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1. EDUCATION

- 2001** **Ph.D.—Public Policy (Urban Track)**
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GRADUATE SCHOOL AT BALTIMORE, Baltimore, MD
Advisor: Dr. Donald Norris
- 1997** **M.P.S—Master of Policy Sciences (Urban Track)**
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GRADUATE SCHOOL AT BALTIMORE, Baltimore, MD
- 1991** **B.S.—Finance (*Summa Cum Laude*)**
UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT, Detroit, MI
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2. TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Housing and Community Development Policy
 - Local Government Management & Finance
 - Nonprofit Management & Finance
 - Government and Nonprofit Performance Measurement
 - Urban Politics and Governance
 - Policymaking Institutions
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3. EMPLOYMENT

- 09/22—present** **Professor of Political Science**
Department of Social Sciences
- UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN, Dearborn, MI.**
- 08/12 – 08/22** **Associate Professor of Political Science**
Department of Social Sciences
- UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN, Dearborn, MI.**

Teach courses in the Master of Public Administration and Policy, political science, and urban and regional studies programs; supervise directed studies; advise students; assist with program marketing, outreach, and administration; conduct and publish scholarly research; secure grant funding; and engage in community, university, and professional service.

- 07/14 – 06/20** **Chair, Department of Social Sciences**

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN, Dearborn, MI.

Lead the Social Sciences Department in its efforts to provide the highest quality undergraduate education in Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Social Studies, and Urban and Regional Studies, as well as graduate education in Public Administration and Public Policy. Develop and manage \$4.75 million budget; hire, supervise, and evaluate ~60 academic and administrative personnel, oversee scheduling and curriculum development for 5 undergraduate majors, 2 minors, and 2 graduate programs; lead the Department Executive Committee in departmental governance; and facilitate and promote strategic management. Serve on the Administrative Council of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

08/05 – 07/12 Assistant Professor of Political Science
Department of Social Sciences (06/08-08/12)
School of Education (MPA Program) (08/05-05/08)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN, Dearborn, MI.

Teach courses in the Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Policy, political science, and urban and regional studies programs; create and supervise internships and directed studies; advise students; assist with program marketing, outreach, and administration; conduct and publish scholarly research; secure grant funding; and engage in community, university, and professional service.

07/13 – 06/14 Director
Master of Public Administration & Public Policy Programs
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN, Dearborn, MI.

Direct UM-Dearborn's graduate programs in public administration and public policy. Provide leadership, oversight, and coordination on matters related to curriculum development, faculty hiring/promotion, course scheduling, student admissions, marketing, alumni relations, student advising, accreditation, program assessment/review, and strategic planning.

09/06 – 06/14 Director
Institute for Local Government (IFLG)
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN, Dearborn, MI.

Direct IFLG's efforts to increase the governance capacity of citizens elected to local government in metropolitan Detroit. This includes working with stakeholders to formalize the mission, goals, and structure of IFLG; leading program/service development; hiring and supervising staff; negotiating and overseeing consultant contracts; leading fundraising and grantwriting activities; planning and managing finances; leading marketing and outreach; and developing/maintaining collaborative relationships with external organizations and internal university departments and officials.

06/01 – 08/05 Research Associate and Director of Community Development Research
Center for Urban Studies
WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, Detroit, MI.

Served as Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator on more than \$1.2 million in funded research and contributing researcher on other projects; secured \$1.06 million in external research funding through nine different grant competitions (90% proposal success rate); developed and guided implementation of strategic plan and research agenda for Community Development Research Unit; supervised, managed, and trained staff of 20 full- and part-time researchers

09/04 – 05/05 **Adjunct Professor**
Geography and Urban Planning Department
College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs
WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, Detroit, MI.

Taught Introduction to Urban Affairs Course for 25 – 65 undergraduate students.

09/97 – 06/01 **Social Science Analyst**
Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R)
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), Washington, DC.

Advise the Secretary's Office on economic and community development, regionalism, sustainable development, and smart growth policies; serve as HUD's policy representative on White House task forces—President's Council on Sustainable Development, White House Task Force on Livable Communities, and the U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Committee on Housing and Regional Development; prepare congressional reports, policy papers, and legislative and budget proposals reflecting the results of research or analytic projects; review and coordinate PD&R responses to draft HUD issuances and regulations, legislative proposals, and other documents related to economic/community development; help develop PD&R's annual research agenda; review research proposals and draft research products to ensure methodological and analytical rigor and policy relevance; serve as HUD's Government Technical Representative (i.e. project manager) on contracted research projects; conduct in-house research or analytic projects related to HUD policies; and help draft speeches on community and economic development, regionalism, sustainable development, and smart growth for top HUD political appointees.

06/99 – 09/99 **Analyst**
Office of Neighborhood Revitalization
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, Baltimore, MD.

Temporary assignment (on-loan from HUD) to develop Maryland's Capital Access Program to supplement the state's existing neighborhood business development programs

06/94 - 09/97 **Research Assistant**
Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY, Baltimore, MD.

