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## EDUCATION

May 2020 School of Public Administration, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Emphasis: Public administration theory and nonprofit management  
Dissertation: Philanthropy, social change, and feminism: Understanding U.S. women's foundations and funds  
Committee: Dr. Angela Eikenberry (Chair), Dr. Gary Marshall, Dr. Christine Reed, Dr. Henry D'Souza

December 2014 College of Business and Public Administration, Drake University  
Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)  
Emphasis: Executive leadership development

May 2005 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Iowa  
Bachelor of Arts  
Major: History; Minors: English, French

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2020 – Present Assistant Professor  
Department of Public and Nonprofit Administration, University of Memphis

August 2015 – May 2020 Graduate Assistant  
School of Public Administration, University of Nebraska at Omaha

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests focus on nonprofits, philanthropy, and social change. I am particularly intrigued by the interconnected relationship between nonprofits, philanthropy, and social transformation, emphasizing how nonprofits and fund development can be catalysts for

significant societal advancement. My research has focused on women's philanthropy and philanthropic organizations, social change nonprofits, and feminist organizations, exploring their critical role in driving social change. My academic pursuits extend to public administration, civil society, the public sphere, and the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2020 – Present      The Department of Public and Nonprofit Administration, College of Arts and Sciences, The University of Memphis

PADM 7642 Resource Development for Nonprofits

Fall 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024

Spring 2022

PADM 7643 Seminar in Philanthropy and Nonprofit Administration

Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

PADM 7646 Philanthropy, Nonprofits, and Social Change (New Prep)

Fall 2022, 2023, 2024

PADM 4226 Intro to Nonprofits

Spring 2021, 2023, 2024

PADM 0100 Certificate in Fundraising (New Prep)

Fall 2021, 2022

January 2017 – May 2020      The School of Public Administration, University of Nebraska at Omaha

PA 3500 Nonprofit Organizations and Management

Spring 2018, 2019, 2020

Summer 2018

PA 2170 Intro to Public Administration

Spring 2017

Summer 2017

Fall 2017

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Gillespie, E.M., Mirabella, R.M., Eikenberry, A.M. (2019). #Metoo/#Aidtoo and creating an intersectional feminist NPO/NGO sector. *Nonprofit Policy Forum*, 10(4). <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/npf-2019-0019/html>

Gillespie, E.M. (2020). Women's grantmaking for economic security: The work of one coalition. *The Foundation Review*, 12(2). <https://doi.org/10.9707/1944-5660.1518>

Gillespie, E.M. (2021) Empowerment-focused philanthropy: Bridging feminist theories and

organizational practices through U.S. women's funds. *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, DOI: [10.1080/10841806.2021.1984103](https://doi.org/10.1080/10841806.2021.1984103)

Gillespie, E., and Fletcher, B.J. (2024). Feminism, foundations, and social change: Understanding women's philanthropic nonprofits. *Journal of Social Equity and Public Administration*, 2024, 2(2): 103–135. <https://doi.org/10.24926/jsepa.v2i2.5459>

(Forthcoming) Gillespie, E., and Schlia, A. Cultivating tomorrow's philanthropists: Girls' philanthropy in girls' schools. *Philanthropy & Education*.

### NON-REFERRED PUBLICATIONS

Gillespie, E.M. (2017). Citizen participation and nonprofit organizations. *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*, Springer International Publishing.

Gillespie, E.M. (2017). Book review: Women's emancipation and civil society organizations. *VOLUNTAS*, 28(3), 1359-1360.

Gillespie, E.M. (2018). Book review: Funding feminism: Monied women, philanthropy, and the women's movement, 1870-1967. *Administrative Theory & Praxis*.

Gillespie, E.M. (2019). *Women's foundations and funds: A landscape study*. Women's Philanthropy Institute, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Indianapolis, IN. <https://scholarworks.iupui.edu/bitstream/handle/1805/19244/foundations-funds.pdf>

Gillespie, E.M. (2019). *Change agents: The goals and impact of women's foundations and funds*. Women's Philanthropy Institute, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Indianapolis, IN. <https://scholarworks.iupui.edu/bitstream/handle/1805/21442/change-agents-dec19.pdf>

Gillespie, E.M. (2023). The women and children's status report for Tennessee and Shelby County: With a special look at women's philanthropy in Shelby County. Institute for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership. Memphis, TN. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.26231.50089

### UNDER REVIEW

Toward a typology for nonprofit social change organizations in community-based settings.  
Co-author: Joseph A. Hafer, Ph.D., The University of Memphis  
Target journal: *Administration & Society*  
Submitted for review: May 2024

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Understanding women philanthropists: Perspectives, practices, and potential.

