October 9, 2023 “Of Racist and Red Baiting Tropes and Misanthropes”

September 25, 2023 “Good Morning, Mr. Indignation”

September 11, 2023 “Hope and Possibility Amidst Human Depravity”

June 19, 2023 “Countering Democratic Usurpation”

April 17, 2023 “On Hope, Reverence and Democratic Possibility”

February 13, 2023 “Tribalism is Not the Nation’s Central Governance Problem”

January 30, 2023 “Shadowboxing with Words”

January 17, 2023 “On Sharing the Facts but Imagining Politics Otherwise”

2022

December 19, 2022 “Reflections on a Continuing Pall”

November 28, 2022 “On Journalism, Empirical Reality and Ethical Claim”

November 7, 2022 “Tearing at the Sinews of Democratic Legitimacy”

October 17, 2022 “Of Damning Facts and Destructive Fantasies”

September 19, 2022 “A Descent into Popular Madness and a Central Truth of Self-Governance”

September 5, 2022 “The Perils of False Equivalence for Human Freedom”

August 22, 2022 “Staying the Course in the Quest for Social Justice”

July 25, 2022 “A Shared Quest for All or a Single Imposed ‘Patrimony’?”

July 11, 2022 “Reaping a Whirlwind of Hate”

June 27, 2022 “Banning Books and Pondering Democratic Possibility”

June 13, 2022 “Synodality and the Crisis of Democratic Politics”

May 30, 2022 “The Danger of ‘Cumulative Radicalization’”

May 16, 2022 “Reflections on Federalism, Democratic Responsibility and a Leaked Supreme Court Decision”

May 2, 2022 “Morality has Left the Building”

April 18, 2022 “‘Abyssal Politics:’ Republican Party Style”

March 14, 2022 “Lessons from Myanmar for Human Rights and Democracy”

February 21, 2022 “An Unaccountable Turn and an Indefensible Twist”

January 24, 2022 “Of Fantasies and Imagined Superheroes”

January 10, 2022 “On ‘Mending Wall’ in Politics and Otherwise”

2021

November 29, 2021 “Journalists Must Understand Nihilism and Democracy are Not Morally Equivalent”

November 15, 2021 “‘Campaign Strategy,’ Lies and the Context for America’s Soul”

November 1, 2021 “Two Writers Illuminate the Nation’s Governance Crisis”

October 18, 2021 “Imagination, Individual Will, Difference and Democratic Politics”

October 4, 2021 “‘A Triumph of Techniques Over Purpose’”

September 20, 2021 “Taking Stock and Giving Thanks After Nearly 12 Years”

September 7, 2021 “Practicing Cruelty in the Quest for Power”

August 23, 2021 “Pondering an Apology for Social and Political Madness”
 August 9, 2021 “The Canny and Careful Reconstruction of Barbarism”
 July 26, 2021 “A Looming American Choice: Self-Determination as Freedom or Tyranny?”
 July 12, 2021 “Charting the Shadows of Feigned Outrage”
 June 28, 2021 “The ‘Strange Sap’ of Unreality and Intolerance”
 May 31, 2021 “The ‘Banality of Evil’ and the Evanescence of Democratic Governance”
 May 17, 2021 “The GOP Descent into Nihilism”
 May 3, 2021 “Political Agency, Personal Responsibility and our Nation’s Governance Crisis”
 April 19, 2021 “Ramsey Clark and the Challenge of Morally Imaginative Leadership”
 March 22, 2021 “Ventriloquism Appalachian Style”
 March 8, 2021 “Redeeming Democratic Possibility”
 February 22, 2021 “On Incitement to Hatred, Sedition and the Way Forward”
 February 8, 2021 “Sliding Toward Post-Truth and Pre-Fascism”
 January 25, 2021 “Democratic Governance Rests on a Shared Civil Religion”
 January 11, 2021 “Reflections on Sedition, Political Courage and Self-Governance”

2020

December 21, 2020 “An Indelible Stain”
 December 7, 2020 “Decency, Democracy and ‘Big Lies’”
 November 9, 2020 “Reflections on a Historic National Election”
 October 26, 2020 “‘Assumptive Worlds’ and American Democracy’s Greatest Test”
 October 12, 2020 “Treacherous Inequality and ‘Appalachian Fall’”
 September 28, 2020 “Rhetoric, justice and the Pursuit of Power”
 September 14, 2020 “The Enemy Within”
 August 31, 2020 “Mobilization Politics, Democracy and the Human Quest for Order”
 August 17, 2020 “Charting a Path from ‘Quasi-Democratic Autocracy’ to Democratic Self-Governance”
 August 3, 2020 “On Rhetoric, Posturing and the Politics of Hate”
 July 20, 2020 “On Rhetoric, Leadership and Democratic Community”
 July 6, 2020 “Contentions that Pass For Conversation”
 June 22, 2020 “‘Truth is the Oxygen in the Air of Democracy’”* (with thanks to Bill Moyers)
 June 8, 2020 “Harbingers of a Riven Nation”
 May 11, 2020 “Governance as Moral and Ethical Bankruptcy”
 April 27, 2020 “Pondering Death, Depravity and Decadent Pursuit of Power as Public Policy”
 April 13, 2020 “Artistry, Principle and the Paradox of Self-Governance”
 March 30, 2020 “Deception, Self-Deception and Self-Governance”
 March 16, 2020 “A *Cri de Coeur* Regarding our Present Governance Crisis”
 March 2, 2020 “‘There is a Crack in Everything: That’s How the Light Gets In’”*
 February 17, 2020 “These Truths are ‘Self-Evident’ No Longer”
 February 3, 2020 “The Costs of Reconciling with the Irreconcilable”
 January 20, 2020 “Pondering Hate and Its Political Abuse”
 January 6, 2020 “On the Nexus of Morality, Justice and Civilization”

