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Assistant Professor

Hubert Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Public Administration, University of Georgia (UGA) -- 2005
 - Specialization: Public Finance and Budgeting
 - Dissertation: *Property Tax Relief, Additional Revenue, or Tax Mimicking? The Adoption and Effects of the General Purpose Local Option Sales Tax in Georgia Counties*
 - Committee: Laurence O’Toole (Chair), Thomas Lauth, Dan Durning, Jerome Legge, and Yilin Hou
- Master in Urban Planning, Tongji University -- 1997
- Bachelor in Urban Planning, Tongji University -- 1993

FIELDS OF RESEARCH

- State and local public finance
- Infrastructure finance
- China’s fiscal reforms
- GIS applications in public affairs

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota (UMN), August 2007-present
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Science, Eastern Michigan University (EMU), August 2005-August 2007
- Education Program Specialist, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia, June 2002-July 2005
- Assistant Urban Planner, Xiamen Academy of Urban Planning & Design (Xiamen, China), September 1993-July 1998

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- Visiting Scholarship of Shanghai Finance and Economics University, 2010
- Visiting Fellowship of Chinese University of Hong Kong, with accommodations provided by Billy’s Research Methodology Scheme on China Studies, 2010
- “Public-Private Partnerships In Transportation Task Force” (with Lee Munnich and Adeel Lari), \$100,000, Minnesota Department of Transportation, 2010
- “Measuring the Motor Fuel Use for Non-Highway Purposes,” \$50,000, Minnesota Local Road Research Board, 2010
- “The Marketization of Highway Development: The Case of Zhejiang Province in China,” \$2,000, internalizing curriculum development grant provided by the Consortium for the Study of The Asias, University of Minnesota, 2010
- “Funding Urban Infrastructure Development, China Style,” \$8,000, research grant provided by the Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota, 2010

- “Implementing Distance-based User Fees as a Replacement for the Gas Tax” (with Lee Munnich and Ferrol Robinson, \$74,991, Minnesota Department of Transportation, 2010)
- “Charter School Governance, Financial Management, and Education Performance” (with Melissa Stone), \$100,000, research grant provided by the Cargill Foundation, 2010
- PrAcademics Press Best Manuscript Award for Paper Presented at the Public Budgeting and Finance Section in the annual conference of Western Social Science Association (WSSA), 2009
- Visiting Fellowship of Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy, 2009
- Required-Course Instructor of the Year Award, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 2009
- “Advancing the Public Interest in Public-Private Partnerships of State Highway Developments,” \$75,000, Research Grant provided by Minnesota Department of Transportation, 2009
- “Fiscal Decentralization in China and Provincial Fiscal Disparities: A Cost-Adjusted Approach,” \$25,000, Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry and Scholarship Program, UMN, 2008
- “Funding Transportation with Value Capture Strategies,” \$300,000, research grant provided by Minnesota State Legislature, 2008
- Invited as one of 50 “young scholars” nationwide to participate in Phase One Workshop of Minnowbrook Conference III, 2008
- Fellowship for the Advanced Spatial Pattern Analysis Workshop (Funded by National Institutes of Health), University of California, Santa Barbara, 2008
- “Transportation Finance in Minnesota: Past, Present, and Prospect,” \$15,000, Research Seed Fund provided by Center for Transportation Studies, UMN, 2007
- Faculty Development Scholarship for “Instructional Improvement through Good Course Design,” EMU, 2006
- Fellowship for the Spatial Perspectives on Analysis for Curriculum Enhancement program funded by the National Science Foundation, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2006
- Academic Service Learning Fellowship, EMU, 2006
- Provost’s Research Award for New Faculty, EMU, 2005
- William Collins Award for the Outstanding Paper by a Ph.D. Student, the Southeastern Conference of Public Administration (SECoPA), 2004
- Graduate School Assistantship, UGA, 2000-2002
- Guanghua Award for Outstanding Doctoral Student, Tongji University, 1999
- Outstanding Research Paper Award for Graduate Students, “Metropolitan Transit Systems in China: Challenges and Opportunities,” Tongji University, 1999
- Biennial Award of Outstanding Urban Planning Project, Fujian Province, 1999
- Chinese Academy of Urban Planning & Design Scholarship, Tongji University, 1997

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS IN ENGLISH

- Wang, Wen and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Fiscal Effects of Local Option Sales Tax on School Facilities Funding: Evidence from North Carolina.” *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management* (in press).
- **Zhao, Zhirong** and Hai Guo. “Managerial Quality and State General Obligation Bond Ratings: Evidence with the GPP Grades.” *American Review of Public Administration* (in press).
- **Zhao, Zhirong** and Kirti Vardhan Das. “Tax Increment Financing as a Value Capture Strategy.” *Transportation Research Record* (in press).

