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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Government and Public Policy, The University of Arizona, May 2026 (expected)
- Major Field:* Public Policy and Management
- Minor Field:* Research Methods
- M.S., Applied Economics and Policy Analysis, The University of Arizona, 2021
- MDP, Master's in Development Practice, The University of Arizona, 2020
- B.S., Environmental Science, The University of Florida, 2014
- Minor:* Soil and Water Science
- B.A., Russian, The University of Florida, 2014

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Journal Articles

- [5] **McCann, L. E.**, Michler, J. D., Mwangala, M., Olurotimi, O., & N. Estrada Carmona. 2025. "Food without fire: nutritional outcomes from a solar stove field experiment." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.
- [4] Kear, M., **McCann, L. E.**, R. Hibberd & C. Hannah. 2025. "The manufactured housing mosaic: an intersectional approach to measuring social vulnerability." *Housing Studies*.
- [3] Kear, M., Wilder, M. O., Martinez-Molina, K. G., **McCann, L. E.**, & D. Meyer. 2023. "Home thermal security, energy equity and the social production of heat in manufactured housing." *Energy Research & Social Science*.
- [2] Davies, J., C. Hannah, Z. Guido, A. Zimmer, **L. E. McCann**, J. Battersby, & T. Evans. 2021. "Barriers to urban agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Food Policy*.
- [1] Hannah, C., S. Giroux, N. Krell, **L. McCann**, S. Lopus, A. Zimmer, K. Caylor, & T. Evans. 2021. "Has the vision of a gender quota been realized for community-based water management committees in Kenya?" *World Development*.

In Review

- Delphin, S., Chelabi, E., **McCann, L. E.**, & C. Hannah. "Navigating climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction research in Africa: challenges, opportunities, and pathways forward."

Work in Progress

- An, S., Baldwin, E., Boustead, A. E., **McCann, L. E.**, Lien, A., & T. Evans. "Politics vs. public health: what factors drive county-level COVID-19 policy diffusion?"
- Boustead, A. E., **McCann, L. E.**, Baldwin, E., Lien, A., & T. Evans. "Does preemption matter? Evidence from COVID-19 lawmaking."
- Hannah, C., A. Fluckiger, **L. McCann**, N. Joshi, G. Silva Santa Rosa Macedo, A. Zimmer, Z. Guido, E. Baldwin & T. Evans. "Decentralizing water governance in Africa."

White Papers, Policy Briefs, and Reports

- Delphin, S., Chelabi, Elham, **McCann, L. E.**, & C. Hannah. 2024. "Navigating climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in Africa: challenges, opportunities, and pathways forward". *Climate Adaptation Research Program (CARP)*.
- Sandvik, J., Griffin, C.L., An, S., Dow, D., **McCann, L. E.**, & S. Barrera. 2024. "[Recruitment and retention of Arizona's law enforcement and fire service personnel](#)." *Morrison Institute for Public Policy*.
- McCann, L. E.**, R. Hibberd, & M. Kear. 2021. "[A profile-based approach to indexing housing vulnerability in Tucson: a case study of manufactured housing](#)." *Making Action Possible Arizona*.

Book Chapters

- Kedrowski, K., Ortbals, C., Poloni-Staudinger, L., Strachan, J. C., & **McCann, L. E.**. (2024). "[Section one introduction: using fashion to establish credibility - comparative perspective](#)." *The Palgrave Handbook of Fashion and Politics*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Seminar, Conference, and Workshop Presentations

- 2026 Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL). [Accepted]
- 2025 Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Seattle, WA).
- 2023 Conference on Public Policy Process Research (Denver, CO).
- 2022 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting (Virtual).
- 2021 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting (Virtual); Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (Austin, TX); International Conference of Agricultural Economics (Virtual); Making Action Possible Arizona Talk (Virtual).
- 2019 Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting (Flagstaff, AZ).

RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Grants

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| SBSRI Dissertation Research Grant | \$2,895 | 2025-26 |
| "Social Constructions and Affordable Housing Policy Design: Applications to Manufactured Housing" | | |
| Economics and Business Research Center Making Action Possible (MAP) Grant | \$7,500 | 2020-21 |
| "Housing Insecurity in Tucson and Beyond: A Case Study of Manufactured Housing" | | |

Awards and Scholarships

- SGPP Early Career Summer Research Fellowship, 2022, 2023
- Eric Monke Memorial Scholarship, 2020
- Graduate Access Fellowship, 2018
- Doris Lowe and Earl & Verna Lowe Scholarship, 2011, 2012
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Award, 2012
- William Bartram Scholarship, 2012
- UF Inter-Residence Hall Association Most Innovative Director Award, 2012, 2013
- UF Inter-Residence Hall Association Doer and Dreamer Award, 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The University of Arizona

- Climate Adaptation Research Program. (Summer 2024 - Spring 2025). *Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Corrie Hannah*.
- Recruitment and Retention of Police Officers and Fire Fighters. (Summer - Fall 2023). *Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Seung-Ho An*.
- The Manufactured Housing Gap (Summer 2019 - Summer 2024). *Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Mark Kear*.

Spatial Resilience of Food Production, Supply Chains, and Security to COVID-19 (Spring 2020 - Summer 2022). *Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Tom Evans.*

Applied International Development Economics Lab. (Spring 2020 - Summer 2021). *Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Jeffrey Michler.*

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Target-setting with Tucson Electric Power (Fall 2019). *Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Andrea Gerlak.*

Smallholder Livelihoods & Global Food Security Project (Spring - Summer 2019). *Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Tom Evans.*

The University of Florida

Capacity Building Partnership to Improve Tourism Education, Research, and Industry Outreach (Spring-Summer 2013). *Faculty Supervisors: Drs. Svetlana Stepchenkova, B. Thapa, and Lori Pennington-Gray.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Arizona

Summer 2024, 2025;	Instructor, Public Organizational Management (PA 470)
Fall 2025, Spring 2026	
Fall 2024, Spring 2025	Instructor, Public Policy and Administration (POL 206)
Fall 2021	Teaching Assistant, Public Policy and Administration (POL 206)
Spring 2021	Teaching Assistant, Poverty and Development of Nations (AREC 360)
Fall 2020	Teaching Assistant, The Global Economy of Food (AREC 150C)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016-18	Manager, Data Systems & Evaluation, Chicago Cares, Inc., Chicago, IL <i>Previous positions: Data Systems Administrator; Coordinator, Programs Administration</i>
2015-16	Executive Assistant, Interfaith Worker Justice, Chicago, IL
2013-20	Data Processing Technician, Municipal Code Corporation, Remote
2013-14	Intern, The University of Florida Office of Sustainability, Gainesville, FL

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Vice President, School of Government & Public Policy Graduate Student Association, UA, 2023-2024
Recruitment Coordinator, School of Government & Public Policy Graduate Student Association, UA, 2022-2023

Representative, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Graduate Student Council, UA, 2020-2021

Graduate Student Mentor, School of Geography, Development, and Environment, UA, 2020-2021

Representative, Southern Arizona Geographers Association (SAGA), UA, 2019-20

Member, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management; American Association of Geographers; Agricultural & Applied Economics Association; International Association of Agricultural Economists; American Public Health Association; Association of Pacific Coast Geographers; Royal Economic Society

SKILLS

Programming Languages & Software	<i>Stata, R, SAS, HTML5, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics</i>
Content Management Systems	<i>Drupal, WordPress, Squarespace, Wix, Sitebuilder</i>
Customer Relationship Management Systems	<i>Salesforce, Sharepoint, Constant Contact, iContact</i>
Teaching Tools	<i>Adobe Spark, Panopto, VoiceThread, PlayPosit, Desire2Learn (D2L)</i>
Languages	<i>Russian (Intermediate), Spanish (Basic), French (Basic)</i>

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