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## EDUCATION

- PhD** University of Oklahoma, Department of Political Science, 2012.  
*Fields of Study:* Public Administration, Public Policy, and American Politics
- MPA** New Mexico State University, Department of Government, 2008
- BA** Concord University, Department of Political Science, 2005

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Professor**, Department of Government, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, August 2018 – present.
- Assistant Professor**, Department of Government, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM. August 2013 - present.
- Interim Director**, Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program, Department of Government, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM. Fall 2014, Spring 2017, Spring 2021.
- Editor**, *Indigenous Policy Journal*, 2011 - 2015.
- Assistant Professor**, Department of Public Policy and Administration, Boise State University, Boise, ID. August 2012 – August 2013.

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Conner, Thaddieus. (forthcoming). “Deserving and Engaged: How Individual Attitudes Influence Stakeholder Engagement.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.
- Conner, Thaddieus, Aimee Franklin, and Christian Martinez. 2021. “Gambling on Decentralization: How State Regulatory Environments Condition the Impact of Federal Policy.” *State and Local Government Review*. 53(4): 298-316.
- Conner, Thaddieus and Aimee Franklin. 2019. “20 Years of Indian Gaming: Re-Assessing and Still Winning.” *Social Science Quarterly*. 100(3): 793-807.

- Nowlin, Matthew and Thaddieus Conner. 2019. “‘Hot Rocks That Shoot Ghost Bullets’: Native American Perceptions of a Nuclear Waste Facility.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 7(1): 21-38.
- Conner, Thaddieus. 2017. “Exploring the Diverse Effects of Stakeholder Engagement on Organizational Performance.” *American Review of Public Administration*. 47(6): 634-647.
- Conner, Thaddieus, Alisa Hicklin Fryar, and Tyler Johnson. 2017. “Information Versus Ideology: Shaping Attitudes Towards Native American Policy.” *Social Science Journal*. 54: 56-66.
- Conner, Thaddieus, Matthew Nowlin, Thomas Rabovsky, and Joseph Ripberger. 2016. “Cultural Theory and Bureaucratic Values: Examining Trust as a Motivation for Collaboration.” *Public Administration*. 94(4): 915-932.
- Conner, Thaddieus and Stephanie Witt. 2016. “The Role of Capacity and Problem Severity in Adopting Voluntary Intergovernmental Partnerships: The Case of Tribes, States, and Local Governments.” *State and Local Government Review*. 48(2): 87- 99.
- Conner, Thaddieus. 2016. “Representation and Collaboration: Exploring the Role of Values and Beliefs in the Collaborative Process.” *Public Administration Review*. 76(2): 288-301.
- Franklin, Aimee, Thaddieus Conner, and Chris Crawford. 2016. “Exploring the Trajectory of Oklahoma Indian Gaming Policy: How Might Outcomes Achieved and Key Events Influence 2020 Compact Negotiations?” *Oklahoma Politics*. 26.
- Conner, Thaddieus. 2014. “Collaboration and Indian Education: Exploring Intergovernmental Partnerships between Tribes and Public Schools.” *Journal of American Indian Education*. 53(2): 48-65.
- Conner, Thaddieus. 2014. “Exploring Voting Behavior on American Indian Legislation in the United States Congress.” *Social Science Journal*. 51(2): 159-166.
- Conner, Thaddieus and William A. Taggart. 2014. “American Indian Gaming and Public Opinion: An Experimental Study Assessing the Impact of Information on Public Policy Preferences.” *Gaming Law Review and Economics*. 18(5): 1-10.
- Conner, Thaddieus and William A. Taggart. 2013. “Assessing the Impact of Indian Gaming on American Indian Nations: Is the House Winning?.” *Social Science Quarterly*. 94(4): 1016-1044.
- Conner, Thaddieus and William A. Taggart. 2013. “Indian Gaming and Tribal Revenue Allocation Plans: Socio-Economic Determinants of Policy Adoption.” *Social Science Journal*. 50: 162-167.

