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**EDUCATION**

Florida International University, Miami, Florida, Ph. D. in Public Administration 2011

Dissertation Title: *Does Management Capacity Increase Organizational Performance? An Empirical Analysis of Public Housing Agencies*

George Washington University, Washington, DC, Masters in Public Administration 1983

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Master of Arts in Teaching English 1976

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bachelor of Arts-Communications 1974

**Other**

Personnel Management Specialist Training, U.S. Army

Emergency management certifications in:

* IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS)
* IS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
* IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS): An Introduction

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) since 1980.

ASPA offices held: president of the South Florida Chapter of ASPA, June 1999;

president-elect 1998, past president 2000; member of the board 1998-2005, 2012.

Member of the board of the Southeast Conference of Public Administration (SECOPA), 2002 and 2003 and member of committee to select the practitioner of the year award 2004, 2005, 2006

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor, Division of Public and Nonprofit Management**

University of Memphis, August 2013

* PADM 7602 Public Budgeting
* PADM Human Resources Management

**Visiting and Adjunct Professor, Department of Public Administration**

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL 2011-12 school year and fall 2012

* PAD 6227 Seminar in Public Budgeting Techniques (fall 2011-two sections; spring 2012)
* PAD 6139 Capstone Course (fall 2011; spring 2012)
* PAD 4223 Public Budgeting and Finance (undergraduate, spring 2012)
* PAD 4933 Capstone Course (undergraduate, spring 2012; fall 2012-adjunct)

**Adjunct Professor**

Barry University, Cutler Ridge and Doral, Florida, 2010-2012

* PUB 609 Seminar in Public Financial Management (fall B 2012)
* PUB 670 Public Planning and Growth Management (summer 2011)
* PUB 503 Public Administration and Public Affairs (winter A and B, 2010; fall B 2010; spring A 2011; fall A 2012; fall B 2012)
* PUB 623 Public Productivity Improvement in the Public Sector (winter B 2010; fall A 2010; spring A 2011)
* PUB 650 Public/Private Enterprise (summer 2010; spring B 2011)
* PUB 545 Values and Ethics in Public Administration (fall B 2010)

Nova Southeastern University, Davie and Kendall, Florida, 2005-2009, summer 2012, spring 2013

* PUB 5472 Public Finance (spring 2013)
* PUB 5499 Strategic Planning in the Public Sector (summer 2012)
* POLS 1010 American Government and Politics (undergraduate, spring 2005, fall 2005, winter 2006)
* PUB 5463 Emergency Management for Public Administrators (summer and fall 2008; winter and spring 2009)

Florida International University, Miami, Florida, 1995-2005

* PAD 4223 Public Sector Budgeting (fall 1996, fall 1997, spring 1998)
* PAD 3804 Government and Administration of Metropolitan Areas (fall 1995, spring 1996, fall 1997, spring 1998)

FIU Training Programs

* Performance measurement (fall and spring 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005)
* Benchmarking (spring and fall 2003)
* Using performance measurement (spring and fall 2004)
* Executive Development Program (spring 1997)

University of Miami, Miami, Florida, 1989

* Public Policy and Administration (undergraduate, fall 1989)

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Does Management Capacity Increase Organizational Performance? An Empirical Analysis of Public Housing Agencies,” Southeast Conference for Public Administration, Coral Springs, Florida, October 3-6, 2012.

“Lean Government: Is this the Next Big Thing in Performance Management?” Florida ASPA Conference, Orlando, Florida, May 2, 2008.

“Learning from the Past to Improve the Future: What the Old Masters Say about Organizational Development and Performance,” Florida ASPA Conference, Orlando, Florida, May 5, 2006.

“Improving the Performance of Public Organizations: A Problem of Theory and Management,” Southeast Conference for Public Administration, Little Rock, Arkansas, October 5-8, 2005.

“Basics of Performance Measurement,” Organization for the Advancement of Technology in Housing Agencies, Miami, FL, May 2005.

“Enhancing Public Productivity: A Unified Approach,” Southeast Conference for Public Administration, Savannah, Georgia, with Dr. Howard A. Frank and Dr. Jill Strube, October 2004.