Served as a team leader (supervisor, researcher, project manager, contributing author) for a logic-model based *Evaluability Study of Baltimore City's Empowerment Zone*; contributed to research design/protocol for a nationwide study of planning for, managing, and implementing *leading edge information technology in local government*; authored case study summaries for final report, assembled and analyzed preliminary demographic data for study cities, and conducted on-site semi-structured interviews and document analysis for study cities; performed statistical analysis for nationwide survey of information technology utilization in local government; and assisted the Director in a variety of research assignments including literature reviews of welfare reform, metropolitan governance, and structural reform of local government

02/94 - 06/94 **Economic Opportunities Committee Co-Coordinator/Consultant**
BALTIMORE CITY EMPOWERMENT ZONE TASK FORCE, Baltimore, MD.

Member of the core team developing Baltimore City's successful \$100 million Empowerment Zone grant application. Coordinated activities of the Economic Opportunities Issue Committee; advised on, and developed, policy proposals; authored portions of the grant application; led committee meetings; facilitated community participation in proposal development; prepared/presented reports/analyses for committee members, project leaders, and Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke

05/89 - 08/93

**Various Positions
Financial Staff**

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, Pontiac, MI

Performed troubleshooting/accounting flow analysis for new corporate-wide Billing and Receivables System (BARS) and successfully led BARS reconciliation team to resolving over \$24 million in accounting errors created by the new system; developed corporate-wide reconciliation system for BARS vehicle accounting; prepared weekly reports and presentations for senior management; authored training manuals and trained employees on PC and mainframe software; and served various accounting and analyst roles related to the corporation's financial reporting, tax reporting, business planning, financial interactions with dealers, and payments to vendors

4. HONORS AND AWARDS

- Vice President's Hammer Award for Government Reinvention, 1999
- Secretary Cuomo's "Hero of HUD2020" Management Reform Award, 1998
- Presidential Management Intern (now Presidential Management Fellow), 1997-1999
- Sage Publications-Urban Affairs Association Young Scholar Award, 1997
- ICMA - Edwin O. Stene Memorial Scholarship Finalist
- Phi Kappa Phi (National Honor Society)
- University of Maryland Graduate School Merit Fellowship, University of Maryland Graduate School at Baltimore, 1993.
- Full Insignis Scholarship, University of Detroit, 1987-1991
- Association of Government Accountants Scholarship
- University of Detroit Finance Award, 1991
- Clifford B. Scott Award for Academic Performance, 1990
- Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit Honor Society, Vice President)
- Beta Gamma Sigma (National Business Honor Society)
- University of Detroit Dean's List, 1987-1991
- University of Detroit Dean's Certificate, 1987-1991

5. PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Public Administration (prior member) (past president, Metropolitan Detroit Chapter)
Urban Affairs Association (member)

6. TEACHING ACTIVITY

University of Michigan-Dearborn (Most Recent 6 Academic Years)

Term	Course Number	Course Title	Cr. Hrs	Num. of Students
W22	PAPP 502	Politics of Public Policy	3	6
W22	PAPP 540	Government & Nonprofit Finance	3	3
W22	PAPP 584/POL 484	Revitalizing Cities	3	13
F22	PAPP 505	Intro to Public & Nonprofit Administration	3	5
F22	PAPP 540	Government & Nonprofit Finance	3	9
F22	POL 322	Michigan Gov't, Politics, & Policy	3	5
W23	POL 101	American Politics	3	24
W23	PAPP 582	Policy Analysis & Development	3	6
W23	PAPP 650	Public Admin & Policy Capstone	3	7
S23	POL 496	Canada Internship	3	13
F23	POL 360	American Policy Process	4	23
F23	URS 300	Urban & Regional Studies	4	11
W24	POL 312	Legislative Process	4	11
W24	PAPP 584/POL 484	Revitalizing Cities	4	19
S24	POL 496	Canada Internship	3-4	20
F24	PAPP 540	Government & Nonprofit Finance	4	11
F24	CRJ/SOC/WGST 476	Inside Out Prison Exchange: Power & the City	4	11 outside 9 inside
W25	POL 322	Michigan Gov't, Politics, & Policy	4	21
S25	POL 101	American Politics	3	13
F25	POL 360	American Policy Process	4	8
F25	PAPP 582	Policy Analysis & Development	4	5
W26	PAPP 584/POL 484	Revitalizing Cities	4	12
W26	HONS 312	Ways of Seeing	4	55

Additional courses taught in prior semesters: Strategic Planning & Needs Assessment, Organization Development, Strategic Communication, Urban Politics

Curriculum Development

- Created new version of HON 312: Ways of Seeing (2025)
- Created new course—Tech Bro's, AI, & World Domination (FNDS 1311) (2025)
- Converted 14-week online version of POL 101 to 7-week online version w/fully updated content (2025)
- Created new Inside Out Prison Exchange class Power & the City (2024)
- Created new version of POL 312: Legislative Process (2024)
- Converted POL 484 from 3 credits to 4 credits (2024)
- Created new version of URS 300: Urban & Regional Studies (2023)
- Converted 14-week online version of POL 360 to 7-week online version (2022)
- Created hybrid version of PAPP 502 (2021)
- Created online versions of POL 101, POL 360, POL 322, PAPP 540, PAPP 582 (2020)
- Successfully applied for Dearborn Discovery Core certification for POL 484/584 (3 categories), POL 360 (2 categories), and POL 322 (1 category).
- Created a new version of American Policy Process (POL360), a course that had not been offered in years (2017)
- Created a new version of Urban Politics (POL 323)
- Created new course—Revitalizing Cities: Policies and Politics (POL 484/584) (2015)
- Substantially revised online version of Strategic Communications (PADM 507) (2014)
- Completely revised Administration of Financial Resources (PADM 540) (2013)
- Worked with faculty colleague to revamp the MPA Assessment Seminar (PADM 650) (2013-2014)
- Helped design revised version of PADM 580—Statistics and Information Systems for Administrators. (2011-2012)
- Created hybrid and on-line versions of PADM 505 and PADM 582 (2010-2011)
- Created new version of Michigan Government, Politics, and Policy (POL322), a course that had not been offered in years (2011)
- Created online version of Introduction to Public Administration (PADM505) (2011)
- Created online version of Policy Analysis and Development (PADM582) (2011)
- Created hybrid version of Introduction to Public Administration (PADM505) (2010)
- Helped develop new Performance Appraisal (PADM 564) that blended elements of 2 prior courses and added new content to reflect current state of the art (2009)
- Helped design/develop new certificate in Local Government Management (2007-2009)
- Helped design/develop new Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) for the School of Education (2006-2008)
- Worked with other program faculty to convert all MPA elective courses from 2-credit courses to 3-credit courses. (2006-2007)