- Hou, Yilin, Anna Ya Ni, Ora-orn Poocharoen, Kaifeng Yang, **Zhirong Zhao**. “The Case for Public Administration with a Global Perspective.” *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* (in press).
- Schweik, Charles, Ines Mergel, Jodi Sandfort, and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Toward Open Public Administration Scholarship.” *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* (in press).
- Kioko, Sharon, Justin Marlowe, David Matkin, Michael Moody, Daniel Smith, and **Zhirong Zhao** (in press). “Why Public Financial Management Matter?” *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* (in press).
- Wang, Wen and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Rural Taxation Reforms and Compulsory Education Finance in China,” *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management* (in press).
- **Zhao, Zhirong** (2009). “Fiscal Decentralization and Provincial-level Fiscal Disparities: A Sino-US Comparative Perspective.” *Public Administration Review* (69s): 567-574.
- Ni, Ya Anna and **Zhirong Zhao** (2008). “Fiscal Conditions, Political Interests, and Service Outsourcing Decisions: The Case of Georgia Counties.” *Municipal Finance Journal* 29(3): 45-62.
- **Zhao, Zhirong** and Changhoon Jung (2008). “Earmarked Revenue for Property Tax Relief? Long-term Budgetary Effects of Georgia’s Local Option Sales Tax.” *Public Budgeting and Finance* 28(4): 52-70.
- **Zhao, Zhirong** and Yilin Hou (2008). “Local Option Sales Taxes and Fiscal Disparities among Localities: Evidence from Georgia.” *Public Budgeting and Finance* 28(1): 39-57.
- Denison, Dwight, Wenli Yan, and **Zhirong Zhao** (2007). “Is Management Performance a Factor in Municipal Bond Credit Ratings? The Case of Texas School Districts.” *Public Budgeting and Finance* 27(4): 86-98.
- **Zhao, Zhirong** (2005). “Motivations, Obstacles, and Resources: The Adoption of the General Purpose Local Option Sales Tax in Georgia Counties.” *Public Finance Review* 33: 721-746.
- Legge, Jerome S. and **Zhirong Zhao** (2004). “Morality Policy and Unintended Consequences: China’s ‘One Child’ Policy.” *Chinese Public Administration Review* 2, no. 3/4: 30-45.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS IN CHINESE

- **Zhao, Zhirong** (2009). “China’s Fiscal Reforms and Inter-Provincial Fiscal Disparities: Review, Analysis, and Suggestions.” *Journal of Public Administration (Gonggong Xingzheng Pinglun)* 2009 (2): 73-100.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW BY PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- Larson, Kerstin and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Air Rights Development in Transportation Finance” (submitted).
- **Zhirong Zhao** and Kerstin Larson. “Special Assessment Financing in Transportation Finance” (submitted).
- **Zhao, Zhirong** and Kirti Vardhan Das. “Joint Development as a Value Strategy in Transportation Finance” (submitted).
- Iocono, Michael, David Levinson, and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Value Capture Strategies in Transportation Finance” (submitted).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS IN ENGLISH

- David Coyle, Ferrol Robinson, **Zhirong Zhao**, Lee Munnich, Adeel Lari. (2010). “Should The US Motor Fuel Tax Be Retained or Replaced?” *Proceedings of the World Conference on Transportation Research* (peer-reviewed).
- **Zhirong Zhao**, Kirti V. Das, and Carol Becker. (2009). “Funding Surface Transportation in Minnesota: Past, Present, and Prospects.” Research Report, Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota.
- Iacono, Michael, Adeel Lari, David Levinson, and **Zhirong Zhao** (2009). “Value Capture for Transportation Finance: Report to the Minnesota Legislature,” CTS 09-185, Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota.
- **Zhao, Zhirong** and Xiaolu Ou (2008). “China’s 1994 Fiscal Reform and Fiscal Disparities: Decomposing the Inequality Measures.” In *Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference of Public Administration*.
- **Zhao, Zhirong** (2008). “Expenditures and Revenues of U.S. Governments.” In *Handbook of Governmental Accounting*, edited by Frederic Bogui, 129-148. New York, NY: Marcel Dekker Inc.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS IN OTHER LANGUAGES