2019

December 16, 2019 “A Clear and Present Danger”
 December 2, 2019 “Counting the Costs of Partyism”
 November 18, 2019 “Decolonizing Social Imagination”
 October 21, 2019 “Noise, Quiet and Democratic Deliberation”
 October 7, 2019 “Evangelicals, Demographic and Economic Change and Injustice”
 September 23, 2019 “Pseudotransformational Leadership in Action”
 September 9, 2019 “Liberalism and the Challenge of Socially Sanctioned Cruelty”
 August 26, 2019 “Trump’s Siren Song of Hate”
 August 12, 2019 “Eroding Human Rights and the Nation’s Collective Moral Imagination”
 July 29, 2019 “Trump’s Dangerous Game”
 July 15, 2019 “The Human Cost of a Politics of Lies”
 June 3, 2019 “Constitutional Self-Governance is Not Simply a Partisan Matter”
 May 20, 2019 “One Nation or A Country of Clans?”
 May 6, 2019 “A Reasoned Politics of Mosaic Possibility”
 April 22, 2019 “The Danger of Allowing the ‘Boughs to Turn Brown’”
 April 8, 2019 “Reflections on Human Empathy and Empathetic Leadership”
 March 11, 2019 “The Power of Myth and its Role in Past and Present Political and Moral Catastrophe”
 February 25, 2019 “Of Freedom and Dark, Cruel Lies”
 February 11, 2019 “Facets of a Diamond”
 January 28, 2019 “The Perils of False Binaries and Magical Thinking”
 January 14, 2019 “‘Borderline Insanity,’ Modernity and Democratic Possibility”
 January 7, 2019 “A Presidency of Lies, Fearmongering and Human Degradation”
2018
 December 3, 2018 “Recalling the Lessons of the Voyage of the MS St. Louis”
 November 5, 2018 “Only Our Nation’s Citizens Can Address the Country’s Deepening Governance Crisis”
 October 22, 2018 “The Power of Language in Human Society”
 October 8, 2018 “Aboard a ‘Ship of Fools’ Awash with Hate”
 September 24, 2018 “Attacking Human Rights and Accountability”
 September 10, 2018 “A Mass-Delusion Event”
 August 27, 2018 “A Calculated Attack on Human Rights and Dignity”
 August 13, 2018 “Rationalizing Trump: A Strained and Strange Mixture of Fantasy and Fear”
 July 30, 2018 “Prophetic Imagination and the Current American Governance Crisis”
 July 2, 2018 “An ‘Infestation’ of Lies”
 June 18, 2018 “The Fearsome Power of Hate”
 June 4, 2018 “Pondering Kintsugi and Community Change in Appalachia”
 May 7, 2018 (published May 2, 2018) “In Memoriam: Wolfgang Natter, May 22, 1955-April 29, 2018”
 April 23, 2018 “‘Seeking What No Other Man has Found or can Find’”
 April 9, 2018 “Revisiting the Foundations of Democratic Self-Governance”
 March 19, 2018 “Of Democratic Greatness and Infamy”
 March 5, 2018 “Mobilizing Rhetoric as Emblem of Enervating Democratic Capacity”
 February 19, 2018 “On ‘Changemakers,’ Education and Democratic Self-Governance”

February 5, 2018 “Scraping Off the Essence of Things”

January 22, 2018 “On Human Darkness and Democratic Possibility”

January 8, 2018 “Revisiting a Central Puzzle of Democracy and of Current U.S. Politics”

Editorial guest opinions and essays (print and radio). For others, please see archive.

“Reflecting on the Changing Character of American Civil Society and its Effects on Public and Nonprofit/Nongovernmental Organizations’ Management Strategies,” for the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council, *Spotlight Column*, January 2018.

“Guns, Fears, Fantasies,” *Roanoke Times*, Roanoke, VA, p. 7, March 16, 2016.

“Trumpism: The Politics of Fear and Fecklessness,” *Roanoke Times*, Roanoke, VA, p. 9, November 6, 2015.

Conference Paper Abstracts under Consideration

Upcoming Conference/ Paper Presentations

“Navigating the Boundaries of Imaginaries and Exploring their Interactions in Urban Development,” for the American Association of Geographers 2025 conference, March 24-28, Detroit, Michigan. With Amin Farzaneh* and Bradley Stephens. * Corresponding author.

“Learning From the Calfee Training School: Exploring One Nonprofit’s Efforts to Reimagine a Historically Black School While Iterating Democratic Norms,” With Neda Moayerian and Brad Stephens for 7th International Conference of Innovations as Sites of Social Resistance and Transformation in Times of Crisis, Montreal, Canada, April 14-16, 2025.

“Learning From the Calfee Training School: Exploring One Nonprofit’s Efforts to Reimagine a Historically Black School While Iterating Democratic Norms,” With Neda Moayerian and Brad Stephens for 5th International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology (6-11 July 2025), Rabat, Morocco.

Recent Conference Presentations (Past 5 years)

2024

“Constructive Community-Led Journalism in Rio's Mare Favela During COVID-19,” With Vanessa Guerra* and Cathy Grimes, for the 53 Annual Conference of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, November 21-23, 2024, Washington, D.C. * Corresponding author.

“Revisiting the Social Role of Radical Imagination Amidst Widespread Democratic Erosion,” for 16th International Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research, Antwerp, Belgium, July 16-19, 2024. With Neda Moayerian* and Brad Stephens. * Corresponding author.

“Community Food Work as a Social-Ethical Commitment to Trauma-informed Care and Agential Change Space,” for the 2024 Joint Annual Conference of: The Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS),

Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS), Society for the Anthropology of Food & Nutrition (SAFN), June 5-8, 2024. With Eric S. Bendfeldt, Kim Niewolny, Tom Archibald and Anne Stewart. Presented by Eric Bendfeldt.

“From Crisis to Empowerment: The Role of Community-led Solutions Journalism in the Maré and Rocinha Favelas Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic,” for the International Conference on Urban Affairs, New York, New York, April 24-27, 2024. With Vanessa Guerra* and Cathy Grimes. * Corresponding author.

2023

“The Ecotonal Nature of Community Food Work: A Case Study of Trauma-Informed Care and Mutual Aid for Social and Health Equity,” for 2023 Joint Annual Conference of: The Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS), Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS), Society for the Anthropology of Food & Nutrition (SAFN), May 31-June 3, 2023, Boston, Massachusetts. With Eric Bendfeldt, Kim Niewolny, Tom Archibald, and Anne Stewart.

“Countering Persistent Alterity: Fostering Advocacy and Agency,” for 15th annual conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies,” May 29-31, 2023, Toronto, Canada. With Neda Moayerian, Vanessa Guerra and Desiree Poets.

“Storytelling, Performing Arts and Collective Capacity in One Rio Favela,” for annual conference of the International Studies Association, March 15-18, 2023, Montreal, Canada, With Neda Moayerian, Desiree Poets and Cathy Grimes.

2022

“Community Cultural Development and Collective Agency in a Brazilian Favela,” presented at 2022 International Society for Third Sector Research Conference, July 12-15, 2022, Montreal, Canada. With Neda Moayerian, Desiree Poets, and Cathy Grimes.