“Moving from Measuring Outcomes to Measuring the Performance of People at the Local Level,” Southeast Conference for Public Administration, Baton Rouge, LA, October 2001.

“Performance Measurement for the Florida Government Finance Officers Association,” Ft. Lauderdale, FL, May 2001.

“Municipal Revenue Sharing in Miami-Dade County: Not Ready for Prime Time,” National Planning Conference, Boston, MA, April 1998.

“Operational Budgeting: Profit Sharing and Automated Budgeting in Dade County Florida,” Annual Conference on Public Budgeting and Finance: Balancing Public Demands and Fiscal Reality, Washington, DC, October 1992.

**PUBLICATIONS AND APPLIED RESEARCH STUDIES**

Dluhy, Milan, Becker, Fred and Topinka, John (2001). “Choosing the Rowers: Are Private Managers of Public Housing More Successful than Public Managers?” *The American Review of Public Administration, 31*, 2*,* 181-200 (Won best article of the year in 2001 for this journal.)

Dluhy, M., Frank, H., Guerra, C., Newell, A., and Topinka, John (2000). *Handbook on Performance Measurement for Cities in Florida: Indicators of Best Practice and Successful Implementation.* Miami, FL: Florida International University, Institute of Government.

Topinka, John. (1998). “Municipal Revenue Sharing in Miami-Dade County: Not Ready for Prime Time” in *Revolutionary Ideas in Planning*, Proceedings of the 1998 National Planning Conference, AICP Press, pp. 705-716.

Topinka, John (1983). *Energy Financing for Local Governments: Metropolitan Dade County’s Energy Investment Fund.* Washington, DC: Urban Consortium/Public Technology, Inc.

Topinka, John and Shulman, Arleen. (1979). *Counties and Safe Drinking Water: Protecting the Public Health*, Washington, DC: National Association of Counties Research, Inc.

Cost Allocation Study for the Community Redevelopment Agency and the City of Hallandale Beach (with Dr. Cliff McCue), 2012

Evaluation of the D-FY-IT program in Miami-Dade public schools, 2000 and 2001

Analysis of private management of public housing, 2000

Barriers to home ownership for low-income families, 1999

Welfare-to-work transportation study, 1998

Greenways management program, 1998

Assessment of proposed transit sales tax, 1999

Annexation studies for the cities of North Miami and Miami Shores, 1999

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**Director, Finance and Administration 2001-2006**

**Miami-Dade Housing Agency**

The Miami-Dade Housing Agency (a county department) operated almost 10,000 units of public housing, 16,000 Section 8 vouchers, and loan programs aimed at families to buy and developers to build affordable housing. The agency had a budget of approximately $300 million with a staff of about 700. It reported both to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners. I directed day-to-day operations of a 70 plus employee support division with responsibilities for budget, finance, human resources, information technology, procurement and emergency management.

**Budget Coordinator and Budget Analyst 2000-2001**

**Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 1987-1997**

OMB had overall responsibility for an operating and capital budget that exceeded $3 billion for a county government that provided municipal services to over 1 million residents in the unincorporated area and countywide services to over 2 million people. The office had over 20 budget analysts. From 1987 to 1997 I was promoted several times from Budget Analyst 3 to Budget Coordinator (the latter position one level below deputy director). Over this time, I served as budget analyst for most of the large and a number of smaller county departments and directed major research efforts of the office.

**Assistant Director and Faculty Member 1997-2000**

**Institute of Government, Metropolitan Center, Florida International University**

The Institute of Government and Metropolitan Center provide applied research, consulting and training services to government and non-profit organizations. I helped direct projects as well as working on them. Helped create and run the Academy for Strategic Management, a seven-module executive performance training program. I also taught graduate level budgeting and urban management classes.

**Energy Planner, Miami-Dade County Office of Energy Management 1983-1987**

Analyzed federal and state energy regulatory and legislative issues related to co-generation and resource recovery and participated in legislative and regulatory hearings and meetings as Miami-Dade County's liaison to the Florida Legislature and Public Service Commission for energy issues.

**Research Associate, National Association of Counties, Washington, DC 1978-1983**

Provided staff research on issues related to environment and energy management to U.S. counties.