- **Zhao, Zhirong** (2002). Multiple book chapters (in Chinese). In *National Register of Historical Cities in China*, edited by Chinese National Ministry of Construction & Chinese National Bureau of Heritage. Beijing: Chinese Youth Publishing House.
- **Zhao, Zhirong** (2001). Multiple book chapters (translated into Japanese). In *Historic Cities in China*, edited by Zixuan Zhu et al, 86-92, 112-117, and 118-123. Tokyo: Kajima Institute Publishing Co.
- **Zhao, Zhirong** (1998). “The Marginal-information View of Historic District Preservation” (in Chinese). In *Proceedings of International Seminar on Conservation and Development of Historic Cities in Northeastern Asia*.
- **Zhao, Zhirong** (1999). “The Value Conceptualization of Historic Preservation: Toward Sustainable Resource, Environment, and Benefits” (in Chinese). In *Urban Planning Forum*.
- **Zhao, Zhirong** (1998). “Preservation and Renewal of Historic Districts” (in Chinese). *New Architecture*.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- **Zhirong Zhao** and Melissa Stone. “Charter School Authorization, Governance, and Finance: The Case of Minnesota.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 6-9, 2010: Omaha, NE.
- Jay Kiedrowski and **Zhirong Zhao**. “The Financial Future of Minnesota Cities: 2010 to 2025.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 6-9, 2010: Omaha, NE.
- David Guo and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Infrastructure Development and Foreign Investment: A Case Study of Tianjin Economic and Technical Development Area (TEDA).” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 6-9, 2010: Omaha, NE.
- **Zhirong Zhao** and Chengxin Cao. “Funding Urban Infrastructure, China Style.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 6-9, 2010: Omaha, NE.

- David Coyle, Ferrol Robinson, **Zhirong Zhao**, Lee Munnich, Adeel Lari. “Should The US Motor Fuel Tax Be Retained or Replaced?” Presented at the World Conference on Transportation Research, July 11-15, 2010: Lisbon, Portugal
- **Zhirong Zhao** and Chengxin Cao. “Funding Urban Public Infrastructure, China Style.” Presented at the 5th International Conference on Public Administration, June 14-17, 2010: Xiamen, China
- **Zhirong Zhao** and Chengxin Cao. “China’s Urban Infrastructure Finance: Linking Financial Sources to Investment Types.” Presented at the 1st Worldwide Chinese Public Administration Scholars Forum, May 28-29, 2010: Guangzhou, China
- **Zhirong Zhao** and Wen Wang. “State Capital Grants, Local Option Sales Tax, and School Capital Outlay Disparities.” Presented at the annual conference of the Western Social Science Association (WSSA), April 14-17, 2010: Reno, NV
- **Zhirong Zhao** and Chengxin Cao. “Funding China’s Urban Infrastructure: Revenue Structure and Financing Approaches.” Presented at the annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), April 9-13, 2010: San Jose, CA
- **Zhirong Zhao** and Anna Ya Ni. “Contracting Out & Contract Reversal: The Dynamics of Local Service Provision in Georgia Counties.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), September 23-26, 2009: Washington, DC.
- **Zhirong Zhao** and Kirti Vardhan Das. “Joint Development as a Value Capture Strategy in Transportation Finance.” Presented at the annual conference of International Transport Economics Conference, June 15-16, 2009: Washington, DC.
- Wang, Wen and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Fiscal Effects of Local Option Sales Taxes on School Facilities Funding: The Case of North Carolina.” Presented at the annual conference of the Western Social Science Association, March 9-12, 2009: Albuquerque, NM
- Guo, David and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Does Managerial Capacity Matter for Municipal Bond Ratings: Evidence from GPP.” Presented at the annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration (APSA), March 20-24, 2009: Miami, FL
- Ni, Ya Anna and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Contracting Out or Contracting In: The Dynamics of Public Service Provision Decisions in Georgia Counties.” Presented at the annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), March 20-24, 2009: Miami, FL
- **Zhao, Zhirong**. “Transportation Funding in Minnesota: Past, Present, and Prospect.” Presented at the Center for Transportation Studies Seminar, University of Minnesota, Feb. 10, 2009: Minneapolis, MN
- **Zhao, Zhirong**. “Public Budgeting and Finance in the Curriculum Design of Public Administration.” Presented at the International Conference on the Disciplinary Boundary and Research Paradigm of Public Administration, December 15-16, 2008: Xiamen, China
- **Zhao, Zhirong**. “China’s Recent Fiscal Reforms and Provincial-level Fiscal Disparities.” Presented at the International Symposium on the Remaking of the Chinese Administrative State Since the 1978 Reform, December 12-14, 2008: Guangzhou, China
- Wang, Wen and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Fiscal Effects of Local Option Sales Tax on School Facilities Funding: Evidence from North Carolina.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), November 6-8, 2008: Los Angeles, CA
- Wang, Wen and **Zhirong Zhao**. “The Effects of Tax-for-Fee Reform on China’s Rural Education: For Better or Worse?” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 23-25, 2008: Chicago, IL