“A Case Study of the Ecotonal Nature of Community Food Work as Trauma-Informed Care and Agential Change Space,” for 2022 Joint Annual Conference of: The Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS), Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS), Society for the Anthropology of Food & Nutrition (SAFN), May 18-21, 2022, Athens, Georgia. With Eric S. Bendfeldt, Kim Niewolny, Tom Archibald and Anne Stewart.

For panel: *The response of the EU and its eastern Mediterranean member states to the Syrian refugee flow: Implications for the Afghan refugees*, “Plus Ça Change: The Politics of Alterity and Italian and Maltese Responses to Recent Migration Challenges” Biennial European Union Studies Association Conference, May 19-21, 2022, Miami Florida. I also served as Discussant for the Panel.

“Community Newspapers, Creative Production and Collective Agency Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic: Exploring Social Resilience in the Maré and Rocinha Favelas of Rio de Janeiro,” for

the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, February 25-March 1, 2022, New York, New York. With Vanessa Guerra, Molly Todd and Desiree Poets.

2021

“Community Newspapers, Creative Production and Collective Agency Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic: Exploring Social Resilience in the Maré and Rocinha Favelas of Rio de Janeiro,” Presented at the 14th International Conference (Virtual) of the International Society for Third Sector Research, Montreal, Canada, July 12-15, 2021. Presented On-Line, July 12, 2021. With Vanessa Guerra, Molly Todd and Desiree Poets.

“Community Foodwork and Extension Education: Applying a Trauma-Informed Framework,” for 2021 Joint Annual Conference of: The Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS), Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS), Society for the Anthropology of Food & Nutrition (SAFN), June 9-15, 2021. Presented on June 15, 2021. With Eric Bendfeldt, Kim Nielwolny, Tom Archibald and Anne Stewart.

“Tacit Knowledge, Cultural Values and Agential Possibility in Rural Haiti,” Presented at the Research Meeting “Local Synergy: University Research Participating in the Dynamics of Development,” University of Fondwa, Haiti, May 28, 2021. With Laura Zanotti.

“Exploring The Expression and Practice of Collective Agency Among Rio De Janeiro Favela Residents During the Covid-19 Pandemic: Contesting And (Re)Framing the Dominant National Narrative Through Community-Based Newspapers.” Presented at the 78th annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2021, Chicago, Illinois, April 14-18, 2021. With Desiree Poets and Cathy Grimes.

2020

“Investigating Refugee Agency Amidst Government’s Political and Economic Policies,” for delivery at “Joint Conference on Refugees: Status, Policies and Prospects,” Virginia Tech School of Public and International Affairs and Al-Hussein Bin Talal University, Ma’an, Jordan, With Renad Abbadi and Muddather Abu Karaki. Canceled due to COVID-19.

2019

“Diplomacy and Everyday Life: Exploring the Complexities of Peacebuilding on the Seventieth Anniversary of the 1949 Armistice Agreements,” for “Commemorating Violent Conflicts and Building Sustainable Peace Conference,” International Studies Association, October 24-26, 2019, Kent, Ohio.

“Tacit Knowledge, Cultural Values and Democratic Mobilization in Rural Haiti,” for the 77th Annual Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, April 4-7, 2019, Chicago, Illinois. With Laura Zanotti.

“Conceptualizing Cross Sectoral Partnership Building in Two Small Appalachian Towns,” for the Appalachian Studies Association 42nd annual conference, March 14-17, 2019, Asheville, North Carolina. With Lara Nagle and Neda Moayerian.

2018

“Pondering Grassroots Development Initiatives: Evidence from Haiti and Jamaica” for 13th Bi-annual conference, International Society for Third Sector Research, July 10-13, 2018, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. With Laura Zanotti.

“Exploring the Connections between Community Cultural Development and Sustainable Tourism in Appalachia,” for the 41st Appalachian Studies Association conference, April 5-8, 2018, Cincinnati, Ohio. With Neda Moayerian.

“Local Development Committee Implications for Governance and Development: Evidence from Haiti and Jamaica,” for the International Studies Association 59th annual meeting, April 4-7, 2018. San Francisco, California. With Laura Zanotti.

“Policy Recommendations for ‘Democratizing the Refugee Regime Complex,’ International Refugee Research: Evidence for Smart Policy,” at Akademie für Politische Bildung, March 20-25, 2018. Tutzing, Germany. With Emily Barry-Murphy.

2017

“A Critical Ethnographic Case Study of On-Farm Apprentices: Social Movement Participation and Farmworker Identities,” research poster for Advancing the Human Condition Symposium, Virginia Tech, November 29-December 1, 2017. Blacksburg, Virginia. With Lorien MacAuley, Kim Niewolny, Kwame Harrison and Thomas Archibald.

“Community Voices: Shared Governance and Dialogue to Challenge Hidden Assumptions and Disrupt Power Structures in Appalachia,” discussant/panel convener for Appalachian Studies Association, March 9-12, 2017, Blacksburg, VA. Presenters: Lorien MacAuley, Anna Erwin, Jeremy Elliott-Engel, Lydeana Martin.

International/national/regional symposia and conferences sponsored/organized (last 5 years)

International Symposium, March 4-5, 2021, “Conversations on Entangled Ontologies, Decoloniality and Decolonization.” Organizer with Laura Zanotti and Desiree Poets. (Virtual).

Sponsored Research

Under consideration

Ongoing or completed research Past 10 years. For others, please see archive CV

Floyd, Va, Summer 2024-Summer 2025, Conceptual Plan for Mixed Housing Development/ Reuse of former industrial site, With Elizabeth Gilboy and Harry Gleason, Virginia Tech Community Design Assistance Center and Lara Nagle, Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance. Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, \$75,000 (IPG portion).

Virginia Tech College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Field Research grant, \$5,000, Spring 2024 for research for *The Politics of Alterity and the Syrian Displacement Crisis: The Cases of Malta*

and Cyprus, With Yannis Stivachtis and Neda Moayerian, For Berghahn Books, Oxford, England. 2025.

Virginia Tech College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, International Initiative Small Grant, \$750.00 for “Violent Infrastructure Ecologies of Decay and Displacement and the Georgian Civil War” exhibit at Newman Library and accompanying visit by Dr. Ariel Otruba, October 3-6, 2023. Project partners: Center for European Union, Trans-Atlantic and Trans-European Space Studies and Center for Refugee, Migrant, and Displacement Studies.

Virginia Tech College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Faculty Research Grant, Co-Investigator with Desiree Poets, “Investigating Community-Based Approaches to Violence in Mare, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.” Awarded, April 14, 2023, \$6,000.