- Conner, Thaddieus and Thomas Rabovsky. 2011. "Affordability, Access, and Accountability: A Review of the Recent Trends in Higher Education Policy Research." *Policy Studies Journal*. 39(s1): 93-112.
- Taggart, William and Thaddieus Conner. 2011. "Indian Gaming and Tribal Revenue Allocation Plans: A Case of 'Play to Pay.'" *Gaming Law Review and Economics*. 15(6): 355-363.
- Conner, Thaddieus and William Taggart. 2009. "The Impact of Gaming on the Indian Nations in New Mexico." *Social Science Quarterly*. 90(1): 50-70.
- Conner, Thaddieus and William Taggart. 2009. "Beyond the Economic Consequences of Indian Gaming: Examining Educational Differences in New Mexico Public Schools." *Indigenous Policy Journal*. Vol. XX(3).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Conner, Thaddieus and William Taggart. 2018. "Corrigendum to 'Indian gaming and tribal revenue allocation plans: Socio-economic determinants of policy adoption.'" *Social Science Journal*. Vol. 55(4): 527-528.
- Conner, Thaddieus and Stephanie Witt. 2016. "Why Some Tribal Governments Are More Likely to Partner with State and Local Law Enforcement Than Others." *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*.
- Conner, Thaddieus. 2013. "Apples or Sticks: The Promise and Pitfalls of Merit Pay Policies." *The Blue Review*.
- McArthur, Aliese M., Thaddieus W. Conner, and William Taggart. 2012. "Indian Gaming Revenues Showing Signs of Recovery." *Indigenous Policy Journal*. Vol. 23(1).
- McArthur, Aliese M., Thaddieus Conner, and William Taggart. 2011. "A Research Note on Indian Gaming in Arizona: Evidence of Recession and Recovery." *Indigenous Policy Journal*. Vol. 21(1).
- Conner, Thaddieus and William Taggart. 2010. "A Research Note on Indian Gaming in California: Shifting Strategies in a Bad Economy." *Indigenous Policy Journal*. Vol. 21(4).
- Conner, Thaddieus and William Taggart. 2010. "A Research Note on the Indian Gaming Industry and Economic Recession in Oklahoma." *Indigenous Policy Journal*. Vol. 21(1).
- Conner, Thaddieus and William Taggart. 2009. "A Research Note on the Impact of the Economic Recession on Indian Gaming in Connecticut." *Indigenous Policy Journal*. Vol. 20(3).

Conner, Thaddieus and William Taggart. 2009. "A Research Note on the Impact of the Economic Recession on Indian Gaming in New Mexico." *Indigenous Policy Journal*. Vol. 20(1).

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Conner, Thaddieus. "Understanding Drift in Regulatory Regimes: The Case of Tribal Gaming and State Compacts." (In preparation for submission for publication)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Graduate Level Courses:**

- ***Research Methods in Government*** (POLS 502), Department of Government, New Mexico State University.
- ***Public Service Internship*** (POLS 510), Department of Government, New Mexico State University.
- ***Proseminar in Public Administration*** (POLS 519), Online Course, Department of Government, New Mexico State University.
- ***Public Budgeting*** (POLS 541), Online and Face-to-Face Course, Department of Government, New Mexico State University.
- ***Public Sector Human Resource Management*** (POLS 542), Department of Government, New Mexico State University.
- ***Ethics in Government*** (POLS 549), Department of Government, New Mexico State University.
- ***Contract Management*** (PUBADM 597), Department of Public Policy and Administration, Boise State University.
- ***Education Policy*** (PUBADM 582), Department of Public Policy and Administration, Boise State University.
- ***Public Budgeting and Financial Administration*** (PUBADM 504), Department of Public Policy and Administration, Boise State University.

