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Dear PMRA Friends,

I can’t wait to see each of you in Seattle! I have been thinking quite a bit about professional work and effort, and particularly about who is involved.

Our hosts, the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Washington, have (and are) putting in a tremendous amount of work and creativity to ensure a stimulating scholarly exchange and productive social interactions. You’ll notice percolators, lighting talks and roundtable discussions, which are thoughtfully designed to both expand participation, add depth and facilitate active scholarly exchange. You’ll notice a huge array of scheduling and logistical efforts, all designed to elevate our experience.

Our leaders including the PMRA Board, Secretariat, Zach Mohr and Association Manager, Kellye Mazzoli, have also been diligently working to address everything from daily operations to longer-range strategic objectives.

Our associational journals’ editors, editorial boards and reviewers at PPMG and JPART meticulously work to ensure one quality issue after another as part of building out PMRA’s contribution to research and practice.

Each of you has been teaching, mentoring, researching and working to prepare for our annual conference (and many other worthy goals). We look forward to recognizing many of you with awards that serve as one indicator, of many, that your hard work is important and meaningful.

Why all of the effort and work? Even in my own life (n=1), there are lots of answers to this question. But at least one answer – one that unites us – is found in PMRA’s mission statement. We do what we do because, like PMRA, we want to improve public governance by advancing research on public organizations, strengthen links among interdisciplinary scholars, and further professional and academic opportunities in public management.

As I wrote in my last letter, I am grateful for our PMRA Mission. We are a mission-driven organization, with mission-driven members. We will continue to exert effort on activities that strategically engage our mission.
Our mission can provide a high-level guide as we individually and collectively seek to work on questions that matter most. There is a history of this in PMRA among its members. For example, as I’ve familiarized myself with the PMRA Management Matters series, including the first one from more than 20 years ago, Professor Mary Guy posed this mission-driven problem and question:

The asymmetry between the governed and those who govern, along with the erosion of the capacity to manage complex social, economic, and political issues, is symptomatic of change in the nature of the State. Our challenge is to inform about the qualities necessary to provide the civic nutrition that makes communities work amidst this. How we can get our arms around this in a meaningful way is a very large question, but clearly one worth asking.

I’m proud to work with you in PMRA. As I mentioned in my last letter, it is not only an association, it is also a community of purpose. We are on a mission to advance research, strengthen links and create opportunities in public governance. I look forward to our June PMRC gathering and to another season of supporting, facilitating and celebrating mission-inspired work and effort.

In this issue of Management Matters we have invited Professor Guy to revisit her 2003 essay. I encourage you to read that carefully. As we continue to work, expend effort, gather, teach, research and write, let’s continue to identify and engage problems in ways that will yield solutions to improve public governance.
Association Manager Update

Since joining PMRA, my focus has been on supporting our leadership, enhancing member experiences, and propelling our organization towards greater success and impact. Together with our President, Executive Committee, and dedicated Board members, we have celebrated excellence by successfully receiving applications and nominations for our six (6) annual awards—a true testament to the outstanding contributions of this community.

Furthermore, we have addressed some long-standing challenges with our current bylaws, laying the groundwork for a more streamlined and effective governance structure. Our most recent, virtual board meeting was marked by constructive dialogue and collaborative decision-making, reflecting our shared commitment to strengthening PMRA's foundation.

Of note, I am particularly excited about our recent collaboration with a University of Southern California (USC) Capstone team.
Association Manager Update

Kellye Mazzoli

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as PMRA's Association Manager and truly excited about the journey that lies ahead. With your continued support and collaboration, I am confident that we will achieve even greater heights of success and excellence together.

Finally, I'm thrilled about the opportunity to connect with you in person at PMRC 2024 in Seattle! If you spot me, please don't hesitate to approach me and introduce yourself.

Until we meet in June,

Kellye Mazzoli
Association Manager, PMRA

They provided strategic suggestions on key areas PMRA should focus on to support our organizational development. This work is crucial for navigating PMRA's future direction and aspirations while ensuring that we remain at the forefront of public management research and innovation. The PMRA team has already started crafting policies and implementing operational changes aimed at enhancing the member experience, and conclusions from this research solidify the importance of continuing that very work.

