

David M. Blanding, Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 - Present **Brown University, Watson School of International and Public Affairs**
Faculty Director, Master of Public Affairs Program
- 2016 - 2022 **US Government Accountability Office (GAO)**, Washington, DC
2020 - 2022 *Director of Leadership and Executive Development Programs, Learning Center*
2018 - 2020 *Senior Social Science Analyst (PE-IIB), Applied Research and Methods Team*
2016 - 2018 *Senior Social Science Analyst (PE-IIA), Applied Research and Methods Team*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021 - Present **Brown University, Providence, RI**
Associate Professor of the Practice of International and Public Affairs
Courses: Race and Public Policy, Principles and Practices of Stakeholder Engagement, Policy in Action, Policy Analysis
- 2017 - 2020 **American University**, Washington, DC
Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, School of Public Affairs
Courses: Policy Process
- 2014 - 2016 **McDaniel College**, Westminster, MD
Assistant Professor of Political Science (Tenure-Track) and Pre-Law Advisor
Courses: Introduction to Political Science, American Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, Public Policy, Race and Ethnic Politics, Political Theory
- 2013 - 2014 **Brown University**, Providence, RI
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Taubman Center for Public Policy
Courses: Race and Public Policy, Public Opinion and Public Policy

EDUCATION

- 2023 **Harvard Business School Online**, *Certificate of Specialization in Leadership and Management*
- 2013 **Brown University**, *Doctor of Philosophy*, Political Science
Dissertation: "Policy Infrastructure and the Politics of Civil Rights"
Committee: Marion Orr (Chair), Susan Moffitt, James Morone, Wendy J. Schiller
- 2009 **Brown University**, *Master of Arts*, Political Science
- 2006 **Boston University**, *Bachelor of Arts*, Political Science

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Books* Under Contract. Public Policy: What Every Future Leader Should Know. Washington, DC: CQ Press.
- Government Reports* 2021. *Program Evaluation: Key Terms and Concepts*, GAO-21-404SP, US Government Accountability Office (Washington, DC).
- Journal Articles* 2017. "Assessing the Voting Rights Act: Competing Analytical Paradigms." *National Political Science Review* 17 (2).
2015. "Who Bails? A Multivariate Analysis of Bailouts under Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act." *Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development* 28 (1): 1 – 34 (with Shane Grannum).
2015. "Antidiscrimination versus Nondiscrimination: Competing Perspectives on the Voting Rights Act." *Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs* 4 (March): 168 – 187.
2012. "Pressure-Cooker Politics: Partisanship and Symbolism in State Certification of Federal Stimulus Funds." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 12 (March): 75 - 91 (with Edward A. Miller).
2011. "The Power of Context: State-Level Policies and Politics and the Educational Performance of the Children of Immigrants in the United States." *Harvard Educational Review* 81 (September): 407 - 437 (with Alexandra Filindra and Cynthia García Coll).
- Chapters in Edited Volumes* 2016. "The Voting Rights Act: Its Effect on People of Color," in *People of Color in the United States: Contemporary Issues in Education, Work, Communities, Health, and Immigration*. eds. Kofi Lomotey, Pamela Braboy Jackson, Muna Adem, Paulina X. Ruf, Valire Carr Copeland, Alvaro Huerta, Norma V. Iglesias-Prieto, and Donathan L. Brown. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood.

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020 *Richard J. Hillman Human Capital Management Award*, GAO
- 2020 *Collaboration and Client Services Award*, GAO, Applied Research and Methods Team
- 2019 *IT Excellence Award*, GAO, Information Technology and Cybersecurity Team
- 2018 *Director's Award*, GAO, Physical Infrastructure Team
- 2017 *'Above and Beyond' Award (2)*, GAO, Applied Research and Methods Team
- 2016 *Director's Award*, GAO, International Affairs and Trade Team
- 2015 *Technology Grant*, McDaniel College
- 2014 *Artinian Travel Award*, Annual Meeting, Southern Political Science Association
- 2013 *Postdoctoral Research Fellowship*, Taubman Center for Public Policy, Brown