### **Undergraduate Level Courses:**

- ***American National Government*** (POLS 100G), Online Course, Lower Division, Department of Government, New Mexico State University.
- ***Introduction to Political Science*** (POLS 110G), Online and Face-to-Face Course, Lower Division, Department of Government, New Mexico State University.
- ***Political Research Skills*** (POLS 300), Upper Division, Department of Government, New Mexico State University.
- ***Introduction to Public Administration*** (POLS 330), Online and Face-to-Face Course, Upper Division, Department of Government, New Mexico State University.
- ***American Indian Politics*** (POLS 354/ANTH 497), Online Course, Upper Division, Department of Government, New Mexico State University.
- ***Administration and Society*** (PSC 2173), Upper Division, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Collaborative Public Management  
Bureaucratic Values  
Intergovernmental Relations  
Education Policy  
Tribal Governance  
Race/Ethnic Politics

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Public Management  
State and Local Government  
Public Budgeting and Finance  
Public Ethics and Accountability  
Tribal Politics and Administration  
Research Methods

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “How the Global Pandemic Has Impacted Stakeholder Engagement in Public Schools.”  
Presented at the 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Virtual Conference.
- “Deserving and Engaged: How Individual Attitudes Influence Stakeholder Engagement.”  
Presented at the 2020 Western Social Science Association (WSSA) Virtual Conference.
- “Understanding Learning and Change within Policy Regimes: How State Regulatory Environments Condition the Impact of Tribal Gaming” Presented at the 2019 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL.
- “What Contours One’s Concern for the Environment?: A Comparative Analysis of the Belief Structure of Policy Elites Vs. the General Public and Its Implications.” Presented at the 2018 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL.
- “A Distal Theory of Policy Design: How State Regulatory Environments Condition the Impact of Federal Policy.” Presented at the 2017 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL.
- “How Do State Regulatory Environments Condition the Impact of Indian Gaming?” Presented at the 2017 Midwest Economic Association (MEA) Conference, Cincinnati, OH.
- “Access and Power: Exploring the Relationship between Economic Resources and Stakeholder Engagement.” Presented at the 2016 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL.
- “25 Years of Indian Gaming: Exploring the Impact of Gaming and Revenue Sharing Agreements.” Presented at the 2015 Association of Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) Conference, Washington D.C.
- “Exploring the Impact of Social Construction on Stakeholder Engagement.” Presented at the 2015 American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- “American Indians and Risk Perceptions: Exploring Attitudes towards the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico.” Presented at the 2015 Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

- “Property Taxes and Tribal Governments: The Impact of Expanding Tribal Lands on Local Governments in Three Western States.” Presented at the 2015 Western Social Science Association (WSSA) Conference, Portland, OR.
- “Collaborative Criminal Justice: Exploring Cross-Jurisdictional Agreements between Tribal, State, and Local Law Enforcement.” Presented at the 2014 Pacific Northwest Political Science Association (PNWPSA) Conference, Portland, OR.
- “Cultural Theory and Managerial Values: Examining Trust as a Motivation for Collaboration.” Presented at the 2014 APSA Conference, Washington D.C.
- “Measuring the Impact of Collaborative Partnerships on Native Student Achievement in Public Schools.” Presented at the 2014 WPSA Conference, Seattle, WA.
- “Functional Accountability Policies: When Process Matters as Much (or More) than Design.” Presented at the 2014 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL.
- “Specifying and Directly Testing a Cultural Theory of Bureaucratic Values and Motivations to Collaborate.” Presented at the 2014 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL.
- “Exploring the Impact of Indian Gaming.” Presented at the 2014 Good Native Governance Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- “Representation and Collaboration: Exploring the Role of Values and Beliefs in the Collaborative Process.” Presented at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL.
- “The Idaho Governor’s Budget Plan For Fiscal Year 2014.” Presented at the 2013 WPSA Conference, Hollywood, CA.
- “Exploring Congressional Behavior on American Indian Legislation in the United States Congress.” Presented at the 2012 APSA Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- “Gaming and Public Opinion: An Experimental Study Assessing the Impact of Information on Public Policy Preferences.” Presented at the 2012 American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- “Exploring the Effects of State Integrated Education Reform on Student Access and Success in Higher Education,” Presented at the 2012 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL.
- “Exploring the Impact of Information on Preferences toward Federal Indian Policy in America.” Presented at the 2011 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL.
- “Play to Pay: Indian Gaming and Tribal Revenue Allocation Plans.” Presented at the 2011 Southwest Political Science Association (SWPSA) Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

“Understanding Environmentalism: The Impacts of Culture, Political Ideology, and Religion on Environmental Concern.” Presented at the 2010 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL.

