

Annual Ph.D. Colloquium

Friday, January 27, 2023



Opening Remarks (9-9:15AM)

Dr. Alka Sapat introducing:

- Dr. Michael J. Horswell, Dean of College of Arts and Letters
- Dr. Robert W. Stackman, Dean of Graduate College

Panel One (9:15-10:25AM)

The Implications of Natural Disasters, Climate Change, and Environmental Degradation for the Public Sphere

Moderator: Dr. Aleksey Kolpakov

- **Jean-Claude M. Ndonga:** Public Procurement, Social Capital, and Disaster Resilience for Minority-Owned Businesses
- **Serena Hoermann:** Climate Gentrification and Resilience: A Critical Discourse Analysis
- **Joanne Pérodin:** Social Equity and Disaster Risk Perception: The Mediating Effect of Trust
- **Gorgin Mansourian:** Greenwashing in the United States Federal Government: The Case of the United States Department of Agriculture

Panel Two (10:30-11:30AM)

Solving Complex Issues in the Public Sector Via Innovative Research and Managerial Techniques

Moderator: Dr. Kaila Witkowski

- **Andrea Ramos:** Examining Evacuation Decisions of People Experiencing Homelessness During Natural Disasters Using the Protective Action Decision Model
- **Ryan Lofaro:** Representation Through Lived Experience and the Opioid Crisis: Analyzing First Responders' Viewpoints of People with Opioid Use Disorder
- **Ben Trautman:** The Emergence of Artificial Intelligence in Social Science Research: Opportunities and Challenges

11:30AM: Lunch Break

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Guest Speaker: Tom Birkland (12PM-1:05PM)

- Professor of Public Policy, North Carolina State University
 - Associate Dean for Research and Engagement in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Introduced by Dr. Hugh T. Miller



Panel Three (1:10-2:10PM)

Policies and Practices Aimed at Bettering the Educational Landscape

Moderator: Dr. Robin Larson

- **Ariel T. Powell:** Securing the Perimeter: Why Local Governments Make the Decisions That They Do
- **Melissa Castriota:** The Floridian Civil War: Attack on Inclusivity Via Exclusive Policy
- **Michael Turtz:** Street-Level Bureaucrats in Public Higher Education: The Ethical Obligations to Support Psychologically At-Risk Students

Panel Four (2:15-3:15PM)

Exploring the Impact of COVID-19 on Public Management, Public Policy, and the Public Workforce

Moderator: Dr. Qiaozhen Liu

- **Marjorie De la Cruz:** The Impact of COVID-19 Supply Chain Disruptions on Federal Contracting
- **Derrick Boakye Boadu:** COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan Policy: The Social Construction of the 50 States Governors Target Population
- **Dominick Spano:** Exploring Employee Turnover during the Great Resignation

End of Program