- Developed a program of study for a new concentration in Staff Development as part of the MPA program. (Winter 2006)

Graduate Student Supervision

Doctoral Dissertations

- (W14-W16) Lisa Willerick (Ed.D.), Committee Member

POL 498: Directed Study in Political Science

- (S25) Aditya Kalahasti, Canadian Politics and Policy (3 credits)

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- (S25) Aditya Kalahasti, Canadian Politics and Policy (3 credits)

PADM/PAPP 690: Directed Study in Public Administration

- (W25) Tatiana Rodriguez, Government and Nonprofit Finance (3 credits)
- (W07) Kevin Mitchell, understanding and conducting needs assessments for organizational services. Resulted in an initial design for a needs assessment for the Institute for Local Government (2 credit)
- (S07) Pam Krutkiewicz strategic planning in organizations (1 credit)
- (S07) Leslie Kellogg, research methods with a focus on analyzing funding streams of nonprofit organizations (2 credits)
- (F07) Leslie Brown, identifying, understanding, and assessing nonprofit service models with an emphasis on models for providing training to local government officials (2 credits)
- (F07) Carol Oliver, on conducting organizational needs assessments to identify gaps between clients' needs and services available to address those needs (1 credit)
- (W08) Al Shenouda, large-scale, inter-organizational security and disaster preparedness (1 credit)
- (W08) Lisa Bellamy, program evaluation (1 credit)
- (F08) EssiAlani Hollier-Jackson, understanding and conducting needs assessments for organizational services (1 credit)
- (F08) Tiffany Draper, comparing new and old regionalism (1 credit)
- (F08) Todd Drysdale, local government structure, comparing city-council and strong mayor forms of government (1 credit)
- (S10) Barbra Wells, Targeting in Community Development: Programs, Politics, and Policy (3 credits)
- (W11) 6-student team (Jennifer Bodurka, Julia Allison Cline, James Corey, Barbra Wells, Allen Williams, and Anthony Zander), information systems management in government, a special project to help the Dearborn Police Department automate their payroll system for patrol officers (3 credits)
- (F11) Asandi Conner, designing & conducting community needs assessments (1 credit)
- (W12) 7-student team (Anton Attard, Orlando Gregory, Gregory Hurst, Esther Marshall, Elizabeth Snoes-Clinton, Jimmy Solomon, Dennis Watson), a special project to help the City of Novi Public Administration Team assess the viability of consolidating police and fire services into one department with cross-trained public safety officers (3 credits)
- (S12) Wendy Ernzen, role of philanthropic foundations in urban revitalization (3 credits)

- (W14) 5-student team (Michael Fleharty, Andrew Giordano, Mike Parr, Charles Schoder, Jonathan Zadoff), special project to evaluation options for reforming local government finance in Michigan in cooperation with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) (3 credits)
- (W22) Aimee Szabo, Vocational Rehabilitation training for pre-transition and transition-aged students (14-26) (1 credit)

URS 499: Directed Studies in Urban Studies

- (W12) Nathan Hamilton and Miriam Holzman-Lipsitz, urban planning and community development (3 credits)
- (F22) Jacques Jones, Optimizing the Rail System in the U.S. (3 credits)
- (S24) Aditya Kalahasti, Canadian International Relations (3 credits)
- (W25) Tatiana Rodriguez, Government and Nonprofit Finance (3 credits)

PADM 720: Public Administration Internship

- (W07) Huda Alkenany, office of Detroit City Councilmember Sheila Cockrel (1 credit)
- (F08) Lial Fraij, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) (3 credits)
- (W09) Allison Gallinati, Oakwood Heritage Hospital (2 credit)
- (S09) Harry Gaggos, Skillman Foundation (2 credits)
- (S09) Makini Kweli, Detroit Recovery Project (2 credits)
- (S09) Maureen Muysenberg, U of M Health System (2 credit)
- (F09) Victoria Araj, Quicken Loans (1 credits)
- (F09) Calvin Davis, Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (2 credits)
- (W10) Kathryn Krieg, U of M Health System (1 credit)
- (S10) David Waligora, Dexter Township (1 credit)
- (W11) Lindsay Giuffre, Southwest Solutions (3 credits)
- (S11) Stephanie Pascal, City of Westland (2 credits)
- (S11) Pamela Nichol, Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation(3 credits)
- (S11) Ayana Rhodes-Ako, Warren-Conner Development Corporation (1 credit)
- (F11) Ayana Rhodes-Ako, Warren-Conner Development Corporation (1 credit)
- (F11) Aaron Kinzel, Sienna Heights University (3 credits)
- (F11) Zahera Zahreldin, Wayne County RESA (2 credits)
- (W12) Dennis Watson, City of Novi Public Safety Administration Team (3 credits)
- (W12) Dana Maleszyk, City of Sterling Heights (2 credits)
- (S12) Elizabeth Snoes-Clinton, Council of Michigan Foundations (2 credits)

