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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, 2018-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Affairs, Indiana University, 2017
Fields: Public Finance and Policy Analysis; minor in Statistical Science

M.A., Applied Economics, Johns Hopkins University, 2012

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Economics and History, University of Florida, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Homonoff, T., **Spreen, T. L.**, & St.Clair, T. (2020). Balance sheet insolvency and contribution revenue in public charities. Forthcoming in *Journal of Public Economics*.

Spreen, T. L., Afonso, W. B., & Gerrish, E. (2020). Can employee training influence local fiscal outcomes? *American Review of Public Administration*. Advance online publication.

Spreen, T. L., House, L. A., & Gao, Z. (2019). The impact of varying financial incentives on data quality in web panel surveys. *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*. Advance online publication.

Spreen, T. L. (2018). The effect of flat tax rates on taxable income: Evidence from the Illinois rate increase. *National Tax Journal*, 71(2), 231-262.

Gerrish, E. & **Spreen, T. L.** (2017). Does benchmarking encourage improvement or convergence? Evaluating North Carolina's fiscal benchmarking tool. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 27(4), 596-614.

Spreen, T. L. & Cheek, C. M. (2016). Does monitoring local government fiscal conditions affect outcomes? Evidence from Michigan. *Public Finance Review*, 44(6), 722-745.

Spreen, T. L. (2013). Recent college graduates in the U.S. labor force: data from the Current Population Survey. *Monthly Labor Review*, 136(2), 3-13.

WORKING PAPERS

“Does Collaboration Mitigate Uncertainty? State Revenue Forecast Accuracy after the 2017 Federal Tax Reform” with Juan Pablo Martínez Guzmán.

“Elderly Property Tax Credits and Residential Home Sales: Evidence from Maryland” with Colton Keddington.

“Income Taxation and Occupational Choice” with Brad Heim.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Decree or Democracy? State Takeovers and Local Government Financial Outcomes” with Akheil Singla and Jason Shumberger.

“Taxes and Tax-Exempt Bonds: A Literature Review” with Ed Gerrish.

REPORTS AND REVIEWS

Spreen, T. L., Palmer, J. L., & Johnson, C. L. (2015). *The opportunities and challenges of benchmarking Indiana's local governments*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University Public Policy Institute.

Spreen, T. L. (2011). A commentary on socioeconomic data. Review of *Interpreting Economic and Social Data: A Foundation of Descriptive Statistics*, by O. W. Winkler. *Monthly Labor Review*, 134(8), 36-37.

Spreen, T. L. (2010). Ranks of those unemployed for a year or longer up sharply. *Issues in Labor Statistics*, October 2010. Washington, DC: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Research and Scholarship Award, University of Maryland Graduate School, 2019

Michael Curro Award, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, 2017

Summer Fellowship, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, 2016

University Scholar, Warrington College of Business Administration, University of Florida, 2008

Florida Academic Scholars Award, Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, 2006-2009

PRESENTATIONS

2020 Public Management Research Association (scheduled)

2019 National Tax Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (2), University of Maryland

2018 National Tax Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2), DC-Area Public Finance and Budgeting Seminar, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (2)

2017 University of Maryland, University of Kentucky, National Tax Association, Naval Postgraduate School, University of Georgia, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Congressional Budget Office, Public Management Research Association, U.S. Department of the Treasury

2016 National Tax Association (poster), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management

2015 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Central Indiana Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants

2014 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland: Public Finance & Budgeting (graduate)

State, Local, & Non-Profit Financial Management (graduate)

Indiana University: Financial Management (undergraduate)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Review

Applied Economics (1), *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy* (1), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* (1), *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management* (1), *Journal of Public Policy* (1), *Local Government Studies* (2), *Monthly Labor Review* (2), *Public Administration Review* (1), *Public Budgeting & Finance* (4), *Public Finance Review* (1)

Dissertation Committees

William Greenwalt, Policy Studies, University of Maryland School of Public Policy (Member)

University of Maryland School of Public Policy Activities

Organizer, Ph.D. Student Professional Development Seminars, 2020-present

MPP/MPM Admissions Committee, 2019-present

External Activities

Organizer, DC-Area Public Finance and Budgeting Seminar, 2018-present

Conference Discussant, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2018), National Tax Association (2017)

Conference Review Committee, Public Management Research Association (2019)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Associate, Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida, 2017-2018

Indiana University

Associate Instructor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, 2015-2017

Economic Research Associate, Indiana Business Research Center, 2015

Research Assistant, Indiana University Public Policy Institute, 2012-2015

Economist, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 2009-2012