“Exploring the Effects of State Integrated Education Reform on Student Access and Success in Higher Education,” Presented at the 2010 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL.

“Socio-Economic Differences between Gaming and Nongaming American Indian Nations: Is the House Winning?” Presented at the 2010 WSSA Conference, Reno, NV.

“Exploring Effects on American Indian Student Success in Higher Education,” Presented at the 2009 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL.

“Beyond the economic consequences of Indian gaming: Examining educational differences in New Mexico public schools,” Presented at the 2009 WSSA Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

“Determining Fact from Fiction: The Impact of Indian Gaming on Indian Education in New Mexico.” Presented at the 2008 WSSA Conference, Denver, CO.

“House Wins: Assessing the Impact of Indian Gaming on Native America.” Presented at the 2008 SWPSA Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

“A Comparative Analysis of the Impact of Indian Gaming on New Mexico’s Tribes and Pueblos.” Paper presented at the 2007 SWPSA annual meeting, Albuquerque, NM.

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

**Outstanding Research Award**, College of Arts and Sciences, New Mexico State University (2018).

**Mariposa Award Nomination**, Department of Government, College of Arts and Sciences, New Mexico State University (2018).

**Course Release Award**, College of Arts and Sciences, New Mexico State University (2016).

**Best Paper Nomination**, “‘Hot Rocks That Shoot Ghost Bullets’: Native American Perceptions of a Nuclear Waste Facility,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA) conference (2015).

**Arts and Sciences Research Mini-Grant**, College of Arts and Sciences, New Mexico State University (2014).

**Arts and Sciences Travel Mini-Grant**, College of Arts and Sciences, New Mexico State University (2014).



**Graduate Assistantship**, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma (2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011).

**Department of Political Science Conference and Research Grant**, University of Oklahoma (2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012).

**Graduate Research and Conference Travel Grant**, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma (2009, 2010, and 2012).

**Graduate Research and Conference Travel Grant**, Graduate Student Senate, University of Oklahoma (2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012).

**Robberson Research Grant**, Graduate College, University of Oklahoma, Awarded to support my dissertation research (2011).

**Robberson Travel Grant**, Graduate College, University of Oklahoma, Awarded to support my conference travel to the annual APSA meeting in Seattle, WA (2011).

**John Halvor Leek Memorial Scholarship**, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma (2010).

**Graduate Assistantship**, New Mexico State University, University of Oklahoma (2006, 2007, and 2008)

**Department of Government Research and Travel Grant**, New Mexico State University (2007 and 2008).

**Graduate Research and Travel Grant**, Graduate College, New Mexico State University (2007 and 2008).

**Nick Franklin Scholarship**, Department of Government, New Mexico State University. Awarded to fund student academic research (2007).

**Donald C. Rider Scholarship**, New Mexico Municipal League. Awarded to continue to build excellence and professionalism in public administration in New Mexico (2007).

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Editor, *Indigenous Policy Journal*, 2011 – 2015.

Editorial Board Member, *Indigenous Policy Journal*, 2015 – present

Editorial Board Member, *American Review of Public Administration*, 2021 - present

Reviewer for *American Review of Public Administration* (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020)

Reviewer for *Business and Politics* (2011)

Reviewer for *Canadian Political Science Review* (2014, 2015)

Reviewer for *Diaspora, Indigenous, and Minority Education* (2013)

Reviewer for *Education Policy Analysis* (2017)

Reviewer for *Indigenous Policy Journal* (2019, 2020)