Co-author: Ming Xie, Ph.D., The University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Target journal: *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*

Target date: September 2024

Alumni giving at girls' schools: Understanding Motivations and Strategies

Co-author: Anna Schlia, Doctoral Candidate, University of Rochester

Target journal: *Philanthropy & Education*

Target date: October 2024

Agents of change? Foundations and their funding decisions

Co-author: Ming Xie, Ph.D., The University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Target journal: *NVSQ*

Target date: December 2024

Nonprofit Grantee Partners' Fund Development Strategies

Co-author: Ming Xie, Ph.D., The University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Target Journal: *Voluntas*

Target date: December 2024

## GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2023	\$6,500	College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Grant for a national study of women donors and grantee partners of women's foundations and funds.
2023	\$1,685	Advocates for Immigrant Rights for a case for support and fundraising plan.
2023	\$500	College of Arts and Sciences Travel Enrichment Grant
2022	\$8,775	The Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis for a report on the status of women and children in Tennessee and Shelby County and women's philanthropy
2021	\$5,242	The Assisi Foundation for Certificate in Fundraising continuing education program
2019	\$60,020	

The Women's Philanthropy Institute, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy,  
Indiana University, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
Supervisor: Dr. Angela M. Eikenberry

- 2018           \$34,557  
The Women's Philanthropy Institute, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy,  
Indiana University, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
Supervisor: Dr. Angela M. Eikenberry
- 2018           ARNOVA Conference Doctoral Fellowship
- 2018           \$5,000 Graduate Research and Creative Activity Grant, University of Nebraska at  
Omaha
- 2017           ARNOVA Conference Scholarship and Travel Grant, funded by ARNOVA

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, ARNOVA Annual Conference, 2023

*Toward a typology for nonprofit social change organizations in community-based settings.*

*Cultivating tomorrow's philanthropists: Girls' philanthropy in girls' schools.*

Presenter, International Coalition of Girls' Schools Annual Conference, 2022

*Prosocial behavior in girls' schools: The intersection of philanthropy, education, and gender*

Presenter, ARNOVA Annual Conference, 2021

*Empowerment-focused philanthropy: Bridging feminist theories & organizational practices through U.S. women's funds*

Presenter, ISTR Annual Conference, 2021

*In the pursuit of change: Understanding social change through the meanings and practices of U.S. philanthropic grantmaking foundations*

*Career choices in grantmaking organizations: Continuation of right place/right time, or intentional choice?*

Presenter, ARNOVA Annual Conference, 2019

*Creating an intersectional feminist NPO/NGO sector: #Metoo and #Aidtoo*

*Philanthropy, social change, and feminism: Understanding U.S. Women's Foundations and Funds*

Presenter, ARNOVA Annual Conference, Emerging Scholars Research Roundtable, 2018

*Gender equality and the work of women's foundations*

Participant, ARNOVA Annual Conference, Doctoral Fellowship Seminar A, 2018  
Dissertation: *Gender equality and the work of women's foundations*

Presenter, ARNOVA Annual Conference, 2017  
*Economic empowerment for women: The work of women's foundations*

Presenter, MPAC Annual Conference, 2017  
*Theory and organizational practice: A case study on women's foundations*

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

2023 – present	Board member, The Memphis Challenge
2023 – present	Board member, Academic Women in Public Administration
May 2023	Reviewer, <i>Communication and the Public</i>
Spring 2023	Abstract review for panels, ARNOVA Annual Conference
2022 – present	Gala committee chair, The Arc Midsouth
May 2022	Reviewer, <i>Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs</i>
May 2022	Reviewer, <i>Nonprofit Management &amp; Leadership</i>
March 2022	Reviewer, <i>Gender &amp; Society</i>
February 2022	Reviewer, <i>Nonprofit Management &amp; Leadership</i>
January 2022	Reviewer, <i>Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs</i>
2021 – present	Course development and instructor of record for the Department of Public and Nonprofit Administration and the Institute for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership's continuing education fundraising course Designed for practitioners and fund development staff of Memphis and Shelby County based nonprofit organizations
May 2021	Reviewer, <i>Frontiers</i>
June 2021	Reviewer, <i>Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs</i>
2020 – present	Affiliate faculty, Institute for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership
2020 – present	Faculty sponsor, Association of Fundraising Professionals, University of Memphis Colligate Chapter

March 2020	Reviewer, <i>Nonprofit Management &amp; Leadership</i>
April 2019	Reviewer, <i>Journal of Muslim Philanthropy &amp; Civil Society</i>
January 2019	Reviewer, <i>Nonprofit Management &amp; Leadership</i>
November 2018	Panel Chair, ARNOVA Annual Conference
June 2017	Panel Chair, MPAC Annual Conference
November 2017	Panel Chair, ARNOVA Annual Conference

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2022 – present	Section for Women in Public Administration (SWPA)
2018 – present	American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
2017 – present	Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)

### **PROFESSIONAL PRACTITIONER EXPERIENCE**

March 2011 – July 2015      Residential Administrator, Link Associates, West Des Moines, IA

Link Associates is a nonprofit organization that provides services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Direct supervision of six residential supervisors and oversight for more than 60 consumers and 80 direct care staff  
Oversight responsibilities for the Residential department

July 2008 – Feb. 2011      Residential Supervisor, Link Associates, Des Moines, IA

Supervised four Home and Community-Based Service residential locations comprised of 11 consumers and 16 staff direct care staff.