VT University Libraries Collaborative Research grant, “Knowledge Dissemination Diversification: Social Science for Public Good Podcast,” Principal Investigator with Peter Potter as Co-Principal Investigator, Awarded January 27, 2023. \$5,000.

Virginia Tech Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, Co-Principal Investigator with Desiree Poets, Community-Led Community Capacity Building and Violence Prevention in a Rio de Janeiro Favela,” Awarded December 5, 2022. \$15,000.

With Reynolds Homestead and Community Design Assistance Center, Reynolds Homestead Critz, VA. Community Enhancement 2021, Appalachian Regional Commission, Julie Walters Steele, Principal Investigator, \$51,592.

The Institute for Policy & Governance (IPG) focused on the community participation component of the project and the Community Design Assistance Center (CDAC) is focusing on the redevelopment of the house(s) and the design for the site.

Virginia Tech Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, Principal Investigator with Desiree Poets, “Curating for De-Militarization: Memory, Arts and Community Change in Maré,” Rio de Janeiro. Awarded November 1, 2020. \$10,000.

Maré from the Inside: Art, Culture and Politics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Virginia Tech College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, (Complete: 01/01/2021 - 01/01/2022), Principal Investigators: Stephenson M; Barnes N., Poets, D. \$9,000

Virginia Tech Women and Minority Artist and Scholars Lecture Series grant for Community Change Collaborative sponsored speaker, Sage Crump. October 15, 2020. \$750.

Virginia Tech Center for Humanities, for Community Change Collaborative Research in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with Catalytic Communities, November 2019. \$750.

Virginia Tech Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, “The Community Change Collaborative,” Awarded March 6, 2019. \$30,000.

Virginia Tech Women and Minority Artist and Scholars Lecture Series grant for Community Change Collaborative sponsored speaker, Theresa Williamson, September 28, 2018. \$750.

Virginia Tech Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs, Vibrant Virginia grant, “The Community Change Collaborative.” Awarded April 2018. \$17,000.

Virginia Tech Institute for Society, Culture and the Environment, for Policy Strategic Growth Area Implementation Grant, 2018-2019, “Policy for Active Aging: WHO’s Global Age Friendly Initiative.” With Eunju Hwang, Nancy Brossole and Susan Chen. April 2018. \$18,700.

Virginia Tech Institute for Society, Culture and the Environment, for Policy Strategic Growth Area Planning Grant, 2017-2018, “Policy for Active Aging: WHO’s Global Age Friendly Initiative.” With Eunju Hwang, Nancy Brossole and Susan Chen. \$2,500.

Virginia Tech and Bridgestone, WVA Technical and Community College, “Small Communities and the Challenge of Social and Economic Change,” 2017, \$17,000.

United States Department of State, Young African Leaders Initiative, Washington Mandela Fellowship Program, to provide 25 2016 Mandela Fellows program in civic leadership in summer 2016 for 6 weeks. In partnership with the Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute. 2015-2016. \$250,000.

Applied Research Initiatives and Reports

October 2-6, 2022, *Capacity Building Workshops* for University of Fondwa, Haiti Dean of Agronomy and Provost at Virginia Tech in leadership/university governance, financial management and food systems. Arranged with Professor Laura Zanotti, Department of Political Science. Led workshop on leadership and governance with Professor Zanotti and Andy Morikawa on October 3, 2022.

September 29-October 2, 2022. The Frontera Project workshops and play production organized with Tijuana Hace Teatro and Jessica Bauman. The Frontera Project is an interactive, bilingual theater experience, created and performed by a company of Mexican and US artists who use theater, music, movement and play to engage audiences actively in a compassionate, often joyous conversation about life at the US/Mexico Border. I organized fundraising and coordinated logistics for the company’s visit and partnered with Professor Robert Leonard to organize the performance of the play on October 1, 2022, at Virginia Tech.

Critz, VA: Critz Community Center Conceptual Design and Master Plan. September 2022. Hayley Harrington, Elizabeth Gilboy, Lara Nagle, Max Stephenson Jr.

A Community Development Update. Pennington Gap, Va. December 2017. With Andrew Morikawa, A. Scott Tate, Lara Nagle, Neda Moayerian and Elizabeth Olberding.

Strategically Positioning Montgomery, WVA for the Future. July 2017. With Andrew Morikawa, A. Scott Tate, Lara Nagle, Neda Moayerian and Elizabeth Olberding.

Service to the Profession

Editorial Boards

International Journal of Population Studies, 2024-

Frontiers in Built Environment-Indoor Environments, Board member and Review Editor, 2023-
Sustainability, Board of Reviewers, 2020-

Athens Journal of Politics and International Affairs, 2024-

Athens Journal of Social Sciences, 2014-

Virginia Issues and Answers: A Public Policy Forum. 2011-2017.

Reviewer/editorial consultant (past 10 years)

Invited/appointed member by the Board of Directors to be a member of a three-person ad hoc committee to draft a Freedom of Expression policy for the International Society for Third Sector Research, Fall 2024. The policy was accepted by the Board in December 2024.

Invited Reviewer for proposal for Swiss National Science Foundation-Multilateral Academic Projects, "International Politics Beyond Text," October 2024.

Invited Reviewer for two articles for special issue of the journal *Social Inclusion*, "Impact Evaluation of Community Sport Programmes and 'Sport Social Work Practices,'" edited by Kirsten Verkooijen and Pascal Delheye, September 2024.

Invited Reviewer, National Science Center of Poland, Funding Scheme PRELUDIUM, "Cultural Diplomacy in Polish-Ukrainian Relations: An Analysis of Contemporary Theatrical Dialogue," mgr Andriy Sendetsky, OSF: 619684. September 2024.

Invited Editor, *Frontiers in Public Health* for Briana E Rockler, Stephanie Grutzmacher, Jonathan Garcia, Ellen Smit, Marc Braverman, "Psychosocial Factors Play a Central Role in Determining SNAP Utilization for Farm Workforce," Published July 31, 2024, http://journal.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/fpubh.2024.1402142/full?utm_source=Email_to_a_e&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=T1_11.5e2_editor&utm_campaign=Email_publication&journalName=Frontiers_in_Public_Health&id=1402142

Selected Reviewer, American Educational Research Association, 2025 Annual Meeting, 13 submissions, International Studies Special Interest Group.

Selected Reviewer, American Educational Research Association, 2025 Annual Meeting 8 submissions, Division J: Post-Secondary Education: Society, Culture and Change.

