

ROBIN J. KEMPF

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Government Accountability, the Development and Evolution of Institutions, the Politics of Policy Implementation, Public Administration and Democracy, Law & Society, and Health Care Oversight

EDUCATION

PhD, School of Public Affairs and Administration, University of Kansas, December 2014, passed with honors

Dissertation Title: Accountability Remade: The Diffusion and Reinvention of Offices of Inspector General

Dissertation Committee: Drs. Charles R. Epp (chair), H. George Frederickson, Steven Maynard-Moody, Rosemary O'Leary, Marilu Goodyear, and Burdett Loomis

- Fellow for Doctoral Research, Institute for Policy & Social Research, 2013-2014
- Passed comprehensive exams with honors, Spring 2013
- Graduate Fellow, Office of Graduate Studies and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2010-2014

JD, School of Law, University of Kansas, May 1996

- Honors Scholar, Kahrs, Nelson, Fanning, Hite & Kellogg Competitive Scholarship, Fall 1993

BA, Major in American Studies, Minor in Music, Brandeis University, May 1991

- Recipient, Dorothy Haas Siegel Music Award, Spring 1991
- Dean's List, 1990-1991

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of Public Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York (August 2014 to present)

- Cross departmental appointment: Department of Security, Fire, and Emergency Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (January 2017 to present)

Temporary appointment to the doctoral faculty, The Graduate School, City University of New York (September 2017 to present)

- Co-Chair, Jessica C. Cabrera's Dissertation Committee

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

Kempf, Robin J., and Cabrera, Jessica C. (2018). The *de facto* independence of federal offices of inspector general. *American Review of Public Administration*, doi: 10.1177/0275074018783012.

Getha-Taylor, Heather, Grayer, Misty, Kempf, Robin J., and O'Leary, Rosemary. (2018). Collaborating in the absence of trust? What collaborative governance theory and practice can learn from the literatures of conflict resolution, psychology, and law. *American Review of Public Administration*, doi: 10.1177/0275074018773089.

Kempf, Robin J., and Graycar, Adam. (2017). Dimensions of authority in oversight agencies: American and Australian comparisons. *International Journal of Public Administration*, doi: 10.1080/01900692.2017.1347947.

Kempf, Robin J. (2015). Crafting accountability policy: Designing offices of inspector general. *Policy and Society*, 34, 137-149, doi: 10.1016/j.polsoc.2015.05.003.

Romzek, Barbara, Leroux, Kelly, Johnston, Jocelyn, Kempf, Robin J., and Piatak, Jaclyn S. (2013). Informal accountability in multisector service delivery collaborations. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 23 (3), doi: 10.1093/jopart/mut027.

Manuscripts in Progress

Lu, Elaine Yi; Shapiro, David, Kempf, Robin J., & Sampath, Vijay. Subnational offices of inspector general and anti-corruption: A panel study of the impact of OIGs on public corruption in the US. (Target journal: *Public Administration Review*).

Kempf, Robin J., & Chelsea Binns. Theoretical perspectives on the use of background checks in the public sector. (Target journal: *Review of Public Personnel Administration*).

Kempf, Robin J. The public value of traditional accountability efforts. (Target Journal: *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance*).

Other Publications

Feldman, Dan, Eichenthal, David, and Kempf, Robin J. (forthcoming). Offices of Inspector General in the United States. *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*. Edited by Farazmand, Ali.

Kempf, Robin J. (2017). The state of federal inspectors general studies: Review of *The Accountability State: US Federal Inspectors General and the Pursuit of Democratic Integrity* by Nadia Hilliard. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jopart/mux038>.

Kempf, Robin J., & Binns, Chelsea. (2017). Balancing integrity with privacy interests: Fighting cyber-corruption with background checks. New York, NY: Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity. <http://www.law.columbia.edu/public-integrity/balancing-integrity-privacy-interests-fighting-cyber-corruption-background-checks>

Kempf, Robin J. (2016). Review of *The Art of the Watchdog: Fighting Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Corruption in Government* by Daniel L. Feldman and Daniel R. Eichenthal. *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, 22(2), 313-14.