Other Teaching

Wayne State University				
Term	Course Number	Course Title	Cr. Hrs	Num. of Students
F'04	US1000, GPH2000, PS2000, HIS2000, SOC2500	Introduction to Urban Studies	4	22
W'05	US1000, GPH2000, PS2000, HIS2000, SOC2500	Introduction to Urban Studies	4	65

7. RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Peer-Reviewed Articles In Print

Thomson, D. E. 2023. Foundations of influence: Intervention pathways of foundation influence on city governance and policy. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 52(5), 1260-1283. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08997640221115653>

Thomson, D. E. 2021. Foundation activism in urban revitalization: Effects on institutions and political agency, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 45(7), 1334-1357. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2021.1909423>

Thomson, D. E. 2020. Philanthropic funding for community and economic development: Exploring potential for influencing policy and governance. *Urban Affairs Review*, 57(6), 1483-1523. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1078087420926698>

Thomson, D. 2019. Donor-driven democracy?: Governance implications of foundation-dependent revitalization. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 41(4), 551-569. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2018.1451254>

Thomson, D. & Etienne, H. 2017. Fiscal crisis and community development: The Great Recession, Support Networks, and community development corporation capacity. *Housing Policy Debate*, 27(1), 137-165. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2016.1196230>

Thomson, D. 2011. The role of funders in driving nonprofit performance measurement and use in strategic management, *Public Performance and Management Review*, 35(1), 54-78. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.2753/PMR1530-9576350103>

Thomson, D. 2011. Strategic geographic targeting in community development: Examining the congruence of political, institutional, and technical factors, *Urban Affairs Review*, 47(4), 564-594. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1078087411400021>

Thomson, D. 2010. Exploring the role of funders' performance reporting mandates in nonprofit performance measurement, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 39(4), 611-629. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0899764009360575>

Thomson, D. 2010. The evolving role of universities in expanding knowledge among local elected officials, *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, 16(3), 421-450. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15236803.2010.12001607>

Thomson, D. 2008. Strategic, geographic targeting of housing and community development resources: A conceptual framework and critical review. *Urban Affairs Review*, 43(5), 629-662. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1078087407311193>

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters In Print

Thomson, D. 2017. Federalism and intergovernmental relations. In John Klemanski and David Dulio (Eds.), *Michigan Government, Politics, and Policy* (52-77). Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Thomson, D. 2012. Targeting neighborhoods, stimulating markets: Exploring the role of political, institutional, and technical variables in three cities, In Margaret Dewar & June Thomas (Eds.) *The City After Abandonment* (104-132). Philadelphia, PA: Penn Press.

Thomson, D. 2009. Regional housing policy: Can crisis spawn collaboration?, In Richard W. Jelier and Gary Sands (Eds.), *Sustaining Michigan* (237-260). East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Encyclopedia Entry In Print

Thomson, D. 2012. Employer assisted housing. Entry in *Encyclopedia of Housing*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. .

Peer-Reviewed Articles Under Review

NA

Peer-Reviewed Articles or Book Chapters In Process

Thomson, D. Philanthropic economic development: Do foundations offer an alternative to the market? (*Economic Development Quarterly*: anticipated submission Summer 2027)

Thomson, D. Examining innovative city spending of American Rescue Plan Act funding (*State & Local Government Review*: Anticipated submission Summer 2027)

Presentations

Philanthropy and Community & Economic Development (Colloquy). International Conference on Urban Affairs, Vancouver, BC April 16-19, 2025.

Foundations and Urban Revitalization. DeMystify Detroit Speaker Series, University of Michigan Detroit Center, Detroit, MI. January 27, 2025.

ARPA and Innovation. International Conference on Urban Affairs, New York, NY April 24-27, 2024.

Crisis to Opportunity?: City Spending of ARPA Funding. 51st Annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Nashville, TN, April 26-29, 2023.

Institutional Effects of Foundation Activism in Urban Revitalization. Annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association. Washington DC, April 12-14, 2022.

Giving and Governing: Exploring Policy & Governance Implications of Foundation Activism in Legacy Cities. Annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, CA, April 24-27, 2019.

Estimating the Bounds of Philanthropic Influence on Urban Governance. Annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Toronto, CAN, April, 2018.

Flint Water Crisis: Update on “Fixes” and Government Accountability, Forces, Annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, Washington, DC, October, 2017.

Learning from Flint: Flint as Emblematic of Broader Policy and Political Forces, Annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, Columbus, OH, October 20, 2016.

Democracy by Donor: Foundation-Driven Revitalization and Democratic Control of Development, Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016.

Fiscal Crisis and Community Development: The Impacts of the Great Recession on Financial Sustainability of CDCs, University of Michigan-Dearborn Chancellor’s Metropolitan Research Group, Dearborn, MI, December 2, 2015.