Selected Reviewer, American Educational Research Association, 2024 Annual Meeting 20 submissions, Division J: Post-Secondary Education: Society, Culture and Change, Special Interest Group, International Studies.

Invited Discussant, International Society for Third Sector Research, May 15, 2024, for Nicole Bolleyer, *Civil Society's Potential: Organizational Tradeoffs Between Participation and Representation*, New York Oxford University Press, 2023. Global audience.

Selected Reviewer, American Educational Research Association, 2024 Annual Meeting 5 submissions, April 11-14, 2024, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Division J: Post-Secondary Education: Society, Culture and Change, 3 submissions, Special Interest Group, International Studies, 2 submissions.

Selected Reviewer, for the 2023 Academy of Management Annual Meeting, August 4-8, 2023, Boston, Massachusetts, Public and Nonprofit Division, 3 papers, Conflict Management Division, 3 papers.

Selected Reviewer, American Educational Research Association, 2023 Annual meeting submissions, April 13-17, 2023, Chicago, Illinois. Division G-Social Context of Education: Section 1-Education and Place, Space, Time, 10 Submissions; Special Interest Group-Caribbean and African Studies in Education, 10 submissions; Special Interest Group: Post-Colonial and Anti-Colonial Studies in Education and International Education, 10 submissions.

Selected Reviewer, Academy of Management International (3) and Public and Nonprofit Division (3) Interest groups, 6 papers, for Annual meeting of the Academy of Management, August 5-9, 2022, Seattle, Washington

Selected Reviewer 8 submissions, International Studies Special Interest Group and 9 paper submissions and 2 session proposals for the Democratic Citizenship in Education Special Interest Group for the 2022 Annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA, April 22-25, 2022.

Invited reviewer for Routledge Publishers, *Taking the City: New Art Strategies*, Hadas Ophrat, June 2021, Book manuscript.

Invited reviewer, Taylor and Francis Publishers, *An Introduction to Community Development* edited by Rhonda Phillips and Robert Pittman (3rd ed.). April 2021.

Selected Reviewer 8 submissions for Social Context of Education/Division G - Section 5: Inquiry, Transformation, and Communities and 8 submissions for Special Interest Group, International Studies, for the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) held in Orlando, Florida, April 9-12, 2021.

Invited Reviewer for Academy of Management (papers for two symposia proposals), August 7-11, 2020, Vancouver, Canada.

Invited Reviewer, European Academy of Management, (two papers), June 10-12, 2020, Dublin, Ireland.

Invited Reviewer for four articles for special issue of the journal *Social Inclusion*, January 2020.

Invited reviewer for Commonwealth of Virginia, GO VA grant proposal (\$32,000), December 2019, "Mitigating Bias for Interpretable Human Activity Understanding."

Invited reviewer for Commonwealth of Virginia, GO VA grant proposal (\$25,000), November 2019, “Politics After Friendship: The Cultural Legacy of PT-era Policy at the Dawn of Brazil’s New Right.”

Invited external reviewer for promotion and tenure case review for other United States universities: 1 individual, 2020, 2 individuals, 2019, 1 individual 2016, 1 individual 2012.

Invited reviewer for University of Cyprus, Postdoctoral research support program grant proposal, “Is the Other dead? Have we killed her? The Self-Other Relationship in the light (or shadow) of constructionist perspectives,” September 2019.

Invited reviewer for Edward Elgar Publishing, book proposal, Stewart Clegg et al. *Infrastructure Development: A Critical International Perspective on Value in Public-Private Partnerships*, August 2019.

Invited reviewer for paper selections, European Academy of Management Conference, 2019, Lisbon Portugal, June 26-28, 2019.

Invited Paper Reviewer and Program Committee Member, 6th International Conference on Educational Technologies, Hong Kong, China. February 8-10, 2019.

Invited reviewer for paper selections, International Studies, American Educational Research Association Conference, Toronto, Canada. April 5-9, 2019.

Invited reviewer for paper selections, European Academy of Management Conference, 2018, Reykjavik, Iceland, June 20-23, 2018.

Invited reviewer, National Science Center of Poland, Funding scheme PRELUDIUM, Refugeeism in the cultural space. Theories. Representations. Practices, mgr Michał Piotr Bomastyk, No. 356754, Panel HS1, April 2017.

Invited reviewer, Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnerships, 4 major grant applications, January 2017.

Invited reviewer, January 2017, articles for special issue of *Social Inclusion*, “Sport for Social Inclusion,” published in April 2017.

Invited reviewer for Routledge Publishers, book proposal, Herrington Bryce, *Creating and Using Highly Sustainable Nonprofits in the Public Interest*, 2016.

Program Committee Member/Paper invited reviewer, International Conference on Educational Technologies, Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, November 30-December 2, 2015.
<http://www.icedutech-conf.org/>

Invited reviewer for CQ Press/Sage Publications, book proposal, *The Nonprofit Workplace at a Time of Change: Co-location, Co-working, & Shared Services* by Diane Kaplan Vinokur (University of Michigan), China Brotsky, and Sarah M. Eisinger, 2016.

Invited reviewer for Routledge Publishers, book proposal, Norman Walzer, Liz Weaver and Catherine McGuire, Eds. *Community Development Applications of Collective Impact*, 2016.

Reviewer for paper selections, for European Academy of Management conference, Kozminski, Poland. June 17-20, 2015.

Manuscript referee

Academia-Letters

Administration and Society

Administrative Sciences

Africa Journal of Management

African Journal of History and Culture

African Journal of Political Science and International Relations

American Review of Public Administration

Annals of the American Association of Geographers

Athens Journal of Social Sciences

Buildings

Cancers

Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society

Creative Education

Disabilities

Disasters: The Journal of Disaster Studies, Policy and Management

Eastern Economic Review

Energies

Environment, Development and Sustainability

Environmental Conservation

European Journal of Investigation in Health, Psychology and Education

Frontiers in Built Environment-Indoor Environments

Frontiers in Public Health

Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems

Global Studies Quarterly

Glocality.eu

Health Care

Higher Education

Human Organization

International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

International Journal of Geographic Information

International Journal of Knowledge Management Studies

International Journal of Peace and Development Studies

International Journal of Population Studies

International Journal of Production Economics

International Journal of Self-Help and Mutual Aid

International Studies Review

Journal of African Political Science and International Relations

Journal of Civil Society
Journal of Development and Agricultural Economics
Journal of International Humanitarian Action
Journal of Philosophy and Culture
Journal of Planning, Education and Research
Journal of Planning History
Journal of Planning, Practice and Research
Journal of Trust Research
È Leadership and Organization Development Journal
Nonprofit Management and Leadership
Nonprofit Policy Forum
Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly
Nutrients
Qeios
Pediatric Reports
Philosophical Papers and Reviews
Politics and Policy
Public Administration Review
Revue Interventions Économiques/Papers in Political Economy
Scientific Research and Essays
Social Inclusion
Societies
Social Sciences
State and Local Government Review
Sustainability
Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease
Urban Affairs Review
Urban Science
Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations
World Development

National/International Conference Track, panel, committee chairmanships (past 10 years)

Chair, Panel, “Gender and Sexuality in Forced Migration,” November 3, 2022, for the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Migration Studies, November 2-4, 2022, Waterloo, Canada.