Ultimately, my goal is to support PMRA and nurture this vibrant and supportive community, ensuring it remains a place where each member feels valued and empowered to contribute to our collective success. As we look ahead, I am confident that together, we will continue to drive positive change, advance public management research, and make a lasting impact on our profession and society. Please know that your insights, expertise, and dedication are invaluable to our organization, and I invite each of you to actively participate in shaping PMRA's future when those opportunities present.
Invited Essay

Mary E. Guy is a University of Colorado Distinguished Professor, co-editor-in-chief of the Journal of Social Equity and Public Administration, Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, and past President of the American Society for Public Administration. She is the recipient of numerous awards for her research, leadership, and mentoring.

Then and Now: 2003 Revisited

As sure as Sandhill cranes annually migrate through Nebraska and wildebeests do their thing in Kenya, there are regularities in our lives, our civic culture, and our public management research. We rarely focus on them, though. This assignment, to revisit my words from 2003, is an opportunity to do just that. By way of background, I wrote a column for the first issue of the PMRA Newsletter (now called Management Matters) in which I prescribed six directions I was hoping researchers would pursue (Guy 2003). These are what I listed:

1. Our research should be both theoretically rigorous and practically useful and use whatever analytic tools are best for addressing the question, whether qualitative or quantitative.
2. The emotive component in the citizen-state encounter is essential and should be acknowledged in our theories and research.
3. Our work should enable performance benchmarks and outcomes measures, making it possible to speak truth to power in a compelling way.
4. Marketing public services and government should be done to create positive images. In the absence of civics education, this is a necessity.
5. Rather than disappearing women out of our intellectual history, they should be celebrated just as men are celebrated.
6. Societal and global faultlines should be acknowledged, discussed, and addressed.

Which of these points remain relevant? Which are passe’? How much has changed? Is our work meaningful and substantive? Or has heightened attention to citation counts and impact factors transformed our work into a hamster wheel of meaninglessness?

To answer this quandary, I stick by the closing words in my 2003 essay:

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Mary E. Guy

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Fast Forward to Now

Things have been up and down since 2003. In terms of research, a much higher proportion of newly minted doctoral graduates are comfortable with mixed methods. It is no longer unusual to find an article that speaks to street level service delivery and the emotive component in the citizen-state exchange. Performance benchmarks and outcomes measures are in everyone’s vernacular. Social media and the internet have made it easier for the public to learn about public services and access them. It is no longer unusual to read treatises on Jane Addams’ view of city management, which she equated to managing a huge extended family (Guy 2018; Shields 2017). Neither is it so hard to find stories about the mother of the New Deal, Frances Perkins (Downey 2010) or Frances Harriet Williams’ racial equity initiatives in the Office of Price Administration (Gooden 2017; Williams 1947).

Three Steps Forward, Four Steps Backward

All in all, our research has moved forward, but so have social forces that cause much of our work to pale in comparison. These forces brought improvement in gender equity until the Dobbs decision obliterated a century of progress. The two-term administration of Barack Obama accelerated racial equity until the police killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor reminded everyone that racial persecution remains real. Asian Americans and Indigenous Americans climbed onto the social equity bandwagon, only to confront organizational oblivion (Humphrey, et al. 2023). While some scholars lean-in on these tensions, others’ attention is captured by the newest shiny object, whether it is artificial intelligence or experimental designs that produce results having little external validity. Problems of race, tribalism, and masculinism persist. Confidence in government is low and sinister political forces are in play.

The State’s administrative machinery, and democracy itself, are under attack; the super-glue of civic nutrition – citizen engagement, healthy communities, volunteerism – is too feeble to diminish the erosion caused by factions. Postmodernism, with its fractured worldview, brings a breakdown of traditional understandings. Now convinced that objective, value neutral research is more myth than reality, we are confronted by similar dynamics as in quantum physics: Matter can be both particle and wave, and governance can be both uniting and divisive. We hunger for new ways of navigating conflicts that exist within communities and between the governed and...
those who govern. Are our ways of thinking about governance – our theories – keeping up? Are we asking and answering the right questions? Does our research matter?