- Fiscal Crisis and Community Development: The Impacts of the Great Recession on Financial Sustainability of CDCs, (with Harley Etienne), Annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL, April 8-11, 2015.
- For the good of the city? Network and governance implications of foundation-led collaborations to revitalize cities, Learning from Detroit Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, May 30, 2014.
- Evaluating options for increasing local government revenue in MI, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Local Government Revenue Task Force, April 8, 2014.
- For the good of the city? Network and governance implications of foundation-led collaborations to revitalize cities, University of Michigan-Dearborn Chancellor's Metropolitan Research Group, Dearborn, MI, March 31, 2014.
- For the good of the city? Network and governance implications of foundation-led urban revitalization in three cities, Annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration, Washington DC, March 14-18, 2014.
- Aligning vision and investment through market-informed community development, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Videoconference (keynote), Detroit, MI, February 27, 2014.
- Strategic targeting, City After Abandonment Panel, Penn Institute for Urban Research, Philadelphia, PA, November 11, 2013
- MotorCities National Heritage Area evaluation findings, MotorCities National Heritage Area Board of Directors, Dearborn, MI, June 2013.
- Trends in local government finance in Michigan, Macomb Area Communities for Regional Opportunities, May, 2013.
- Defining the problem of municipal finance in Michigan: Trends in revenue and expenditures. Michigan Municipal League Capital Conference, Lansing, MI, April 2013.
- Targeting Neighborhoods, Stimulating Markets: The Role of Political, Institutional, and Technical Factors in Three Cities, Taubman School of Architecture and Planning, Ann Arbor, MI, March 2013.
- For the good of the city? Collaboration and governance challenges of foundation-led revitalization, Annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Cincinnati, OH, November 2012.
- For the good of the city? Foundation-led collaborations and urban governance, Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2012.
- Consolidation of Police-Fire Services: Considerations for the City of Novi, City of Novi Public Safety Administration Team and police & fire commanders, Novi, MI, April 2012.
- Foundation-nonprofit collaborations: Challenges to making them work, American Society for Public Administration—Metro Detroit Chapter, Livonia, MI, January 25, 2012.
- Opportunities in elected and appointed office for young government leaders. University of Michigan-Dearborn Institute for Local Government's Young Government Leaders (You-Go-Lead) Symposium (3rd Annual), Dearborn, MI, December 2, 2011.
- Findings of the City of Dearborn Police Department Patrol Division Payroll Study, City of Dearborn Police Command Staff, Dearborn, MI, April 2011.
- Strategic geographic targeting in community development: Examining the congruence of political, institutional, and technical factors, Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, New Orleans, LA, March 2011.
- Strategic geographic targeting in community development: Examining the congruence of policy, politics, and programs, UM-Dearborn Social Science Department Research Colloquium, Dearborn, MI, December 7, 2010.

- Strategic geographic targeting of community development resources: Policy rationality and politics in Detroit, 68th Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2010.
- Funders' roles in driving nonprofit performance measurement, 3rd Annual Conference of the Public Performance Measurement and Reporting Network, Chattanooga, TN, March, 2010.
- Opportunities in elected and appointed office for young government leaders. University of Michigan-Dearborn Institute for Local Government's Young Government Leaders (You-Go-Lead) Symposium (2nd Annual), Dearborn, MI, March 26, 2010..
- Exploring the role of funders' performance reporting mandates in nonprofit performance measurement. UM-Dearborn Social Science Department Research Colloquium, Dearborn, MI, October 27, 2010.
- Opportunities in elected and appointed office for young government leaders. University of Michigan-Dearborn Institute for Local Government's Young Government Leaders (You-Go-Lead) Symposium, Dearborn, MI, March 27, 2009.
- From grants to governance: The evolving role of grantors' performance requirements among nonprofit service providers, ARNOVA and ASPA Center for Accountability and Performance Symposium: Accountability and Performance Measurement in the Hollow State, Cleveland, OH, October, 2008.
- The evolving role of universities in expanding knowledge among local elected officials, Annual Conference of the National Association for Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, Charleston, SC, October, 2008.
- Knowledge needs of local legislators: Can universities help improve governance capacity?, Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, Baltimore, MD, April, 2008.
- The impact of fiscal retrenchment and economic downturn on nonprofit revenue, Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, Seattle, WA, April, 2007.
- The Baltimore model of urban redevelopment: Taking stock after 50 years." (Colloquy Participant) Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Seattle, WA in April 2007.
- Michigan gubernatorial leadership, (Colloquy Participant) Annual Meeting of the Michigan Political Science Association. 2006, Lansing, MI.
- Findings of Final Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment for Oakland County, MI, to community stakeholders and the general public, Oakland County Courthouse Auditorium, Pontiac, MI, August 2006.
- Findings of Final Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment for Oakland County, MI, Oakland County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson and top management staff, Pontiac, MI, August 2006.
- Preliminary Findings of Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment for Oakland County, MI, Oakland County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson, County Executive's Conference Room, Pontiac, MI, April 2005.
- Housing affordability in Detroit, City of Detroit Planning Commission, April 2004.
- CDBG/NOF Evaluation Status Report, City of Detroit Planning Commission, March 2003.
- Strategic geographic targeting of housing and community development resources: A conceptual framework and review of empirical findings," at the Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, Cleveland, OH, March, 2003.
- Spillover effects and home repair: A Detroit case study, Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, Cleveland, OH, March, 2003. (with Heidi Rykert and Lyke Thompson).
- Housing needs assessment study findings, City of Detroit Planning Commission, November 2002.
- Preliminary findings from the Housing Needs Assessment Study, Detroit City Council, April 2002.