- **Zhao, Zhirong.** “China’s 1994 Tax Reform and Provincial Fiscal Disparities.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 23-25, 2008: Chicago, IL
- **Zhao, Zhirong.** “Public Administration at the Information Age.” Presented at the Minnowbrook Conference III (Phase I), September 3-7, 2008: Minnowbrook, NY
- **Zhao, Zhirong** and Xiaolu Ou. “China’s 1994 Fiscal Reform and Fiscal Disparities: Decomposing the Inequality Measures.” Presented at the Fourth International Conference of Public Administration, September 24-26, 2008: Minneapolis, MN
- **Zhao, Zhirong.** “China’s Provincial Fiscal Inequality: A Cost-Standardized Approach.” Presented at the Advanced Spatial Pattern Analysis Workshop, University of California, July 18, 2008: Santa Barbara, CA
- **Zhao, Zhirong.** “Value Capture for Transportation Funding.” Presented at the Citizens League Policy Forum “*Transparent Funding Options for Meaningful Transportation Choices,*” May 6, 2008: Minneapolis, MN
- Guo, Hai and **Zhirong Zhao.** “Performance Grades and State Bond Ratings: Evidence from the Government Performance Project.” Presented at the annual conference of the Western Social Science Association, April 23-26, 2008: Denver, CO
- Ni, Anna Ya and **Zhirong Zhao.** “Political Environment and Local Service Provision Choices: The Case of Georgia counties.” Presented at the annual conference of the Western Social Science Association (WSSA), April 23-26, 2008: Denver, CO
- Shrestha, Manoj, Richard Reiock, and **Zhirong Zhao.** “Nested Governments and Cooperation in Regional Provision of Public Goods.” Presented at the annual conference of American Society of Public Administration, March 7-11, 2008: Dallas, TX
- Sandfort, Jodi R., Clare Mortenson, and **Zhirong Zhao.** “Probing Our Understanding of the Sector: A Comparison of NCCS and the Minnesota Longitudinal Finance Survey.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), November 15-17, 2007: Atlanta, GA
- **Zhao, Zhirong** and Claudia Petrescu. “Budget Solvency and Nonprofit Organizations in Times of Crises: The Case of Michigan’s Nonprofit Sector.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), November 8-10, 2007: Washington, DC.
- **Zhao, Zhirong.** “Network Structure of Inter-local Finance in Georgia: A Spatially-integrated Approach.” Presented at the annual conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 25-27, 2007: Washington, DC.
- **Zhao, Zhirong.** “Charting the Hidden Landscape of Inter-local Finance in Georgia: An Exploratory Spatial Analysis.” Presented at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA), September 26-29, 2007: Nashville, TN
- Shrestha, Manoj, **Zhirong Zhao,** and Richard Feiock. “Embedded Governments: Cooperation in the Supply of Local Public Goods.” Presented at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, 2007: Chicago, IL
- **Zhao, Zhirong.** “Coveting Thy Neighbors’ Taxation: Property Tax Mimicking in Georgia Counties.” Presented at the annual conference of the National Tax Association, November 16-18, 2006: Boston, MA
- **Zhao, Zhirong.** “It is the Perceived that Matters the Most: Property Tax Mimicking in Georgia Counties.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, October 19-21, 2006: Atlanta, GA