Kempf, Robin J., Michael Heim, and Jerry A. Donaldson. (1998). 1998 Legislative Update. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, 14-40.

GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Rosemary O'Leary, School of Public Affairs and Administration, University of Kansas, Spring 2013

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Barbara S. Romzek, School of Public Affairs and Administration, University of Kansas, 2010-2012

Research Assistant to Dr. Robert L. Glicksman, School of Law, University of Kansas, 1995-1996

CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIA ACTIVITIES

Single-authored Papers Presented

Kempf, Robin J. (April 2018). "The Public Value of Traditional Accountability Efforts." *International Research Society for Public Management*, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Kempf, Robin J. (March 2017). "The Public Value of Pluralism in the Context of Accountability." *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, California.

Kempf, Robin J. (June 2016). "The IG in Theory and Practice – How Structure Impacts Performance, including Independence and Objectivity." *8th Sino-U.S. International Conference for Public Administration*, Beijing, China.

--- (September 2016). "The Diffusion and Reinvention of Offices of Inspector General." *Symposium – The Added Value of an Office of Inspector General, Bureau de l'Inspecteur Général de la Ville de Montréal (Office of Inspector General of the City of Montreal)*, Montreal, Canada.

--- (May 2015). "Designing Accountability: The Institutionalization of Offices of Inspectors General." *Law & Society Association*, Seattle, Washington.

--- "Political control and Independence: Offices of Inspector General." (January 2015). Research Brown Bag Lunch, *Department of Public Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice*, New York, New York.

--- (May 2014) "Accountability Remade: The Diffusion and Reinvention of Offices of Inspectors General." *University of Kansas, Institute for Policy & Social Research, Research Fellowship Program*

--- (October 2014). "Variations among State and Local Offices of Inspectors General." *Association of Inspectors General*, Newark, New Jersey.

--- (April 2014). "Examining the Diffusion of State and Local Offices of Inspector General." *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois.

---- (April 2012). "Organizational Structure and Bureaucratic Independence: Offices of Inspectors General and Political Influence." *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois.

---- (December 2010). *Doctoral Research Symposium*, Department of Public Administration, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

Co-Authored Papers Presented

Lu, Elaine Yi; Shapiro, David, Kempf, Robin J., & Sampath, Vijay. (March 2018). "Subnational Offices of Inspectors General and Anti-Corruption: A Panel Study of the Impact of OIGs on Public Corruption in the US," Denver, Colorado.

O'Leary, Rosemary; Getha-Taylor, Heather; Kempf, Robin J.; and Grayer, Misty. (March 2017). "What the Collaborative Governance Research Agenda on Trust Can Learn from the Literatures of Law, Conflict Resolution, and Psychology." *American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference*, Atlanta, Georgia.

Kempf, Robin J., & Graycar, Adam. (June 2016). "Government Accountability: Comparing Watchdog Authority and Independence in Two Countries." *Hong Kong University-University of Southern California-International Public Policy Association Conference on Public Policy*, Hong Kong, China.

Kempf, Robin J., & Cabrera, Jessica. (March 2016). "Political Pressures on OIG Independence." *American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference*, Seattle, WA.

--- (October 2015). "The Independence of Offices of Inspectors General in Political Environments." *The Association of Inspectors General Conference*, Detroit, Michigan.

Kempf, Robin J., & Cohen, Steve. (October 2015). "Managing Overlapping Jurisdictions of Government Accountability Organizations." *The Northeast Council of Public Administration Conference*, Arlington, VA. Peer-reviewed selection process.

Romzek, Barbara, Kelly M. LeRoux, Jocelyn Johnson, Robin J. Kempf, and Jaclyn Schede Piatak. (November 2012) "A Closer Look at Nonprofits in Multi-Sector Networks: Can Informal Accountability Overcome Goal Conflict?" *The Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action*, Indianapolis, Indiana.

---- (August 2012). "Hierarchical Differences within Service Delivery Networks: The Role of Street-Level Workers in Shaping Informal Accountability." *American Political Science Association*, New Orleans, Louisiana.