- Regional government cooperation in the United States, U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Committee, Summer 1999, Washington, DC.
- Federal government's role in promoting regional cooperation, Fall Conference of the Maryland Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies, Ocean City, MD, Fall 1998.
- Recommendations of the Community Development and Revitalization subcommittee to the President's Council on Sustainable Development, Fall meeting of the President's Council on Sustainable Development, Fall 1998, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Quasi-public economic development corporations and local governance: A case study of Baltimore, MD," Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, Toronto, Canada, April, 1997.
- The information technology organization in city government, Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, New York, NY, March, 1996.
- Environmental protection verses economic development, (Panel Discussant) Annual Conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association, March 1996, Boston, MA.
- The impacts of federal legislative mandates for citizen participation in urban community development," Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, Portland, OR, May, 1995.
- Invasion-succession or normal transition? The impacts of change in a central city neighborhood," at the Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association. New Orleans, LA, March, 1994.

Research Grants

- Preserving the Story of Community Development in Detroit, \$4500, Dale Thomson (PI), University of Michigan-Dearborn, Office of Community Engaged Learning Seed Grant, 2026
- Foundations and Urban Revitalization, \$3,200 (stipend to student research assistant), Dale Thomson (PI), University of Michigan-Dearborn, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program, 2025
- City Use of ARPA Funding, \$3,200 (stipend to student research assistant), Dale Thomson (PI), University of Michigan-Dearborn, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program, 2023
- Examining ARPA Spending in Large Cities, \$1,600, Dale Thomson (PI), University of Michigan-Dearborn, College of Arts, Sciences, & Letters, Faculty Research Support, 2022
- Examining ARPA Spending in Large Cities, \$1,800, Dale Thomson (PI), University of Michigan-Dearborn, College of Arts, Sciences, & Letters, Faculty Research Support, 2021
- Administrative, Network and Governance Implications of Foundation-Led Collaborations to Revitalize the City, \$6,000, Dale Thomson (PI), University of Michigan-Dearborn, Faculty Research Support and Maintenance Grants, 2013.
- Assessing Adaptation of Community Development Corporations to Fiscal Crisis, \$20,000, Harley Etienne (Co-PI), Dale Thomson (Co-PI), University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning--Research on the City Grant Program, 2013.
- Evaluation Assistance for Producing a Case for Support, \$17,500, Dale Thomson (PI), MotorCities National Heritage Area, 2013.
- Spatial Targeting of Community Development Resources: Can the Politics Match the Policy, \$6,000, University of Michigan – Dearborn, Research Initiation and Seed Grants, 2010.
- Oakland County Michigan Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment. Oakland County, MI. \$206,742, Dale Thomson (PI), Kurt Metzger (Co-PI), Oakland County Division of Community and Home Improvement, 2004-05

Community Development Block Grant / Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Evaluation, \$223,000, Lyke Thompson (PI), Dale Thomson (Co-PI), City of Detroit Planning Commission, 2004-05.

Sustaining Homeownership for Low-Income Homebuyers: The Role of Housing Counseling, \$40,000. Dale Thomson (PI), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2004 (awarded, not contracted due to late notification from funder).

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, \$29,538. Dale Thomson (PI), City of Detroit, 2004 (awarded to me, but contracted after my departure from Center for Urban Studies due to delays from funder)

Project for Cataloguing Properties Owned by the City of Detroit, \$50,000, Dale Thomson (PI), David Martin (Co-PI). Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). 2004.

The Effect of Economic Downturn and Fiscal Retrenchment on Nonprofit Revenue Sources \$20,000, Dale Thomson (PI), Jason Booza (Co-PI), Michigan Nonprofit Research Program, 2004.

Community Development Block Grant / Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Evaluation, \$245,000, Lyke Thompson (PI), Dale Thomson (Co-PI), City of Detroit Planning Commission, 2003-04.

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, \$18,850, Dale Thomson (PI), Kurt Metzger (Co-PI), City of Dearborn Department of Economic and Community Development. 2003.

Community Development Block Grant / Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Evaluation, \$229,000, Lyke Thompson (PI), Dale Thomson (Co-PI), City of Detroit Planning Commission, 2002-03.

Community Development Block Grant / Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Evaluation, \$185,000, Lyke Thompson (PI), Dale Thomson (Co-PI), City of Detroit Planning Commission, 2001-02.

Other Grants

Motor Cities National Heritage Area evaluation assistance project, Dale Thomson (PI), \$3000, Motor Cities National Heritage Area 2012.

Young Government Leaders (You-Go-Lead) Symposium, Dale Thomson (PI), \$1000, Comerica Bank, 2010.

Role of Investigate Journalism in Age of New Media Symposium, Dale Thomson (PI), \$1000, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2010.

Increasing Governance Capacity of Locally Elected Officials in Southeast Michigan. \$50,000, Dale Thomson (PI), Chrysler Foundation, 2008-09.

Increasing Governance Capacity of Locally Elected Officials in Southeast Michigan. \$25,000, Dale Thomson (PI), AT&T Corporation, 2008-09.