- Purcell, Melanie and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Severe Storm Watch Throughout Michigan: Financial Emergency Predictors.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, October 19-21, 2006: Atlanta, GA
- **Zhao, Zhirong**. “Spatial Thinking in Public Affairs: A Course Outline and Example Modules.” Presented at the Workshop of Spatial Perspectives on Analysis for Curriculum Enhancement, University of California, August 6, 2006: Santa Barbara, CA
- **Zhao, Zhirong**. “Applications of Spatial Analysis in Public Finance and Budgeting.” Presented at the Workshop of Spatial Perspectives on Analysis for Curriculum Enhancement, University of California, August 1, 2006: Santa Barbara, CA
- **Zhao, Zhirong** and Wenli Yan. “Management, Performance, and School District Bond Ratings: Evidence from Texas.” Presented at the Second Conference on Empirical Studies of Organizations and Public Management, May 5-6, 2006: College Station, TX
- **Zhao, Zhirong**. “Tax Mimicking among Counties: The Georgia Case.” Presented at the annual conference of the Western Social Science Association, April 19-22, 2006: Phoenix, AZ
- **Zhao, Zhirong** and Yilin Hou. “Who Gets ‘LOST’? Local Option Sales Taxes and Fiscal Disparity.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), November 10-12, 2005: Washington, DC.
- Yan, Wenli and **Zhirong Zhao**. “What Determines Ratings of School District Bonds: The Texas Case.” Presented at the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), November 10-12, 2005: Washington, DC.
- **Zhao, Zhirong**. “Fiscal Illusion or Rational Choice? The Effects of the General-Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) in Georgia Counties.” Presented at the annual conference of the Public Finance and Budgeting Section of Western Social Science Association (WSSA), April 13-16, 2005: Albuquerque, MN
- **Zhao, Zhirong**. “Property Tax Burden, Fiscal Stress, or Tax Mimicking: The Adoption of General Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) in Georgia Counties.” Presented at the annual conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 7-9, 2004: Chicago, IL
- **Zhao, Zhirong**. “Motivations, Obstacles, and Resources: The Adoption of the General Purpose Local Option Sales Tax in Georgia Counties.” Presented at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA), October 3-5, 2004: Charlotte, NC
- **Zhao, Zhirong**. “Public Management and Community Support: Managerial Priorities Matter.” Presented at the Conference on Empirical Studies of Organizations and Public Management, November 26-27, 2002: Athens, GA
- Legge, Jerome S. and **Zhirong Zhao**. “Morality Policy and Unintended Consequences: China’s ‘One Child’ Policy.” Presented at the annual conference of the Southern Political Science Association Convention (SPSA), November 7-9, 2002: Savannah, GA

INVITED TALKS

- Presentation at Zhejiang University: “US Public Budgeting and Finance.” June 4, 2010: Hangzhou, China
- Guest speech at Zhejiang University: “Local Government Management in the US.” June 1, 2010: Hangzhou, China
- Presentation at Chinese National School of Administration: “Public Service Delivery in the US.” May 26, 2010: Beijing, China

- Guest speech at Peking University: “US Budgetary Process and Budget Reforms.” May 26, 2010: Beijing, China
- Center for Industrial Development and Environmental Governance (CIDE) Seminar: “Economic Tools for Environmental Policy: International Perspectives.” May 20, 2010: Beijing, China
- Presentation at Chinese University of Hong Kong: “China’s Compulsory Education Finance.” May 18, 2010: Hong Kong, China
- Presentation at Zhejiang University: “US Transportation Finance and Land Value Capture.” Oct. 30, 2009: Hangzhou, China
- Keynote presentation at the Transportation Funding Summit: “Value Capture Strategies for Transportation Finance,” May 1, 2009: Minneapolis, MN
- Presentation at the Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy, Peking University: “China’s Fiscal Decentralization and Provincial-Level Fiscal Disparities.” December 11, 2008: Beijing, China

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At University of Minnesota (2007- present)

- PA5003, “Introduction to Financial Analysis and Management”
- PA5920, “Skills Workshop: Nonprofit Financial Management”
- PA5113, “State and Local Public Finance”

At Eastern Michigan University (2005-2007)

- PLSC615, “Public Financial Management”
- PLSC540, “Public Fiscal Administration”
- PLSC352, “Politics of Governmental Budgeting”
- PLSC480, 486, “Internship of Political Science/Public Administration”
- PLSC688, “Practicum in Public Affairs”

At University of Georgia:

- 2004 Summer, “Public Finance and Budgeting,” for Sino-American Joint Training Program in Public Administration
- 2003 Fall and 2004 Fall, “China: Governance and Development (guest speech),” for the Honors Program in University of Georgia
- 2003 Fall, “Introduction to Public Finance,” for Sino-American Joint Training Program in Public Administration
- 2002 Fall, “Budgetary Reforms,” for students in MPA Program
- 2002 Summer, “Introduction to Public Administration” for Sino-American Joint Training Program in Public Administration

At Tongji University (Shanghai, China):

- 1998 Fall and 1999 Fall, “History of Urban Development,” for undergraduate students and public official training programs
- 1999 Fall, “Introduction to Urban Planning Theory,” for public official training programs

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Service to professional journals or academic publishers

- Guest Editor for the *Journal of Transport and Land Use (JTLU)*'s Symposium on Value Capture Strategies for Transportation Finance, 2009.
- Guest Editor for the WSSA (Western Social Science Association) Symposium in *Municipal Finance Journal*, 2009
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Public Administration (China)*, since 2009
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting and Financial Management*, since 2008
- Book proposal reviewer, Oxford University Press, 2009
- Journal reviewer, *Transportation Research Record*, 2010
- Journal reviewer, *National Tax Journal*, 2009
- Journal reviewer, *Publius*, 2009, 2010
- Journal reviewer, *Public Performance and Management Review*, 2009
- Journal reviewer, *Journal of Public Administration (China)*, 2009
- Journal reviewer, *Public Budgeting and Finance*, 2008 and 2009
- Book proposal reviewer, Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2007
- Journal reviewer, *Municipal Finance Journal*, 2007
- Journal reviewer, *Policy Studies Journal*, 2006

Service for professional associations or conferences

- Consultant, National Governor Association's Policy Academy Project on Maryland Value Capture Development Action Plan, 2010
- Panel Chair, the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 6-9, 2010: Omaha, NE.
- Discussant, the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 6-9, 2010: Omaha, NE.
- Panel Chair, the 5th International Conference on Public Administration, June 14-17, 2010: Xiamen, China
- Technical Advisor, PPPs for Transportation Project, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), Dec. 9-13, 2009: San Diego, CA
- Conference Committee Member and Reviewer for International Transport Economic Conference, June 15-16, 2009: Minneapolis, MN
- Treasurer, the China American Association for Public Affairs, since 2009
- Program Co-chair, the International Conference on the Disciplinary Boundary and Research Paradigm of Public Administration, December 15-16, 2008: Xiamen, China
- Discussant, the International Symposium on the Remaking of the Chinese Administrative State Since the 1978 Reform, December 12-14, 2008: Guangzhou, China
- Panel Chair and Discussant, the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 23-25, 2008: Chicago, IL
- Co-chair (with Justin Marlow) of the Public Budgeting and Finance Section, the annual conference of Western Social Science Association (WSSA), 2008 and 2009
- Discussant, the annual conference of Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), November 8-10, 2007: Washington, D.C.
- Respondent, "Working With Census Data in Government Finance: Pitfalls and Potentials," the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 25-27, 2007: Washington D.C.
- Discussant, the annual conference of Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 25-27, 2007: Washington D.C.

- Discussant, the annual conference of National Tax Association, November 16-18, 2006: Boston, MA
- Chair/discussant, the annual conference of the Western Social Science Association, April 19-22, 2006: Phoenix, AZ

UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENT/COMMUNITY SERVICES

University services

- Pilot Program for Internationalizing Teaching and Learning Initiatives, 2010
- Hennepin-University Partnership Assessment Focus Group, October, 2010
- China Center's Training Program Curriculum Committee, 2010
- Senate Library Committee, UMN, 2008
- Economic and Planning Committee, Center for Transportation Studies, UMN, 2007-2008
- Adjunct faculty member in Institute for Geospatial Research & Education, EMU, 2006
- Member of College Committee on Research and Sabbatical Leaves, EMU, 2006
- Member of Graduate Student Problems Advisory Committee, UGA, 2001-2005