**Bonfire at Our Door**

All around us, matters of governance are playing out amid contestation. The swing toward authoritarianism threatens bedrock foundations of democratic governments. In the U.S. one of the two major political parties refuses to accept defeat in an election; the political system is on the verge of collapse (Leonhardt 2023). Administrative machinery cannot prop up a system that fails to abide by rules. When the urban/rural divide grows into a chasm, when the youngest and oldest generations blame each other for the nation’s woes, the institutions that unite the nation are stretched like rubber bands. When lies and delusions are as credible as truths, logic fails. When trust in political leaders is at record lows even when the economy is roaring, the logic that holds the nation together fails.

There is a bonfire at our door that impact factors and citation counts cannot solve. Are we afraid to use our voices? Are our theories not useful for guiding meaningful research and yielding insights about how to bind polities together? I ask these questions of you because I ask them of myself.

**Triumph of Form Over Function**

We want our scholarship to be rigorous and sufficiently distanced from the everyday hubbub to be generalizable. We want it to extend beyond the formulaic to the meaningful. In our efforts to be scientifically rigorous, however, we look away from the big, messy, intersecting, problems that rage. The more refined a research question is, the easier it is to control variables, measure, draw conclusions, and navigate the peer review process. Form is achieved but function is not.

William Anderson and John Gaus knew that public administration is a practical art that deals with human rights and values and embodies moral implications (1945).

It is worth reminding ourselves of what scholars said decades ago: “Public administration is not something set apart from, but an integral part of, the whole system of popular government and democratic ideals” (Anderson and Gaus 1945, p. 46). William Anderson and John Gaus knew that public administration is a practical art that deals with human rights and values and embodies moral implications (1945, p. 106).
Today we can take our cue from the United Nations’ sustainable development goals where environmental, economic and social strands intersect and fuel each other (United Nations 2023). Promoting peace, eliminating poverty and hunger, empowering women and girls, tackling climate change, improving maternal and neonatal health, are interdependent. Addressing them is accompanied by normative expectations of equity, effectiveness, efficiency, and economy. Just as we understand that intersectionality creates unique characteristics for each person, the intersectionality of public problems creates a unique melange for each community.

If we prize living in harmony, and having the sorts of firewalls that protect against dictatorship, we best get on with it. Just as Anderson and Gaus prescribed in 1945, there is value in turning research attention not only to the mechanics of managing but also to accentuating the constitutive elements that democratic government requires (Cook 2014). Does our research emphasize the democratic assumptions embedded in our theories, policies, institutions, and processes? Beyond this question is another: Do our research methods equip us to explain what we know to an audience beyond our own networks? This is where the value of narrative is far greater than the value of regression coefficients.

Narratives versus Numbers

Three classic case studies come to mind as examples of the power of narrative over numbers. One is *The Forest Ranger* (Kaufman 1960/2006), which asked and answered how an agency in Washington, D.C. could standardize the performance of hundreds of employees stationed in remote outposts (answer: administrative routines). *TVA and the Grass Roots* (Selznick 1949) revealed how to move communities toward desired outcomes (answer: cooptation). *Implementation: How Great Expectations in Washington Are Dashed in Oakland* (Pressman and Wildavsky 1973) told the story of how converting a policy into a program does not go as planned. Works like these have a shelf-life not of months but of decades. They create memorable stories by connecting empirics, theory, and outcomes. They are powerful because they are understandable.

Until we can take our findings to the next level and transform them into narratives that resonate – like these classic case studies – they are quickly forgotten. Though not as concise as cryptic statistical models, narratives stick in readers’ minds and explain cause and effect. So, yes, I am advocating a back-to-the-future approach, urging greater
Invited Essay

Mary E. Guy

Summary

I began this essay by noting progress on six prescriptions I asserted in 2003. Discussion then moved to current challenges and questions of how our research can be most useful. Why? Because the heat has turned up on most dimensions of public service, from school boards to election workers. For many, public service is now dangerous service:

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Firefighters, rescue squads, military, and police officers are most-often cited as working in dangerous occupations but that overlooks elections officials, public school teachers, prosecutors and judges, aid workers, healthcare professionals, highway construction workers, foreign diplomats, and those who staff the front desk in city hall.