---- (April 2012). "Hierarchical Differences within Service Delivery Networks: The Role of Street-Level Workers in Shaping Informal Accountability." *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois.

Johnston, Jocelyn, Kelly M. LeRoux, Barbara Romzek, Jeannette Blackmar, Robin Kempf and Jaclyn Schede. (Oct. 2011) "Beyond Structure: Informal Accountability in Networks," *National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration Conference*. Kansas City, Missouri.

---- (September 2011) "Beyond Structure: Informal Accountability in Networks." *American Political Science Association*, Seattle, Washington.

---- (June 2011). "Informal Accountability Dynamics within Service Delivery Networks." *Public Management Research Conference*, Syracuse, New York.

---- (April 2011) "Beyond Structure: Informal Accountability in Networks." *International Research Symposium on Public Management*, Dublin, Ireland.

---- (April 2011) "Beyond Structure: Informal Accountability between Networks." *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois.

---- (April 2011) "Beyond Structure: Informal Accountability in Networks." *American Society for Public Administration Conference*, March 11-15, 2011, Baltimore, Maryland.

Discussant

Northeast Conference of Public Administration Annual Conference, Burlington, Vermont, November 2017.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, July 2017.

GRANTS

July 2016-June 2017. Recipient of the Cycle 47 Professional Staff Congress of the City University of New York (PSC-CUNY) Research Award #69724-00 47, \$6,000.

July 2015 – June 2016. Recipient of the Cycle 46 Professional Staff Congress of the City University of New York (PSC-CUNY) Research Award # 68480-00 46 for the project entitled "Organizational Structure and Bureaucratic Independence: Offices of Inspectors General and Political Influence," \$1,647.60.

SERVICE

To the Department of Public Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Member, Grade Appeals Committee, Fall 2018 to present.

Deputy Director, West Point Masters of Public Administration Program, Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.

Member, Differential Tuition Subcommittee, Fall 2015 to Spring 2018.

Member, Curriculum Committee, Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.

Deputy Director, Health Care Services Inspection and Oversight Advanced Certificate and Specialization within the Masters of Public Administration-Inspection and Oversight, Fall 2015 to Spring 2017.

Course Development of a new specialization on health care oversight for the Masters of Public Administration-Inspection and Oversight degree, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Fall 2014 to Spring 2017.

Member, Department of Public Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Strategic Planning Committee, Spring 2015 to Spring 2017.

To the college

Co-Presenter with Kathleen Collins, John Jay College of Criminal Justice Faculty Development Day, Fall 2018. "Using Literature in Non-Literature Classes."

Member, John Jay College of Criminal Justice Strategic Planning Committee, Subcommittee for Goal #6, "Develop Health-Related Academic Programs and Comprehensive Pre-Health Advisement,". Fall 2015.

To the profession

Member, Editorial Review Board, *Public Integrity*, a double-blind, peer-reviewed academic journal that published original content manuscripts addressing ethical issues affecting society, sponsored by the American Society for Public Administration, Spring 2017 to present.

Other service

President, Doctoral Student Association, University of Kansas, School of Public Affairs and Administration, 2013-2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Management, Masters of Public Administration Program

Fall 2018

- Health Care Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (two sections, one on-line)
- Independent Study (two sections)

Spring 2018

- Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Corruption (on-line)
- Organizational Theory (two sections, one on-line)

Fall 2017

- Health Care Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (on-line)
- Independent Study

Spring 2017

- Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Corruption (on-line)

Fall 2016

- Organizational Theory (two sections, one on-line)
- Health Care Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (on-line)

Spring 2016

- Organizational Theory (on-line)

Fall 2015

- Ethics, Integrity and Accountability (two sections, one on-line)
- Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Corruption
- Independent Study

Spring 2015

- Organizational Theory (two sections)
- Ethics, Integrity and Accountability

Fall 2014

- Ethics, Integrity and Accountability
- Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Corruption

Co-Chair, Jessica C. Cabrera dissertation committee, City University of New York Graduate Center. Spring 2015 to present.