Department services

- Participating in the Humphrey Institute Beijing Alumni Gathering, 2010 Summer
- Gross Family Management and Leadership Team Paper Committee, 2010
- Naftalin Award Committee, 2010
- MPP Faculty Panel, Reception, and Lunch with Admitted Students, March 29, 2010
- Local Government Innovation Award Selection Committee, 2010
- Facilitating Dean's China trip and Humphrey's China Collaboration Initiatives, 2009 Fall
- Local Government Innovation Award Committee, Hubert Humphrey Institute, UMN, 2008-2009
- Gross Family Professional Paper Award Committee, Hubert Humphrey Institute, UMN, 2008
- Admission Committee of MPA program, Hubert Humphrey Institute, UMN, 2008-2009
- PNLC Curriculum Committee, Hubert Humphrey Institute, UMN, 2008
- Director of the Political Science Internship Program, EMU, 2005 and 2006
- Chair of Curriculum Committee for new Ph.D. Program of Public Administration, EMU, 2005-2006

Outreach or community services

- Presentation to the China Central University of Finance and Economics Delegation: "Overview of U.S. Political System and Financial Implication on Public Universities" Aug. 10, 2010
- Presentation to the Beijing Public Works Delegation: "US Local Government System and Nonprofit Management," Jan. 22, 2010
- Presentation at the Metro Engineering Association, St. Paul: "Value Capture Strategies for Transportation Finance," Oct. 15, 2009
- Presentation at University of Maryland's EMPA program: "Education Finance in China and US: A Comparative Perspective," Sept. 26, 2009
- Presentation at the Value Capture Workshop for Minnesota Legislative Members, Sept. 22, 2009.
- Presentation at the CTS Research Seminar: "Value Capture for Transportation Finance," Sept. 17, 2009
- Presentation to Delegation of China's Chongqing Municipality Leadership Delegation: "US Political System, Budgeting, and Personnel Management," Sept. 14, 2009
- Presentation to Delegation of South China University: "US Political System and Higher Education Finance," August 4, 2009

- Presentation to China Center's Beijing Universities Faculty Development Program: "Research and Teaching in US Universities," April 13, 2009
- Presentation at the Second Value Capture Study Stakeholder Workshop, March 26, 2009
- Presentation in PNLG's professional training for Senate Staff Members: "Minnesota Revenue Policies," November 12, 2008
- Presentation to Delegation of China Capital Normal University: "Public Administration and Policy in the US," October 31, 2008
- Presentation to Beijing Higher Education Delegation: "Governmental Systems in the US," October 30, 2008
- Presentation at the Value Capture Study Stakeholder Workshop, September 18, 2008
- Presentation at the Citizens League Policy Forum on "Transparent Funding Options for Meaningful Transportation Choices": "Value Capture for Transportation Funding," May 6, 2008
- Presentation to Beijing University of Chemical Technology: "Higher Education Finance in US," January 10, 2008
- Presentation to Sichuan Local Government Training Delegation: "US Governmental System and Public Budgeting," September 7, 2007
- Presentation to Beijing Higher Education delegation: "Public Finance and Budgeting in US," November 22, 2007
- China liaison for the Department of Political Science, EMU, 2006
 - Initiating Summer Institute of Public Policy in Jiangxi, China
 - Initiating International Exchange Programs on Public Affairs with Tianjin University, China
- China liaison for the University of Georgia, 2002-2005
 - Facilitated UGA's many China programs, especially those on public administration, public policy, and community developments
 - Coordinated and accompanied UGA President Michael Adams' China visit
- President of Chinese Student Union, UGA, 2001-2002
- Translator for Center for International Trade and Security, UGA, 2000
- Volunteer Teacher of Chinese Language Program, UGA, 2000

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Early Career Teaching Program, Center for Teaching and Learning Services, University of Minnesota, 2008 Fall-2009 Spring.
- The Advanced Spatial Pattern Analysis Workshop (Funded by National Institutes of Health), University of California, Santa Barbara, 2008
- The Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPRS) Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, July 2007
- (Semester-long) Academic-Service Learning Workshop, Eastern Michigan University, 2006 Fall
- (Semester-long) Workshop of "Improving Your Instructional Practice through Good Course Design," Eastern Michigan University, 2006 Fall
- The Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPRS) Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, July 2006
- Spatial Perspectives on Analysis for Curriculum Enhancement (SPACE) Workshop, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, August 2006

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

- The China American Association for Public Affairs (CAAPA)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
 - APSA's Section on Public Administration
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 - APSA's Section on Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
 - APSA's Section on Urban Politics
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 - ASPA's Section on Chinese Public Administration (SCPA)
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM)
- Public Management Research Association (PMRA)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
- American Association for Budget and Program Analysis (AABPA)