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EDUCATION

- 2019* Ph.D., Public Administration and Policy, Old Dominion University

Dissertation Topic: "Reassessing the Relationship Between Flood Risk Perceptions and Adaptive Behaviors of Households"

Committee Members: Dr. Wie Yusuf (Chair), Dr. David Chapman, Dr. Michelle Covi, Dr. Joshua Behr
- 2014 Master of Public Administration, Jacksonville State University
- 2012 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Old Dominion University

*Expected graduation date: June 2019

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Public Policy Analysis, Nonprofit Management, Emergency Management, Social Equity

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- 2018-19 Ethics, Governance, and Accountability in Public Service (PAS 301), Old Dominion University

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016-18 Graduate Research Assistant, Old Dominion University
Research Projects:

"Exploring the Factors that Influence Flood Mitigation of Residents and Business Owners in Portsmouth, Virginia." Funded by the Virginia Environmental Endowment. 2018.

"Investigating Information Logistics of Flood Communications in Hampton Roads." Funded by: The Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence. 2017.

“Dunes and Beaches in Hampton Roads. Funded by: Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence.” 2017.

“A Sociological Framework for Understanding Climate Change, Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Flooding in the African American Community: A Systems Approach.” Funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. 2017.

“Risk Perceptions of Sea Level Rise & Current Flooding in Norfolk, Virginia”. 2017.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2018 Saitgalina, M., & **Council, D.** (2019). Contextualizing Performance of Coordinated Care Network of Veteran Services in Virginia. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 1-14.

PEER-REVIEWD PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Council, D. Nuisance Flooding, Vulnerable Communities, and Local Public Policy. *Risk, Hazards, and Crisis in Public Policy*.

Council, D. Federal Disaster Response and Recovery: A Case Study of Hurricane Maria. *Public Administration Review*.

WORKING PAPERS

Council, D. “Looking Beyond Collaboration in Public Agencies: Insights to Emergency Management”

Daniels, Lorita and **Council, D.** “County Level Public Administrators’ Willingness to Implement CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds.”

SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

2016 **Council, D.** “Do Nonprofit Accreditation Programs Increase Agency Infrastructure?” PA Times Online. Retrieved from <http://patimes.org/nonprofit-accreditation-programs-increase-agency-infrastructure/>

Council, D. “Nonprofits Serve as Emergency Managers.” PA Times Online. Retrieved from <http://patimes.org/nonprofits-serve-emergency-managers/>

- 2015 **Council, Donta.** "You Have Your MPA! Now What?" PA Times Online. Retrieved from <http://patimes.org/mpa-what-2/>

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2018 **Council, D.**, Covi, M., Yusuf, W., Behr, J., & Brown, M. "The 'New Normal' of Flooding in Portsmouth, Virginia: Perspectives, Experiences, and Adaptive Responses of Residents and Business Owners in Low to Moderate-Income Communities". Presentations, Lectures, Posters, Reports. <https://digitalcommons.odu.edu/odurc-presentations/15>

WHITE PAPERS

- 2017 Yusuf, J.-E., Considine, C., Covi, M., **Council, D.**, Satterlee, J. "A Gamified Approach to Building Resilience: The Race 2 Monarch Ready Pilot Project, Paper No. 3 in the Risk Communication and Public Engagement in Sea Level Rise Resilience Research Series." (Resilience Collaborative Occasional Paper Series No. 2018-3). Norfolk, VA: Old Dominion University Resilience Collaborative.

Yusuf, J.-E., Considine, C., Covi, M., **Council, D.**, Loftis, J.D. "User Preferences for Flooding, Paper No. 2 in the Risk Communication and Public Engagement in Sea Level Rise Resilience Research Series. (Resilience Collaborative Occasional Paper Series No. 2017-2). Norfolk, VA: Old Dominion University Resilience Collaborative.

Yusuf, J.-E., Considine, C., Covi, M., **Council, D.**, Loftis, J.D. "Preferences for Modeling Scenarios and Parameters: The Perspective of Planners and Emergency Managers, Paper No. 1 in the Risk Communication and Public Engagement in Sea Level Rise Resilience Research Series." (Resilience Collaborative Occasional Paper Series No. 2017-1). Norfolk, VA: Old Dominion University Resilience Collaborative.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2018 Yusuf, J., O'Connell, L., **Council, D.**, Anuar, K., Chapman, D., Vandecar-Burdin, T., & Jordan, M. Support for and Behavioral Responses to Tolls: Insights from a Recent Experience in Hampton Roads, Virginia. In O Smirnova (Ed), *Building a Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure for Long-term Economic Growth*, (p. 113-144). Hershey, PA. IGI Global.

GRANTS

Research Grants (Awarded):

- 2019 Summer Research Grant. Project: Examining the Factors that Influence Adaptation in Coastal Communities. Funded by: The Old Dominion Graduate School. Total: \$3,000

Nonprofit Grants (Awarded):

- 2016 Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama. Project: Implementing Wellness Checkups for Disadvantaged Students. Funded by: The United States Department of Agriculture. Total: \$100,000
- 2015 Longleaf Botanical Gardens. Project: Improving Agency Infrastructure. Funded by: The Gailbraith-Moody Endowment Fund. Total: \$12,500
- Independent Reading/Counseling Services. Project: Providing Medicaid Counseling Services to Disadvantaged Youth. Funded by: The Daniel Foundation.
 Total: \$7,000
- Mental Health of Etowah County. Project: Anger Management Program for Local Jails. Funded by: The Daniel Foundation. Total: \$5,000

Nonprofit Grants (Unfunded):

- 2014 United Cerebral Palsy of East Central Alabama. Project: Medical Equipment. Submitted to: Alabama Power Foundation. Total: \$2,500

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017-18 City Intern
 City of Newport News, Virginia, Department of Economic Development
- 2013-16 Programs Administrator
 Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, Anniston, Alabama
- 2012-13 Assistant Residence Hall Coordinator
 Jacksonville State University, Department of Housing and Residence Life

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 **Council, D.** The Mediating Role of Flood Risk Perceptions in Explaining Adaptive Behaviors of Households. Graduate Research Day. Old Dominion University. Norfolk, Virginia.