As public administration scholars we have an obligation to focus our attention on the urgency of now and to tell the story in compelling terms. Short of enabling an Endangered Species Act for democratic institutions and harmony, it is up to us to advance the dialogue. With credit to Alisdair Roberts (2020), who badgers scholars for shying away from democracy as the goal of scholarship in public administration, today’s challenge for scholars is to own the positionality of our work, lay bare the biases, and proceed, much as social equity scholars lay bare their identity so readers understand...
their point of view.

We can sharpen our craft with research tools, old and new, and use them to probe issues that beg for more information. But rather than wiping our hands and walking away after publishing an article, we can give information life by taking the next step and translating it into terms/stories/narratives that resonate with those who want to know how to preserve and improve democratic governance.

Mary E. Guy
University of Colorado Denver

References


**PMRC 2024** will take place **June 26-29** in Seattle, hosted by the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Washington.

The Public Management Research Conference (PMRC) is the foremost gathering of public management experts in the world. The PMRC is sponsored by the Public Management Research Association (PMRA), which publishes the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory (JPART) as well as Perspectives on Public Management and Governance (PPMG).

You can find all the information you need to plan your trip and participate in the conference at [the conference website](#).

For questions, please email pmrc@uw.edu.

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**Pre-conference Workshop Registration for PMRC 2024**

**REGISTRATION**

Pre-conference workshop registration is open for PMRC 2024. This year, six workshops will be held on **June 26**, the day before the conference begins.

Workshop descriptions can be found on the [PMRC 2024 website](#) or by clicking directly on the list of workshops here.

**Workshop registration is separate from conference registration.** You may register for workshops after the conference registration deadline, but seats are limited, so register soon if interested.
It is an honor to have assumed the editorship of JPART as of January 1, 2024. Our deepest gratitude goes to the former editorial team including Mary Feeney, Susan Miller, and all the fantastic associate editors. You have all served our field in the most exemplary manner. We are confident that readers, reviewers, and authors in our community recognize all your accomplishments and outstanding leadership over the past five years.

As new editors, our main focus is on continuing the many strengths of JPART. The journal has an extremely competent reviewer pool, very quick turnaround times, and offers individualized feedback on every submission we receive. As we become accustomed to the business and working routines of editing the field’s leading journal – we received 132 new submissions as of March 15 – we will do our utmost to continue this practice and contribute to the continued development of JPART.

Editing a leading international journal is a team discipline. We are fortunate to have a fantastic team with us, representing both continuity and renewal. From the previous team, Stephan Grimmelikhuijsen, Susan Miller, and Michael Siciliano continue as associate editors, bringing vast experience. Additionally, we have added new associate editors in the form of Gabriela Lotta, Seulki Lee, and Nathan Favero, along with a social media editor, Ana-Maria Dimand. We are grateful to work with such talented colleagues from around the world.

Our editorial leadership will be characterized by both continuity and renewal. We will continue to have the ambition to publish the theoretically best, methodologically most sound, and empirically most important research in public administration and
management. We will not invent new formats or introduce news from the editors. In a time of great change, we will instead do what JPART has always done best: publish the strongest research contributions in our field.

It will also remain a requirement that papers contribute to the advancement of public administration research and theory. This can be achieved in many ways, on which we will communicate more in the coming year.

As new editors, we feel it appropriate to share some insights into manuscript processing. JPART receives approximately 600 papers annually. It has long been a tradition at JPART for editors to handle most of the manuscripts. We will continue this practice. Each of our six associate editors handles around 25 manuscripts annually, with priority given to matching each editor’s areas of expertise. Manuscripts handled by associate editors are always perused by one of the editors. The remaining 450 papers are handled by us, with around one-third being handled by Kim, and two-thirds being handled by Ole.