Increasing Governance Capacity of Locally Elected Officials in Southeast Michigan, \$20,000, Dale Thomson (PI), DTE Energy Foundation, 2008-09.

Increasing Governance Capacity of Locally Elected Officials in Southeast Michigan, \$20,000, Dale Thomson (PI), DTE Energy Foundation, 2007-08.

Professional Publications/Reports

Thomson, D, Balau, E., Gourlay, D., Jeafar, A.R., Makki, Z., Mangeni, M., Marchio, J., Marcu, M. (2023). Options for Optimizing Dearborn's CIP Process: An Exploratory Study. Dearborn, MI: University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Thomson, D. and Taylor, T. (2019). *Scheduling Advisory Team Report to the Provost*, University of Michigan-Dearborn

- Thomson, D. (2019). *Analysis of External Opportunities and Threats for UM-Dearborn—Economy*, University of Michigan-Dearborn.
- Thomson, D. (2019). *Analysis of External Opportunities and Threats for UM-Dearborn—Finance*, University of Michigan-Dearborn.
- Thomson, D. (2019). *Analysis of External Opportunities and Threats for UM-Dearborn—Politics & Policy*, University of Michigan-Dearborn.
- Thomson, D. (2019). *Analysis of External Opportunities and Threats for UM-Dearborn—Demographics & Socioeconomics*, University of Michigan-Dearborn.
- Thomson, D. (2019). *Analysis of External Opportunities and Threats for UM-Dearborn—Environment*, University of Michigan-Dearborn.
- Thomson, D. & Smith, S. (2016). CASL Undergraduate Research Task Force Final Report. University of Michigan-Dearborn.
- Thomson, D., Ernzen, W., and Guiffre, L. (2013) *MotorCities National Heritage Area Evaluation Summary Report*. University of Michigan-Dearborn.
- Thomson, D., Ernzen, W., and Guiffre, L. (2013) *MotorCities National Heritage Area Interview Summary Report*. University of Michigan-Dearborn.
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- Thomson, D., Attard, A., Gregory, O., Hurst, G., Marshall, E., Snoes-Conton, E., Solomon, J. and Watson, D. (2012). *City of Novi Public Safety Administration Team Police-Fire Consolidation Study*. Dearborn, MI: University of Michigan-Dearborn (for City of Novi Public Administration Team).
- Thomson, D., Bodurka, J., Cline, A., Corey, J., Wells, B., and Zander, A. (2011). *Dearborn Police Department Patrol Division Payroll Process Study*. Dearborn, MI: University of Michigan-Dearborn (for City of Dearborn Police Department).
- Thomson, D. and Stanford, K. Michigan Municipal League’s partnership with the University of Michigan-Dearborn, *Michigan Municipal Review* 80 (3) 36.
- Thomson, D. 2006. *Comprehensive housing needs assessment for Oakland County, Michigan*. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies. (for Oakland County Division of Community and Home Improvement).
- Thomson, D. 2006. *An examination of housing counseling in Detroit*. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies. (for City of Detroit Planning Commission).
- Thomson, D. and Novak, D. 2005. *Financing affordability: An analysis of potential funding sources for a housing trust fund in Detroit*. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies. (for City of Detroit Planning Commission)
- Thomson, D. and Novak, D. 2005. *Subprime home lending in Detroit from 2000 to 2003*. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies. (for City of Detroit Planning Commission)
- Thomson, D. and Atkins, H. 2005. *Report on the outcomes monitoring system project (2004-2005)*. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies. (for City of Detroit Planning Commission).
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- Thomson, D. 2004. *Detroit residential building permit activity from 2000-2003*. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies. (for City of Detroit Planning Commission, July 2004).

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- Thomson, D. and Metzger, K. 2004. *City of Dearborn, MI analysis of impediments to fair housing choice*. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies. (for City of Dearborn Department of Economic and Community Development).
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- Thompson, L., Thomson, D., and Royston, L. 2002. *Best practice study of youth tutoring projects: Final report*. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies. (for City of Detroit Planning Commission).
- Thomson, D. and Thompson, L. *City of Detroit housing needs assessment: Summary of findings from work completed in 2001-2002*. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies. (for City of Detroit Planning Commission).
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- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. 2001. *Strategies for Success: Reinventing Cities for the 21st Century*. Washington, DC: Author. (Co-Author)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. 1999. *State of the cities: National urban policy report*. Washington, DC: Author. (editor and contributor)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. 1998. *Connecting with Communities: A user's guide to HUD programs and the SuperNOFA process*. Washington, DC: Author. (Author)

8. SERVICE ACTIVITY

Professional Service

- Urban Affairs Association, Alma H. Young Emerging Scholar Award Judge, (W 2016), Board Nominations Committee (F 2020, F 2021, F2022, W2024), Conference Policy Committee (W2023), Personnel Committee, (Fall 2024-Fall 2026)
- Colloquy Moderator, FR8.20.14 The Cost of Philanthropic Community Development and Governance: Do Philanthropic Initiatives Create Equity, Democracy, and Inclusion?, International Conference on Urban Affairs, Vancouver, BC (April 2025)
- Panel Moderator, FR 11.30.12 Rethinking Fiscal Policy - Urban Perspectives, International Conference on Urban Affairs, New York, NY (April 2024)
- Board Member, American Society for Public Administration (Metropolitan Detroit Chapter) (2009-2013). Board Member President (2012-2013)