- 2012 *Dissertation Fellowship*, Ford Foundation/National Research Council
- 2011 *Dissertation Fellowship*, Political Science Department, Brown
- 2010 *Scholarship to ICPSR Summer Program*, Political Science Department, Brown
- 2008 *Graduate Fellowship*, Political Science Department, Brown

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- 2025 “Experiential Learning in a Changing Professional Climate.” Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) Global Conference. Flagstaff, Arizona. October 8-10.
- 2025 “Building a Do Good Campus: How to Advance Public Service, Experiential Learning, and Social Impact in Higher Education through University-Led Philanthropy.” NASPAA Global Conference. Flagstaff, Arizona. October 8-10.
- 2019 “Representative Bureaucracy and Workforce Climate: Evidence from the Federal Government.” Public Management Research Conference. (with Steven Putansu). Chapel Hill, NC (UNC Chapel Hill). June 11-14.
- 2015 “Who Bails? A Multivariate Analysis of Bailouts under Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. September 3-6.
- 2014 “Public Opinion, Countermobilization, and Policy Success: The Case of School Desegregation.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. August 28-31.
- 2012 “Public Opinion and Segregation in US Public Schools, 1987-2009.” Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Las Vegas, NV. March 14-17.
- 2011 “State Policy Context and Non-Citizen Student Educational Performance.” State Politics and Policy Conference. Hanover, NH (Dartmouth College). June 3-5.
- 2010 “States’ Acceptance of Federal Stimulus Funds: It’s the Economics (and the Politics) Stupid!” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. September 2-5.

INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

- 2023 “My Public Service Journey.” Guest Lecture. NYU, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. New York, NY (Virtual). December 7.
- 2019 “Questions, Evidence, and Impact: Case Study at a Government Agency.” Guest Lecture. Brown University, Taubman Center for Public Policy. Providence, RI. May 1.

- 2016 “International Cash-Based Good Assistance: USAID Has Established Processes to Monitor Cash and Voucher Projects, but Data Limitations Impede Evaluation.” Briefing on GAO Report GAO-16-819 for InterAction (coalition of international NGOs). November 18.
- 2016 “Assessing Government Performance: Opportunities, Challenges, and Considerations” and “School Desegregation: Changes in Law, Opinions, and Outcomes.” Guest Lectures. Brown University, Taubman Center for Public Policy. Providence, RI. October 5.
- 2015 “Believe: Bigger Than Baltimore, Coming Together to Heal as One.” Opening Remarks. McDaniel College. Westminster, MD. April 29.
- 2013 “School Desegregation: History and Challenges.” Guest Lecture. Brown University, Taubman Center for Public Policy. Providence, RI. October 17.
- 2010 “School Desegregation: From *Brown* to *Parents*...and Back.” Brown University, Department of Political Science. Providence, RI. November 11.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- 2015 Thesis reader for Shane Grannum, candidate for A.B. in Public Policy, Brown University. “Miracle or Mirage? Voting Rights, Bailout, and the Enduring Quest for the Franchise.”
- 2014 Thesis reader for Amy Senia, candidate for A.B. in Public Policy, Brown University. “The Effectiveness of Federal Public Defenders under the US Sentencing Guidelines and Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Policies.”
- 2011 Thesis reader for Haydar Can Taygun, candidate for A.B. in Public Policy, Brown University. “Political Economy of an Energy Hub.”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2025 - Present *Member*, Policy Issues Committee, NASPAA
- 2022 - Present *Principal Representative* for Brown University, NASPAA
- 2022 - Present *Institutional Representation* for Brown University, APPAM
- 2025 *Chair*, Outstanding Book on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award Committee, NASPAA
- 2025 *Panel Chair*, NASPAA 2025 Global Conference
- 2014 - 2020 *Adviser*, Web Communications, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- 2013 - 2014 *Reviewer*, American Politics Research
- 2014 *Discussant*, APSA Annual Meeting
- 2014 *Panel Chair*, NCOBPS Annual Meeting
- 2014 *Discussant*, SPSA Annual Meeting
- 2012 *Discussant*, NCOBPS Annual Meeting