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Education

2015 - **BA in Public Administration**, Shanxi University, Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, China

2016 - **MSc in Public Policy**, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK.

2020 - **MSc in Public Administration** specializing in Policy Research and Analysis, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, US.

> Master's Thesis: Perceptions of Multi-Lateral Cross Boundary Organization of Local Governments in China: A Q-Analysis. Chair: David Y. Miller; Committee: William N. Dunn, George W. Dougherty.

2025 (anticipated) - **PhD in Public Administration**, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, US.

> Dissertation title: Unpacking the Role of Regional Intergovernmental Organizations in Complex Governance Systems, Chair: Jered B. Carr; Committee: Kate Albrecht, Kelly LeRoux, Michael D Siciliano, Rachel Krause (University of Kansas).

Peer-reviewed articles

Zhang, S., & Zehra, M.-E.-. (2024). Exploring Accountability Choices in Service Contracts for Collaborative Public Safety Services Provision. State and Local Government Review, 56(1), 6-25. https://doi.org/10.1177/0160323X231208958

Manuscript under review

Zhang, S.; Li, J. & Carr, J. Relational Contracting thru Selection-Based Accountability: Collaboration History, Shared Constituencies, and Justified Trust in Public Safety Contracts.

Zhang, S.; Siciliano, M.; Ivanich, J. & Schultz, K. Exploring the Relationship Between Substance Use and the Development of Friendships among American Indian Adolescents: Using the Exponential Random Graph Model (Project supported by National Institutes of Health: 5R21DA053789; PI: Jerreed Ivanich).

Gutierrez-Meave, R.; **Zhang, S**.; Carr, J. & Siciliano, M. Mitigating Risks in Interlocal Collaboration Agreements: An Empirical Examination of Network Structure and Contract Design.

Ivanich, J.; Schultz, K.; Siciliano, M. & **Zhang, S**. Social Networks in American Indian Youth; A cross-sectional exploratory analysis of school-based, family-based, and other peers among 9th and 10th graders on one large plains reservation. (Project supported by National Institutes of Health: 5R21DA053789; PI: Jerreed Ivanich).

Research papers in development

Zhang, S. & Fayemiro, O. The Role of the Nonprofit Sector among Regional Intergovernmental Organizations: A Mixed Method Study.

Zhang, S. How do the decision-making structures of regional intergovernmental organizations affect regional policy decisions?

Zhang, S. Can regional governance organizations foster local public service collaborations? Evidence from a longitudinal study.

Zhang, S. Unpacking the institutional complexity of public health regional governance organizations in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Li, J.; **Zhang, S**. & Carr, J. Measuring Tie Strength in Local Public Service Networks.

Li, J.; **Zhang, S**. & LeRoux, K. Does Collaborative Capacity Improve Nonprofit Performance? Evidence from a Longitudinal Study.

Conference presentations and papers

Zhang, S. (2024, June 26-29). Zhang, S. (2024, April 12-16). Examining the Impact of Regional Intergovernmental Organizations (RIGOs) on Local Public Service Collaboration: A Longitudinal Causal Analysis. Public Management Research Conference, WA., US

Zhang, S. (2024, April 12-16). Can Regional Intergovernmental Organizations foster local public service collaborations? Evidence from a longitudinal study. American Society for Public Administration Conference, Minneapolis, MN., US

Gutierrez-Meave, R.; **Zhang, S**.; Carr, J. & Siciliano, M. (2024, April 12-16). Mitigating Risks in Interlocal Collaboration Agreements: An Empirical Examination of Network Structure and Contract Design. American Society for Public Administration Conference, Minneapolis, MN., US

Zhang, S. (2024, April 4-7). Can Regional governance organizations foster local public service collaborations? Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL., US.

Gutierrez-Meave, R.; **Zhang, S**.; Carr, J. & Siciliano, M. (2024, April 4-7). Mitigating Risks in Interlocal Collaboration Agreements: An Empirical Examination of Network Structure and Contract Design. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL., US.

Li, J.; **Zhang, S**. & LeRoux, K. (2023, November 16-18). Does Collaborative Capacity Improve Nonprofit Performance? Evidence from a Longitudinal Study. Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Conference.

Zhang, S. & Fayemiro, O. (2023, November 16-18). The Role of the Nonprofit Sector among Regional Intergovernmental Organizations: A Mixed Method Study. Regional Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Conference.

Zhang, S. & Zehra, M. (2023, March 20-24). Exploring Accountability Choices in Service Contracts for Collaborative Public Safety Services Provision. American Society for Public Administration Conference.