We are looking forward to serving our field in the months and years to come. The high quality and breadth of topics in public administration research is truly impressive. We will remain dedicated to running JPART to the best of our abilities.

Ole Helby Petersen, Editor, Roskilde University
Kim Sass Mikkelsen, Co-Editor, Roskilde University
PMRA Awards

H. George Frederickson Award

Congratulations to Carolyn J. Heinrich on being the esteemed recipient of this year’s H. George Frederickson Award, recognizing her significant career contributions to the field of public management.

Best Dissertation Award

Congratulations to Chelsea Pennick McIver on being awarded the 2024 Best Dissertation Award for her exceptional research on the governance of National Forests! Her work exemplifies the innovative spirit and intellectual rigor that this award seeks to honor.

Best Dissertation Award | Honorable Mention

Congratulations to Xiaoyang Xu on receiving an Honorable Mention for her dissertation, "A model of representative bureaucracy: Three Essays on Representation."

Congratulations to Gustav Egede Hansen on earning an Honorable Mention for his impactful dissertation, "The Different Consequences of In- and Outsourcing for Employees."

2024 Riccucci-O’Leary Award

Congratulations to Kim Moloney and Rupert Lewis on winning the Riccucci-O’Leary Award for their influential work, "The flawed foundations of social equity in public administration: A racial contract theory critique."
2024 Beryl Radin Award

Congratulations to Mihaly Fazekas, Romain Ferrali, and Johannes Wachs on winning the 2024 Beryl Radin Award for their insightful article in JPART, “Agency Independence, Campaign Contributions, and Favoritism in US Federal Government Contracting.”

2024 Beryl Radin Award | Honorable Mention

Congratulations to Adam Harris, Jan-Hinrik Meyer-Sahling, Kim Sass Mikkelsen, and Christian Schuster for their collaborative effort and scholarly excellence with an Honorable Mention for this year’s Beryl Radin Award for their article in JPART, “Activating the ‘Big Man’: Social Status, Patronage Networks, and Pro-Social Behavior in African Bureaucracies.”
PMRA Awards

Camilla Stivers Award

Congratulations to Machiel van der Heijden as the winner of this year’s PMRA Camilla Stivers Award for his article in PPMG, “Liking or Needing? Theorizing on the Role of Affect in Network Behavior.”

2024 Camilla Stivers Award | Honorable Mention


Congratulations to Trine Pallesen and Kirstine Zinck Pedersen for receiving an Honorable Mention for their article, “Models of Human Fallibility: Traveling Behavioral Assumptions in Public Governance,” recognized under the Camilla Stivers Award.
PMRA Awards

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**Meier Travel Inclusion Award**

Special thanks to Professor Kenneth J. Meier, whose leadership and generous donations to the Meier Travel Inclusion Award, along with other donors' contributions, support doctoral students participating in the Public Management Research Conference. This collective effort significantly enhances the diversity of conference attendees.
Recent & Forthcoming Publications

**Ricardo Bello-Gomez**, assistant professor in the School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) at Rutgers University–Newark, published his co-edited book *Handbook on Subnational Governments and Governance*.

**Cleopatra Charles**, associate professor in the School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) at Rutgers University–Newark, published her co-authored book *Financial Leadership for the Arts*.

**Alisa Moldavanova**, Associate Professor and MPA Program Director at the Biden School of Public Policy & Administration, University of Delaware, has a forthcoming book, “The Overlooked Pillar: Making a Case for Cultural Sustainability” (to be published in August 2024 by SUNY University Press). [Here is information about the book](#).

Alisa Moldavanova, Associate Professor and MPA Program Director at the Biden School of Public Policy & Administration, University of Delaware, Tamaki Onishi, an Associate professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Stefan Toepler, Professor of nonprofit studies in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University have assembled a special issue, “Civil Society, Democratization, and Service-Providing Organizations,” published Public Administration and Development.

Comings, Goings, New Positions & Promotions

**Candice Pippin Bodkin** has been promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Georgia Southern University effective August 1, 2024, and also appointed as the Co-Director of the Institute for Vibrant and Engaged Communities at Georgia Southern University.

