

**Section on Public Administration Research (SPAR)  
Best Book Award 2023**



The ASPA Section on Public Administration Research (SPAR) invites your nominations for the SPAR Best Book Award.

We welcome nominations for books on public administration published in 2021 and 2022. The criterion for the award is a book that significantly contributes to research in public administration. All research methods are welcomed, as are books across the wide range of public administration research. Books primarily written as textbooks and edited volumes will not be considered. We welcome international publications written in English. Only books that contribute to Public Administration research and theory will be considered.

This recognition will be awarded at the annual ASPA National Conference in Spring 2023. A nominating committee comprised of SPAR members will review each of the nominations and choose the award winners.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is December 1, 2022. Nominations should list the book title, author, and publisher, and include at least a one-page summary outlining the unique contributions of the book.

The nomination documents should be sent to the review committee member by email at [anicho10@tnstate.edu](mailto:anicho10@tnstate.edu). A copy of the book (hard copy or electronic version) must be sent to each member of the review committee by December 1, 2022, to the addresses below.

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Please feel free to also forward this note to anyone potentially interested in making a nomination (self-nominations are welcome).

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Angela Páez, Leisha DeHart-Davis, Brad Johnson

Past Awardees:

**2022**

Anthony Bertelli (Pennsylvania State University, Political Science)

Book: *Democracy Administered*

**2021**

Alasdair Roberts (University of Massachusetts, School of Public Policy)

Book: *Strategies for Governing*

**2020**

Pamela Herd and Donald Moynihan (Georgetown University)

Book: *Administrative Burden: Policymaking by other means*

--and--

Katherine Bersch (Davidson College)

Book: *When democracies deliver: governance reform in Latin America*

**2019**

David Miller (University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs)

Jen Nelles (Hunter College, City University of New York)

Book: *Discovering American Regionalism: An Introduction to Regional Intergovernmental Organizations*

**2018**

Leisha DeHart-Davis (University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill)

Book: *Creating Effective Rules in Public Sector Organizations*

-- and --

Timothy Conlan (George Mason University)

Paul Posner (George Mason University)

Priscilla Regan (George Mason University)

Book: *Governing under stress: The implementation of Obama's economic stimulus program*

**2017**

Donald Kettl (University of Maryland)

--and--

Gary J. Miller (Washington University)

Andrew B. Whitford (University of Georgia)

Book: *Above Politics: Bureaucratic Discretion and Credible Commitment*