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NASPAA Announces 2017 Award Recipients for Outstanding Achievement in Public Service

Washington, D.C. -- NASPAA has announced this year's award recipients for outstanding achievement in public service education. The awards will be presented at NASPAA's annual conference in Washington, DC October 11 - 14, 2017.

"We value the hard work that public service education faculty, administrators, and students put into teaching, researching and practicing public service," said Laurel McFarland, executive director of NASPAA. "It is a pleasure for us to highlight their contributions."

The recipients include:

NASPAA Dissertation Award: Lang Yang, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University Bloomington

Dissertation Title: Fiscal Federalism and Distressed Local Governments: An Empirical Analysis of State Intervention and Municipal Bankruptcy Authorization Laws

(Award Committee Members: Naim Kapucu (chair), University of Central Florida; Michael Ahn, University of Massachusetts Boston; Ken Button, George Mason University; Beverly Cigler, Penn State University Harrisburg (emeritus); Evgenia Gorina, The University of Texas at Dallas; Aroon Manoharan, University of Massachusetts Boston; Stephen Page, University of Washington; Jozef Raadschelders, Ohio State University; Mary Beth Walker, Georgia State University)

William Duncombe Excellence in Doctoral Education Award: Anna Gassman-Pines, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

(Award Committee Members: Rosemary O'Leary (chair), University of Kansas; Hal Rainey, The University of Georgia; Kathryn Newcomer, The George Washington University)

Leslie A. Whittington Excellence in Teaching Award: Barbara Crosby, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

(Award Committee Members: Sheldon Edner (chair), George Mason University; Uday Desai, University of New Mexico; Denise Scheberle, University of Colorado Denver)

NASPAA/ASPA Distinguished Research Award: Evan Berman, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington

(Award Committee Members: Sabina Deitrick (chair), University of Pittsburgh; Robert Blair, University of Nebraska Omaha; Marcela Gonzalez Rivas, University of Pittsburgh)

Staats Emerging Scholars Award:

Rashmi Chordiya, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas

Federica Fusi, School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University

Mallory Flowers, School of Public Policy, Georgia Tech University

(Award Committee Members: Burt Barnow (chair), George Washington University; Patria de Lancer Julnes, Penn State Harrisburg; Alison Jacknowitz, American University)

Social Justice Curriculum Award: RaJade Berry-James, School of Public and International Affairs, North Carolina State University

(Award Committee Members: Mohamad Alkadry (co-chair), University of Connecticut and Blue Wooldridge (co-chair), Virginia Commonwealth University)

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Pi Alpha Alpha Masters Manuscript Award: John Palatucci, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers University - Newark

Manuscript Title: Mental Health Expenditures and Juvenile Violent Crime: A Policy Analysis with Panel Data
(Award Committee Members: Suzanne Rossi (chair), Oakland University and James Agbodzakey Nova Southeastern University)

Pi Alpha Alpha Doctoral Manuscript Award: Jinhai Yu, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky

Manuscript Title: Does State Online Voter Registration Increase Voter Turnout?
(Award Committee Members: Suzanne Rossi (chair), Oakland University and James Agbodzakey Nova Southeastern University)

Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter Advisor Award of Excellence: Daniel Williams, Marx School of Public and International Affairs, Baruch College

(Award Committee Members: Suzanne Rossi (chair), Oakland University and James Agbodzakey Nova Southeastern University)

Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter Grant:

Bridgett King, Department of Political Science, Auburn University

Aziza Zemrani, Department of Public Affairs & Security Studies, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

(Award Committee Members: Amanda Olejarski (co-chair), West Chester University and Philip Nufrio (co-chair), Metropolitan College of New York)

Pi Alpha Alpha Public Service Loan Forgiveness Grant: Mary Bruce, Masters of Public Administration Program, Governors State University

(Award Committee Members: Amanda Olejarski (co-chair), West Chester University and Philip Nufrio (co-chair), Metropolitan College of New York)

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