**Brandyn Churchill, Jordan Matsudaira**, and **Sheeling Neo** are the latest additions to the faculty of the Department of Public Administration and Policy at American University.

**Nathan Favero**, Professor at the Department of Public Administration and Policy at American University, was appointed as 2024 Provost Associate Professor.
Diane Hill, assistant professor of professional practice at the School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) and the assistant chancellor for university-community partnerships at Rutgers University–Newark, was appointed to Parker Health Group's Board of Trustees.

William Jackson, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Public Administration and Policy at American University, accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy at Florida State University.

Charles E. Menifield of the School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) at Rutgers University–Newark was appointed university professor.

Sanghee Park will join the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University - Indianapolis (IUI) as an Associate Professor this fall, August 1, 2024.

Gregory Porumbescu, associate professor in the School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) at Rutgers University–Newark, was invited to join the AI, Equity, and Literacy Working Group in support of NJ Governor Phil Murphy's AI Task Force.

Erdal Tekin, Professor at the Department of Public Administration and Policy at American University, was appointed as the Fotis Family Endowed Distinguished Professor.

Kaifeng Yang was named dean of the School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) at Rutgers University–Newark.
Awards & Achievements

**Arjen Boin** (Leiden University) and **Scott Douglas** (Utrecht University) secured EUR 23 million in funding for the ten-year Adapt research project on resilient societies. In a unique combination, they will work closely with historians, social psychologists, and philosophers to examine how societies can come through a crisis while strengthening core values such as solidarity, equity, and openness. The project will feature research into the societal response to crises over the past 200 years, experiments on stimulating interpersonal solidarity, and close collaborations with governments in multiple countries to jointly find out what interventions work when and where. Please contact Scott Douglas at s.c.douglas@uu.nl for more information and opportunities for collaboration.

**Leisha DeHart-Davis**, Professor of Public Administration and Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Government, has been honored by the Midwest Political Science Association as the 2024 Herbert Simon Award Winner.

**Peter Stanley Federman** joined the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at UMass Boston as an Assistant Professor of Public Administration on September 1st, 2023.

**Alisa Moldavanova**, Associate Professor and MPA Program Director at the Biden School of Public Policy & Administration, University of Delaware, was awarded a $35,000 Research Grant by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). She will lead a study exploring the impact of the arts in rural communities. [Here is the link for details.](#)

**Sonia M. Ospina**, Professor Emerita, NYU/ Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, received the American Society of Public Administration’s (ASPA) 2024 Dwight Waldo Award, presented to "an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the professional literature of public administration over an extended career."

**Suzanne Piotrowski**, professor in the School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) at Rutgers University–Newark, was awarded the 2024 Best Book Award from the American Society for Public Administration's Section of Public Administration.
Awards & Achievements

Norma M. Riccucci, Board of Governors Distinguished Professor in the School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) at Rutgers University–Newark, has been awarded the 2024 International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) Routledge Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding contributions to public management research.

Elizabeth Sharrow, Associate Professor of Public Policy and History, at the School of Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Amherst, and James Druckman, Payson S. Wild Professor at Northwestern University, have received a 2024 Society of Professors of Education Outstanding Book Award for Equality Unfulfilled. How Title IX’s Policy Design Undermines Change to College Sports (Cambridge University Press, 2023). The award will be presented in April at the annual AERA meeting. Professor Joshua Kalla of Yale University wrote of the book: “In Equality Unfulfilled, leading scholars James Druckman and Elizabeth Sharrow provide a comprehensive exploration of Title IX's impact on college sports. This thought-provoking book has broad implications beyond college sports and is an important read for understanding how to design effective policies and institutions that can combat the marginalization of underrepresented groups.”

Kohei Suzuki, Assistant Professor at Leiden University, the Netherlands, and Hyunkang Hur, Associate Professor at Indiana University at Kokomo, received the Kenneth J. Meier Award 2024 for the paper “Politicisation, Bureaucratic Closedness in Personnel Policy and Turnover Intention” at the Midwest Political Science Association’s annual conference. This is an award for the best paper in bureaucratic politics, public administration, or public policy presented at the annual conference in 2023.
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