Midwest Political Science Association, Discussant, “Populism in Latin America,” April 6, 2019, for the 77th Annual Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, Illinois. April 4-7, 2019.

International Society for Third Sector Research, Board of Directors, Nominating Committee Chair, 2018-2019.

University Network for Collaborative Governance (UNCG), Program Planning Steering Committee, for national conference, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, June 3-5, 2018.

Chair, Panel, “Utilizing and Managing Volunteers,” for the 11th International Conference of the International Society for Third-Sector Research, Münster, Germany, July 22-25, 2014.

Membership (last 10 years)

Invited faculty mentor, International Society for Third Sector Research, 2022-2023 for Danijel Baturina, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia.

Invited mentor for Ella Dover, Stafford High School in Fredericksburg, VA (Governor’s School) for her “Culminating” project addressing Humanitarian Aid, 2022-2023.

Invited/Appointed Chair, Virginia Tech +Policy Network, Research Committee, 2022-.

Invited reviewer for Virginia Tech Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, (2 applications each year), 2021, 2022, 2023.

Invited external faculty member for Post-Tenure/Pre-promotion review for Department of Science, Technology and Society, April, 2022.

Invited Peer Teaching Reviewer for Urban Affairs and Planning Faculty member, April 2022.
Invited Teaching Reviewer for ASPECT PhD Graduate teaching assistant-led course, April 2022.

Invited/appointed Distinguished Faculty Mentor, for the 7th International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) International PhD Seminar in Montréal, Canada on July 10-12, 2022. The PhD Seminar occurred prior to the [15th ISTR International Conference](#) in Montréal July 12-15, 2022 (July 9-11). Fifty students are accepted for the Program. I was also invited to judge the group’s “Three Minute” Dissertation presentation competition.

Appointed faculty mentor, National mentorship program, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, 2021-2022, (Nara Yoon, James Madison University).

Member by Invitation, Advisory Committee, Grayson Landcare (nonprofit sustainable agriculture organization), Grayson County, VA, 2021-present.

Member by Invitation, Advisory Committee, Science, Technology and Engineering in Policy Program, Virginia Tech, Institute for Society, Culture and the Environment, Policy Destination Area (+Policy Network). 2021-present.

Member by invitation, Advisory Committee, the Center for European Union, Transatlantic and Trans-European Space Studies—A Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, 2020-present.

Also: program area leader for the Center on issues related to “US-EU Collaboration in Strengthening International Human Security Regimes,” 2020-present.

Member by invitation, Virginia Tech College of Architecture and Urban Studies, “Rhizome” Living and Learning Community Advisory Board, 2020-present.

Member by invitation, Advisory Board, Virginia Tech College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Center for Refugee, Migrant and Displacement Studies, January 2020-present.

Member by invitation, Advisory Board, Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation, January 2019-present.

Appointed Member to serve as institutional representative for Virginia Tech on national Nonprofit Academic Centers Council, 2007-present.

Past memberships.

Mentor and Academic Director for U.S. State Department Mandela Fellowship Program-Fellow in Civic Leadership, Summer 2016.

Mentor for International Society for Third Sector Research Mentorship program for (David Falk, Center for Civil Society Studies, Stockholm, Sweden), June 20, 2016-July 1, 2017.

Member (appointed by Board of Directors), Independent Sector Ethics and Accountability Advisory Committee, 2013-2015.

Invited Talks/Conference participation (last 10 years)

By invitation

Invited speaker with Neda Moayerian and Brad Stephens, 2024-2025 Virginia Tech Center for the Humanities Colloquium series, October 7, 2024, “Revisiting the Social Role of Radical Imagination Amidst Widespread Democratic Erosion”

Invited Speaker, Virginia Public Sector Leaders Program, Richmond, VA, “Leading with Purpose An Exploration of Leadership and Governance in State Agencies,” April 16, 2024.

Invited Speaker, Spring 2024 Symposium, Virginia Tech Center for European Union and Transatlantic Studies, “Remarks on the European Union and Immigration,” March 11, 2024.

Invited speaker, Fall 2023 Educators’ Conference, November 3-5, 2024, Virginia Tech Center for European Union, Transatlantic, and Trans-European Space Studies, *Europe and the U.S. Unity Through Diversity*, “Democracy and its Challenges: Norms, Narratives and, and the Democratic Challenge in the United States and Europe.”

Invited speaker, United States Department of State Iraqi University Capacity Building Initiative, University of Tikrit, Lecture and Discussion with faculty program participants, “Reflections on the Process of Publication in Academic Journals and Human Research Program Principles and Organization,” June 15, 2022.

Appointed Distinguished Faculty Mentor, for the 7th International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) International PhD Seminar in Montréal on July 10-12, 2022. The PhD Seminar occurred immediately prior to the [15th ISTR International Conference](#) in Montréal July 12-15, 2022 (July 9-11). Fifty students are accepted for the Program from all over the world.

Invited speaker, University of Virginia School of Architecture, “Remarks on the opening of the *Maré from the Inside* exhibit,” March 25, 2022, Charlottesville, VA as part of a panel of 3 invited speakers.

Invited Speaker, Virginia Tech ASPECT PhD program Book Event, March 17, 2022, to present/discuss *Maré from the Inside: Arts, Culture and Politics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*, Editor with Nicholas Barnes and Desiree Poets. Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Publishing, 2021. With Desiree Poets, Molly Todd and Andreza Jorge.

Invited Speaker, Foreign Policy Association 2022 Great Decisions series, “Myanmar, Human Rights and Democracy,” March 9, 2022. Sponsored by the Virginia Tech Life- Long Learning Institute and the Montgomery County, VA Chapter of the League of Women Voters. 54 participants.

Invited Speaker, Argentinian Fulbright Program, VT Language and Culture Institute, “Race and Democratic Political Agency,” September 15, 2021.