Zhang, S. (2022, March 18-22). How Does Cities' Engagement Affect the Function of Regional Intergovernmental Organizations (RIGO's) in Metropolitan Areas? American Society for Public Administration Conference, Jacksonville, FL., US. **Best Student Paper Award**

Zhang, S. & Fayemiro, O. (2022, March 18-22). The Role of the Nonprofit Sector among Regional Intergovernmental Organizations: A Mixed Method Study. American Society for Public Administration Conference, Jacksonville, FL., US.

Zhang, S. & Fayemiro, O. (2022, April 7-10). The Role of the Nonprofit Sector among Regional Intergovernmental Organizations: A Mixed Method Study. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL., US.

Invited presentations

Zhang, S. & Zhi, X. (2022, April 22-23). Is Village Consolidation the Solution to Alleviating Rural Decline in China? Based On the Contemporary Chinese Village Gazetteer Data. Conference on Rural Society and Politics in China, Pittsburgh, PA., US.

Research experience

Research Assistant - Mapping Chicago Health Networks Project (May. 2023-Present) - Project coordination, survey design, data collection, data analysis, data visualization.

Research Assistant - Tribal Research Adolescent Connections Study Project (Project supported by National Institutes of Health: 5R21DA053789; PI: Jerreed Ivanich; Nov. 2022-Present) - Data analysis, data visualization.

Research Assistant - Network and Governance Lab at University of Illinois Chicago (Aug. 2020-Present) - Research design, project coordination, data collection, data analysis, data visualization, data management.

Research Assistant - the Center for Metropolitan Studies at University of Pittsburgh (Jun. 2019-Apr.2020) - Research design, survey design, data collection, data analysis.

Research Assistant - Gender Equality in Public Administration Research Center, data collection and data analysis. The research report is presented in 63rd. Commission on the Status of Women of UN. (Sep.2018-May.2019) - Data collection, data analysis.

Research Assistant - Spatial layout and Division System of City in China Project - A Sub-Project of Nine Key research project of the National Natural Science Foundation, Advisor: Yanchun Meng, Tsinghua University. (Mar. 2013-Jul. 2014) - Data collection, data analysis.

Teaching experience

Instructor - PPOL205: Programming and Data Analysis for public policy II. (Jan. 2023-May. 2023; Jan. 2024-May. 2024). Course design, lectures, supported students' research projects and graded assignments/exams.

Teaching Assistant - PA402: Principles of Data Analysis. (Aug. 2020-Dec. 2020, Aug. 2022-Dec. 2022; Aug. 2022-Dec. 2022; Aug. 2023-Dec. 2023). Taught lab sessions and graded assignments.

Teaching Assistant - PA 541: Advanced Data Analysis I. (Jan. 2021-May. 2021). Taught lab sessions and graded assignments.

Teaching Assistant - PPOL 210: Introduction to Public Policy. (Jan. 2021-May. 2021). Supported online distance education course, interacted with students in online forum, and graded assignments.

Teaching Assistant - PPOL 307 Policy Analysis and Alternatives (Aug. 2020-Dec. 2020). Supported class discussions, interacted with students in online forum, and graded assignments.

Research methods

Data analysis, advanced statistical methods, quantitative text analysis, social network analysis (SNA), geographic information systems (GIS)

Service to the field

Peer reviewer - Urban Affairs Review (Jan. 2021-Present)

Peer reviewer - International Journal of Public Administration (Oct. 2022-Present)

Peer reviewer - State and Local Government Review (Aug. 2023-Present)

Peer reviewer - Social Science & Medicine (Mar. 2024-Present)

Executive Board Member - American Society for Public Administration - Complexity and Network Studies Section

Honors and awards

The 2024 Academy of Management-Public and Nonprofit Doctoral Consortium Scholarship (Apr. 2024)

The 2024 Meier Public Management Research Conference Travel Inclusion Award (Apr. 2024)

2023 Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Conference Scholarships & Travel Grants (Oct. 2023)

Donald C. Stone Award for Best Student Paper from the Section on Intergovernmental Administration and Management at American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference (Apr. 2023)

Department of Public Administration Scholar Award from the Department of Public Policy, Management, and Analytics at University of Illinois Chicago (Feb. 2020)

Professional affiliations

Member - American Political Science Association (APSA) (Apr. 2024-Present)

Member - Academy of Management (AOM) (Jan. 2024-Present)

Member - Public Management Research Association (PMRA) (Apr. 2023-Present)

Member - Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) (Aug. 2022-Present)

Member - American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) (Aug. 2020-Present)

- Section on Intergovernmental Administration and Management
- Section for Complexity and Network Studies