Special training:

Workshop: News Literacy Matters. John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Teaching and Learning Center, April 2017.

Workshop: Teaching in Difficult Times. John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Teaching and Learning Center, February 2017.

Faculty Fellow, D3: Discover, Design, and Develop D3, Creating an online course: PAD 764 Health Services Fraud Waste, and Abuse. John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Spring 2016. Competitive. \$2,000 stipend.

Workshop: New Technologies for Online Teaching; John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Pedagogy and Technology Training Program, Fall 2016.

Workshop: Teaching Online: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Pedagogy and Technology Training Program, Spring 2016.

University of Kansas, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Lawrence, Kansas

Instructor of Record, Hard Choices in Public Policy for undergraduates, 2013-2014

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Ethics in Public Administration for Masters of Public Administration students, Spring 2013

Northwestern Polytechnical University, English Department, Xi'an, People's Republic of China

Instructor of Record, American and British Culture II (2 sections), Research and Writing, and Comparative Public Policy for undergraduate English majors, Spring 2004

Instructor of Record, American and British Culture I (2 sections), Audio-Visual English, and Public International Law for undergraduate English majors, Fall 2003

- Named "Most Devoted Foreign Teacher," 2003-2004

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Kansas Health Policy Authority, Topeka, Kansas

Inspector General, September 2007 – October 2008

- Initiated the first statutorily-created Office of Inspector General in Kansas
- Managed a staff of four to audit, investigate and review programs and operations for efficiency, effectiveness, fraud and abuse.

Kansas Board of Regents, Topeka, Kansas

Associate General Counsel, April 2007 – September 2007

Interim General Counsel, October 2006 – April 2007

Associate General Counsel, March 2005 – October 2006, November 2001 – May 2003

- Served as legal counsel to the nine-person Board of Regents and its staff.
- Drafted policies and regulations related to the Board oversight of public higher education institutions.

Kansas Legislature, Topeka, Kansas

Auditor, Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit, May 1998 – November 2001

- Supervised and worked with teams of auditors to determine and report whether state agencies perform regulatory duties efficiently and effectively.
- Wrote work papers and audit plans in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.
- Presented completed audit findings orally and in written form to legislators.

Research Associate, Kansas Legislative Research Department, August 1997 – May 1998

- Provided written and oral policy analysis for legislators and legislative committees.
- Summarized legislation, bills, and legislative committee activities for office publications.

Kansas Supreme Court, Topeka, Kansas

Research Attorney for the Honorable Robert E. Davis, August 1996 – July 1997

- Wrote prehearing memoranda summarizing and evaluating appellate briefs and relevant law for Justices of the Kansas Supreme Court.
- Assisted Justice Davis with writing his opinions for the Court.

NONPROFIT EXPERIENCE

Temple Beth Shalom, Topeka, Kansas

Co-Chair, Planned Giving Campaign, 2012 to 2014

Chair, Endowment Board of Trustees, 2011 to 2014

Board Vice President, 2010-2011

Board member, 2008-2010

Board Secretary, 2006-2008

Mainstream, Inc., Topeka, Kansas

Operations Officer, November 2008 – February 2009

- Provided legal assistance to members of the Kansas Association of Nonprofits.
- Drafted grant requests to foundations and corporate funders.
- Issued press releases and biweekly news updates related to the not-for-profit sector.

Women Attorneys Association of Topeka, Topeka, Kansas

Treasurer, 2006-2007

Secretary, 2005-2006

Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee, Overland Park, Kansas

Community Relations Associate, September – December 2004

- Assisted in planning and organizing annual fund raising dinner.

AFFILIATIONS

Professional Associations

American Society of Public Administration, 2015 to present

Northeast Council of Public Administration, 2015 to present

Law & Society, 2014 to present

Public Management Research Association, 2012 to present

American Political Science Association, 2011 to present

Midwest Political Science Association, 2011 to present

Association of Inspectors General, 2007 to present

Bar Admissions

Member of the Missouri Bar (inactive), 1997 to present

Member of the Kansas Bar (inactive), 1996 to present