Invited Workshop Facilitator, “The Academic Publication Process,” for University of Mosul (Iraq) faculty, May 6, 2021, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute.

Invited speaker and workshop facilitator, “Teaching Teamwork: Helping Students Collaborate Effectively,” for Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute Faculty Leadership and Management Professional Development Program for 21 visiting Saudi Electronic University Deans, Vice Deans, Department Chairs and Faculty Members, June 26, 2019.

Speaker, panel moderator and participant, “Conference on Innovative and Transformational Ideas to Improve the Development and Policy Response to Forced Displacement,” Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute, Office of Outreach and International Affairs, Center for International Research, Education and Development and School of Public and International Affairs, Blacksburg and Arlington, Va., June 4-7, 2019

Speaker, Information, Trust and Society Workshop, Integrated Security Destination Area, Virginia Tech, October 3, 2018.

Invited/Sponsored participant, “Exploring Civic, Social and Business Entrepreneurship,” Tom Tom Forum, Charlottesville, Va., September 22, 2017.

Invited participant, “Impacts of Refugees and IDP’s on Host Communities,” World Bank Conference and Policy Forum, Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOWMAD), Washington, D.C., June 1-2, 2017.

Invited panelist/speaker, “Restoring Trust in Government in a Time of Complex Governing Challenges,” Virginia Tech School of Public and International Affairs Ridenour Symposium, March 24, 2017.

Panel Organizer/Discussant

Invited Judge, Virginia Tech 2023 Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research Conference, For 3 Policy-related papers, April 28, 2023.

Invited Moderator, Governance and New Technologies symposium: Implications for Health Care Panel, April 6, 2023, Virginia Tech Institute for Society, Culture and the Environment.

Invited Judge, Virginia Tech 2022 Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research Conference, For 5 Policy-related papers, April 29, 2022.

Invited panelist, Virginia Tech Graduate School Faculty Panel Discussion on Graduate Student Expectations (4 faculty members) open to all Virginia Tech graduate students, September 1, 2021.

Moderator, for panel, “SDGs in Practice: Experiences that Contribute to their Achievement,” 4 papers, International *Society for Third Sector Research*, 14th international conference, July 12-15, 2021, July 12, 2021.

Invited panelist, “Exploring the Ethical Politics of Storytelling in Communities of Struggle for social Change,” With Professors Kim Niewolny and Robert Leonard and Shannon Turner of Story Muse, April 7, 2021.

Invited Judge, Graduate Student Association Annual Research conference, for Virginia Tech Policy Destination area + Policy potential award papers, March 23-24, 2021. Three papers.

Discussant and Panel member, “Politics of Food Security and Nutrition,” with Roger Thurow, Senior Fellow, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Global Food and Agriculture, Blacksburg, Virginia. September 16, 2019.

Moderator, “Gun Powder: Campus Voices when the Dust Settles,” panel discussion organized by Virginia Tech Ph.D. Student Diversity Scholar Lehi Dowell, Virginia Tech Graduate School. April 2, 2019.

Discussant, “Mobilization in Latin America and the Caribbean,” for the 77th Annual Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, April 4-7, 2019, Chicago, Illinois. April 6, 2019.

Invited panelist and facilitator for Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute Faculty Leadership and Management Professional Development Program for 24 visiting Saudi Electronic University Deans, Vice Deans and Department Chairs. July 23, 2018.

Invited member for Virginia Tech Graduate School panel on mentoring for visiting faculty and leaders from the Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Quito, Ecuador. June 27, 2018.

Invited discussant for panel, “Haiti: Development Prospects and Perils,” for Mozaiko: A Global Living Learning Community, March 30, 2018. With Laura Zanotti and Junior Beauvais.

Invited judge for College of Architecture and Urban Studies Annual Research Symposium, Graduate student research poster competition, March 16, 2018.

Invited discussant, Aging in Place in the New River Valley (a panel sponsored by the Virginia Tech Policy Strategic Growth initiative), March 14, 2018.

Invited judge for College of Architecture and Urban Studies, Selection committee for King Architecture medal for Graduate Student Project Excellence, 2016, 2017.

Invited judge for College of Architecture and Urban Studies Annual Research Symposium, Graduate student research poster competition, March 14, 2017.

Panel moderator/discussant, “NGOs and Globalization,” 12th International Conference, International Society for Third Sector Research, June 28-July 1, 2016. June 30, 2016.

Invited judge for College of Architecture and Urban Studies Bi-Annual Research Symposium, Graduate student research poster competition, February 25, 2016.

Invited panel speaker, “Ethics, Values and Justice,” Virginia Tech Institute for Society Culture and the Environment, Applied Ethics Initiative, April 22, 2015.

Outreach, Service and Community Work
Keynote and other addresses (last 10 years)

Virginia Tech +Policy Network Policy Camp Faculty/Presenter/Co-Organizer, August 19, 2024.

Virginia Tech +Policy Network Policy Camp Faculty/Presenter/Co-Organizer, August 14, 2023.

Invited Lecture, “Lessons from Myanmar for Human Rights and Democracy,” for the Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions Series sponsored by the Virginia Tech Life-Long Learning Institute and Montgomery County, VA Chapter of the League of Women Voters. March 9, 2022.

Invited speaker, Rhizome Living Learning Community, College of Architecture, Arts and Design, “Considering Political Agency and Community Change,” September 8, 2021.

Invited lecture, “‘Deep Stories,’ Democracy and Agency,” for Symposium on Democracy, Athens Institute for Education and Research, July 13-17, 2020, Athens, Greece. Canceled due to COVID-19 crisis.

Keynote speaker, “Reflections on Human Empathy and Empathetic Leadership,” for James D. McComas Staff Leadership seminar, Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, Va. March 27, 2019.

Invited speech, “Nuclear Negotiations,” for the Great Issues Discussion series of the United States Foreign Policy Association, sponsored by Blacksburg, Virginia Chapter of the League of Women Voters and Virginia Tech Lifelong Learning Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia. February 27, 2019.

Keynote speaker, “Exploring Leadership as Ethical Practice: The Role of Imagination and Wonder,” for VALIDATE: Health Researchers 2nd Annual Conference, November 5-7, 2018 (sponsored by the Jenner Institute, Oxford University). York, England. November 5, 2018.

Discussant/leader, “Methodologies of the Human Condition: Story Making as Cultural work: Exploring Ontological Politics and Social Change in Communities of Struggle,” for Virginia Tech Advancing the Human Condition Symposium, Roundtable. Blacksburg, Va. November 28, 2017.