Council, D. Working Towards a Theory of Coastal Resilience. Virginia Sea Grant Interdisciplinary Problem-Solving Workshop. Virginia Beach, Virginia

Council, D. A Review of Inequities from the 2017 Hurricane Season Using Critical Race Theory. Bill Anderson Fund Workshop. Texas A&M University. College-Station, Texas.

2018 **Council, D.** Risk Perception and Vulnerable Communities: Predicting Flood Behavior. Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management International Conference. Mexico City, Mexico.

Council, D. "Risk Perception & Decision Making in Norfolk, VA: An Exploration of Protection Motivation Theory". Paper presented at the Virginia Social Science Association. Richmond, Virginia.

Parker, S., **Council, D.** "Hampton Roads Residents' Preferences Dune and Beach Management". Poster Presented at the Virginia Sea Grant Graduate Symposium. Richmond, Virginia

Parker, S., **Council, D.** Hampton Roads Residents' Preferences Dune and Beach Management. Poster presented at the Old Dominion University Graduate Symposium. Richmond, Virginia

Council, D. Perceptions and Experiences of Sea Level Rise and Recurring Flooding of Residents in Portsmouth, Virginia. Paper presented at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management D.C. Regional Conference, Washington, D.C.

2017 **Council, D.** Examining the Relationship Between Voter Suppression Policies and State-Level Incarceration Rates, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. Hollywood, Florida

INVITED PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS

2018 Keynote Speaker, Undergraduate Symposium on Disaster Coastal Studies. Hosted by Tougaloo College. Tougaloo, Mississippi.

Presenter, "Professionalism in 2018". EMBODI Conference hosted by the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Norfolk, Virginia.

Guest Lecturer "Environmental Equity in Hampton Roads, Virginia", SOC 301 Social Problems. Norfolk State University.

2015 Facilitator, Strategic Planning Board of Director Retreat, Mental Health of Etowah County. Gadsden, Alabama.

- 2014 Trainer, Board of Directors Orientation, Independent Reading/Counseling Services, Inc. Anniston, Alabama.
- 2012 Presenter, "The Dangers of Social Media", EMBODI Conference hosted by the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

HONORS/AWARDS

- 2019 Outstanding Ph.D. Student in Public Administration and Policy
- 2018 Wolfgang Pindur Endowed Scholarship in Applied Research
- 2018 Inaugural Fellow, Cross-Disciplinary Problem-Solving Professional Development. Virginia Sea Grant
- 2017- Bill Anderson Fund Fellow
- 2017- Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Award
- 2015 Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society for Political Science, Rho Alpha Chapter

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer, Risks, Hazards, and Crisis in Public Policy

Recorder, Natural Hazards Workshop, Boulder, Colorado

Moderator, Navigating the Home Stretch, Career Pathways Program, Old Dominion University

Graduate Student Member, Preparing Future Faculty Committee, Old Dominion University

Columnist, American Society of Public Administration, Public Administration Times Online

Graduate Student Member, Programming Committee, Department of Housing and Residence Life, Jacksonville State University

Member, Director Search Committee Department of Housing and Residence Life, Jacksonville State University

Advisor, Residence Hall Association, Department of Housing and Residence Life,

Jacksonville State University

Co-Advisor, Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity, Psi Chi Chapter,
Jacksonville State University

Advisor, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Eta Mu Chapter, Jacksonville State University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program Team, "Civics 101 Training for City Youth", Virginia Coastal Policy Center

Grant Reviewer, Allocations Committee, United Way of Etowah County

Grant Reviewer, Allocations Committee, United Way of East Central Alabama

Member, Advisory Committee, Independent Reading/Counseling Services Inc.

Board Member, Longleaf Botanical Gardens, City of Anniston, Alabama

Peer Reviewer, Standards for Excellence Nonprofit Institute, Baltimore, Maryland

Grant Reviewer, Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama

Scholarship Reviewer, Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama

Assistant Instructor, Ex-offender re-entry curriculum, Opportunity Center, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Summer Graduate Research Colloquium, Institute for Human Studies, Orange,
California

Student Fellow, Cross Disciplinary Problem-Solving Training, Virginia Sea Grant

Bill Anderson Fund Workshop, Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center, Texas A&M

Graduate Teaching Assistant Institute Training, Old Dominion University

Summer Graduate Colloquium, Texas Public Policy Foundation, Austin, Texas

Bill Anderson Fund Workshop, Disaster Research Center, University of Delaware

Grant Writing for Graduate Students, Old Dominion University

Basics of Course Design, Old Dominion University

Poverty Institute, Southeast Council of Foundations, Atlanta, Georgia

Grant Writing Technical Workshop, Jacksonville State University

How to be an Effective Facilitator, Jacksonville State University