Reviewer for *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (2017)  
 Reviewer for *Policy Studies Journal* (2016, 2019, 2021)  
 Reviewer for *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (2017, 2018)  
 Reviewer for *Public Administration* (2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
 Reviewer for *Public Administration Review* (2015, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
 Reviewer for *Publius* (2016, 2020)  
 Reviewer for *Rural Sociology* (2015)  
 Reviewer for *Social Science Journal* (2012, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
 Reviewer for *Social Science Quarterly* (2018, 2019)  
 Reviewer for *State and Local Government Review* (2021)  
 Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, (2010, 2013, 2014, 2019).  
 Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association, (2012, 2015).  
 Panel Discussant, Southwest Political Science Association, (2011).  
 Panel Chair and Discussant, Western Political Science Association, (2013, 2014).

## **SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY**

Faculty Senate Representative, New Mexico State University, (August 2022 – present).  
 Master of Public Administration (MPA) Committee, Department of Government, New Mexico State University, Member, (August 2013 - present).  
 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Government, New Mexico State University, Member, (August 2018 – present).  
 Undergraduate Committee, Department of Government, New Mexico State University, Member, (August 2014 – present).  
 Technology Committee, Department of Government, New Mexico State University, Member, (April 2016 – present).  
 Faculty Representative, Government Graduate Student Organization (GGSO), Department of Government, New Mexico State University, (August 2013 – August 2015; August 2016 – August 2018; August 2020 - present).  
 Interim Director, Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program, Department of Government, New Mexico State University, (August 2014 – January 2015; January 2017 – April 2017; January 2021 – May 2021).  
 Employee Council, New Mexico State University, Elected Member, (February 2017 – February 2020).  
 Alcohol Review Committee, New Mexico State University, Member, (September 2018 – February 2020).  
 Master of Arts (MA) Committee, Department of Government, New Mexico State University, Member, (August 2016 – August 2019).  
 Transportation and Parking Services Steering Committee, New Mexico State University, Member, (March 2017 – August 2018).  
 Nick Franklin Committee, Department of Government, New Mexico State University, Member, (August 2013-August 2014).  
 Library Liaison, Department of Government, New Mexico State University, (August 2013-August 2014).  
 Research Colloquium, “Collaboration in an Era of Self-Determination,” Department of Public Policy and Administration, Boise State University, (Fall 2012).

## **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND INTERVIEWS**

- Media interview. Most and Least Independent States. WalletHub.com. (June 30, 2020).
- “State Regulatory Environments.” Panel on Tribal Economic Development and Current Research Initiatives, Brookings Institution, Washington D.C. (February 14, 2019).
- “A Distal Theory of Policy Design: How State Regulatory Environments Condition the Impact of Indian Gaming.” Conference on the Economics of Indigenous Peoples and Institutions, National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA (November 2018).
- “Quantitative and Qualitative Performance Measures: What should be measured?” Presentation, New Mexico Public Procurement Association Conference, (October 2018).
- “Information, Science, and the Fate of Democracy.” Roundtable Discussion, Department of Government, New Mexico State University (March 2017).
- “The Role of Ethics, Stakeholder Engagement, and Accountability in Public Service.” Continuing Education Lecture, Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces, NM (July 2016).
- “American Indian Education: From the Boarding School Era to the Era of Self-Determination,” History Notes Lecture, Branigan Cultural Center, Las Cruces, NM (June 2015).
- Media interview, The impact of Indian gaming in the United States, Pechenga.net. (September 2014).
- Media interview, The politics of Indian gaming in the United States, Al-Jazeera English (June 2014).
- Media interview, Local government revenue shortfalls and budget deficits, WalletHub.com. (May 2014).
- “Tribal Governments,” Roundtable discussion, Mountain West Clerks and Treasurers Institute, (March 2013).
- “Apples or Sticks: The Promise and Pitfalls of Merit Pay Policies.” The Blue Review. Release Party Presentation. (February 2013).

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (ACTIVE)

Indigenous Economics Society  
 American Political Science Association  
 Western Social Science Association

## REFERENCES

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