Panelist/speaker, “Sustainable Economics: Binary Economics and the Beloved Community,” for Virginia Tech Advancing the Human Condition Symposium, November 30, 2017.

Keynote speaker, “Reflections on Capacity Building and Community Change,” For the Global Leadership, Empowerment and Diversity Summit, October 18-19, 2017, Arlington, Va. October 18, 2017.

Keynote speaker, “Nonprofit Board Governance, Context, Challenges and Possibilities,” for the Nonprofit Roundtable/Make a Mark, Roanoke, Va. January 9, 2017.

Featured program speaker, “Blacksburg and the Arts,” Blacksburg Economic Development Partnership. October 9, 2014

Member/representative

Boards

Committees/Studios (last 5 years)

Appointed member of Virginia Tech (University) Promotion and Tenure Committee by Executive Vice President and Provost as representative of College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, 2024-2027.

Appointed member of College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences administrative review committee for Yannis Stivachtis, Director, Center for European Union, Transatlantic, and Trans-European Space Studies, 2023-2024.

Invited/Appointed Chair, Virginia Tech + Policy Steering Committee, Research Committee, 2022-.

Appointed member, College of Architecture and Urban Studies, Virginia Tech Graduate Student Mentoring Training Workshop, January 10-11, 2022.

Appointed member of Virginia Tech (University) Promotion and Tenure Committee by Provost as representative of College of Architecture and Urban Studies, 2020-2023.

Invited member of Fulbright Scholars Selection Committee, Virginia Tech Honors College, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024. 2024-2025.

Appointed member of VT School of Public and International Affairs Planning, Governance and Globalization Doctoral program admissions committee, 2017-

Invited member of Fulbright Scholars Selection Committee, Virginia Tech, Office of the Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs, 2019-2020.

Invited/appointed member University Committee on Diversity and Inclusion for College of Architecture and Urban Studies Representative, 2019-present.

Invited/Appointed Chair, Virginia Tech Policy Destination Area Steering Committee (+Policy Network), Subcommittee on Outreach, 2019.

Invited/Appointed Member School of Public and International Affairs Ad hoc Committee for Promotion and Tenure Guidelines Revision, Fall 2018.

Invited/appointed member, Virginia Tech Policy Destination Area (+Policy Network) Steering Committee, 2018-present.

Member and Chairperson, School of Public and International Affairs Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2017-2019.

Appointed member of Virginia Tech Institute for Society, Culture and Environment 7-year review committee for Virginia Tech Center for Public Health Practice and Research, 2017.

Invited Member of Virginia Tech Fulbright Scholars Selection Committee, PhD Fellowship, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Invited Member of Fulbright Scholars Selection Committee, Virginia Tech Honors program, 2014-2015.

University Commissions/Governing Bodies

Member, elected, Virginia Tech Commission on Outreach and International Affairs, for College of Architecture and Urban Studies, 2007-2010.

Advisory boards/groups

Advisory Board member, College of Architecture, Art and Design Rhizome Living Learning Community, 2019-present.

Faculty advisor, for Community Change Collaborative interdisciplinary graduate student organization addressing community change processes, 2010-present.

Faculty advisor, *Community Change Journal*, a graduate student-managed academic journal, 2016-present.

Panel participation, presentations (last 10 years)

Invited presentation of the *Inside Maré* Exhibit in Newman Library to 26 College of Architecture and Urban Studies Rhizome living Learning Community students, August 25, 2021. With Professor Desiree Poets and Henrique Gomes.

Research Presentation, International Refugee Research Workshop, “Democratizing the Refugee Regime Complex,” October 26-27, 2017. With Emily-Barry Murphy.

Two 3-hour presentations to the U.S. Department of State Mandela (African) Civic Leadership Fellows. June 23, July 28, 2016. By invitation.

Workshop on writing for public audiences and using social media for School of Public and International Affairs and Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought (ASPECT) graduate students, February 12, 2016. With Catherine Grimes and James Dubinsky.

Academic courses developed

Graduate

Philosophy of Social Science, Charity, Philanthropy and Society, Africa and Development (with Brett Shadle, History-ASPECT PhD seminar), NGOs and International Development, Arts, Culture and Society (in collaboration with Robert Leonard of Theater Arts); Nonprofit Organization Management; Nonprofit Organization Leadership and Governance; Context of Public Administration; Capstone in Public Management; United States Policy Process, Network Governance; Learning, Teaching and the Role of Higher Education in Democratic Society; Policy and Democratic Theory; Epistemological Foundations for Social Inquiry; Policy-making in the Federal System; Policy Development, Planning Theory and History, Nonprofit Law and Ethics, Development, Security and the Politics of International Intervention (with Laura Zanotti, Political Science, ASPECT PhD seminar); Decolonization/Decoloniality/Entangled Ontologies (with Desiree Poets and Laura Zanotti, Political Science, ASPECT PhD seminar)

Undergraduate

Leadership and Public Service, Policy Implementation, Public Policy Process, Policy-making in the Federal System, Theories of Organization, Democracy and Civic Virtue (Honors Seminar), Democracy and the Public Service (Honors Seminar), Capstone in Public and Urban Affairs, The Washington Semester: Four integrated courses: Politics, Policy and Administration in a Democracy; Seminar in American Politics and Public Policy; Seminar in Political Institutions; Field Study; European Union Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (with Laura Zanotti, Political Science)

Post-Doctoral Fellows Mentored

Lyusyena Kirakosyan 2013-2014

Neda Moayerian 2020-2022

Andrea Briceno-Mosquera 2023-2024 (With Sharon Mastracci)

Huang Yingxuan 2015-2016

Yun Yun Chen 2015-2016

Co-Doctoral Mentor

Aziz Ardic (Philosophy, University of Istanbul), 2023-2024

Graduate students mentored

Ph.D.

Committee chair, 44

Current 11

completed 33

Committee member, 38

current, 2 students

completed, 36 students

Total Doctoral Chair and Member, 82

Master's

Committee Chair, 58

Current, 1 student

Past, 57 students

Committee member, 68

Current, 21 students

Past, 66 students

Total Master's Chair and Member, 126

Total Master's and Doctoral Committee Chair: 102

Total Master's and Doctoral Committee Member: 106

Total, all graduate committees: 208

Professional Organizations

Academic Council of the United Nations System

American Education Research Association

American Planning Association

American Political Science Association

American Society for Public Administration

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action

Athens Institute for Education and Research

European Union Studies Association

International Society for Third Sector Research

International Sociological Association (ISA) and ISA-RC 07

International Studies Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Sustainable Agricultural Education Association