- Member, National Task Force on HUD and Regionalism, Penn Institute of Urban Research at the University of Pennsylvania (2008-2009)
- Reviewer: *Urban Studies*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *Housing Policy Debate*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *Public Performance and Management Review*, *State and Local Government Review*, *International Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*, *Journal of Nonprofit and Public Affairs*
- Reviewer: *The craft of public administration*, McGraw-Hill (2012), *The public administrator's companion*, CQ Press (2010), *The effective public manager*, Jossey-Bass (2008)
- Panel Chair, Local Elections and Representation, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (April, 2010).
- Panel Discussant, Urban Politics and Policy, (Panel Discussant) Annual Conference of the Michigan Political Science Association, Dearborn, MI (Fall 2005).
- Advisory Committee Member, Michigan Public Policy Survey, Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy, University of Michigan (2010) (reviewer of draft survey in several subsequent years)
- Guest Speaker, Master of Urban Planning program, University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. (Fall 2010)

University-Wide Activities

- University of Michigan Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC) of the Faculty Senate (Fall 2025 – present)
- University of Michigan Institutional Review Board—Blue Team (Winter 2022-Present)

Campus-Wide Activities

- University of Michigan-Dearborn Faculty Ombuds (Winter 2025 – present)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn Budget Committee (Fall 2023 – present)
- Provost's market analysis/curricular research service vendor review committee, member (Summer 2022)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn, Faculty Congress Parliamentarian (Winter 2021-Winter 2022)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn, Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Search Committee (Fall 2020)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn, Strategic Planning Community Engagement Subgroup (Fall 2019)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn, Scheduling Advisory Team (April 2019-April 2020)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn, Strategic Planning Environmental Scan Workgroup (February-April 2019)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn, Institutional Review Board (August 2013-December 2018)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn, College Democrats, Faculty Advisor (Fall 2016-Winter 2020)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn, University Budget Committee Chair (December 2010-May 2013)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn, Vision 2020, Improvement Team 16—Graduate Programming (Summer 2012-Winter 2013)
- Graduate Director Search Committee, member (Summer/Fall/Winter 2011)
- Panelist, UM-Dearborn College of Business & *Crain's Detroit Business* "The Business of Sustainability" Public Lecture Series, March 29, 2011.
- Director, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Institute for Local Government (2006-Summer 2014)
- Chancellor Grasso's Urban Futures Group (2019-2021)
- Chancellor Little's Metropolitan Research Group (2008-2018)

- Provost Davy's Ad-hoc Committee on 50th Anniversary Urban Farming Summit (2009-2010)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn, Graduate Board (2007-2008).
- Faculty Senate Committee on Mentoring (2005-2008).
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County—Middle States Accreditation Steering Committee (1994-1996).
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Graduate Student Research Day Coordinating Committee (1996).

College Activities

- College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, Executive Committee (W 2022-W 2024, F 2025)
- Honors Program Committee (F 2025 – present)
- College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, Administrative Council (S 2014-S 2020)
- College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, Cross-Listing Task Force (F 2019)
- College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, Strategic Planning Implementation Committee, (F 2016)
- College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, Strategic Planning Committee drafting final plan, (F 2016)
- College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, Undergraduate Research Task Force, Co-Chair (2015-2016)
- School of Education, Curriculum Committee (2007-2008)
- School of Education, Non-Tenured Faculty Committee to Review Promotion and Tenure Guidelines, (2007-2008).
- School of Education's Ed.D. Program Development Committee (2006-2008)
- Special P&T Committee Member (Keith Dye) (2015-2020)

Departmental Activities

- Social Science Department Executive Committee (F 2013-S 2020, W 2022-W 2024, F 2025)
- Graduate Programs Director (F 2013-S 2014)
- Urban and Regional Studies Program Co-Director (F 2025-present)
- Political Science Faculty Search Committee (F 2010, F 2013-W 2015)
- Master of Public Administration Faculty Search Committee (F 2011-W 2012)
- Political Science Association, Faculty Advisor (Fall 2023-present)
- Political Science Program Committee (2008-present)
- Master of Public Administration and Policy Program Committee (2005-present)
- Urban and Regional Studies Program Committee (2023-present)
- Special P&T Committee member (Josh Akers) (2014-2020)
- Special P&T Committee member (Vadym Pyrozhenko) (2012-2014)
- Urban and Regional Studies Faculty Advisory Board (2008-2010)
- Public Affairs Alumni Advisory Committee Advisor (2009-2012)
- Political Science Discipline, web page coordinator (2009-2011)
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County Promotion and Tenure Committee, Political Science Department (Student Representative) (1996).
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Policy Sciences Comprehensive Examination Review Committee (1996).

Community Service

- Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation, Board Member, 2004-present, Vice President (2020-2021), President (2022-2025), Secretary (2026-present)
- Connect Detroit, Board Member, 2022-present
- Citizen Detroit, Board Member, 2018-2021
- University of Detroit Jesuit Music Boosters, Board Member, 2012-2015
- Detroit Hockey Association, Board Member, 2009-2010
- Rosedale Park Improvement Association, Board Member, 2003-2006
- Rosedale Grandmont Little League, Coach, 2006-2014
- Detroit Police Athletic League, Coach, 2016
- Sacred Heart Parish, Cantor & Chamber Choir, 2017-Present
- Capuchin Warehouse (food and clothing distribution), Monthly Volunteer, 2017-2020