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Political Science and Public Administration Department
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Public Administration and Urban Policy (2014), School of Public Service, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia.

Cognate area: Econometrics

Dissertation: *The Impacts of In-State Procurement Preference Policies on the South Carolina Economy.*

Dissertation Committee Chair: Professor Berhanu Mengistu.

Dissertation Committee Members: Dr. Stephen B. Gordon (Old Dominion University), Dr. David Selover (Old Dominion University) and Dr. Cliff McCue (Florida Atlantic University).

Master of Business Administration (2006), Banking and Financial Sciences Department, College of Economics and Administrative Sciences, The Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan.

Bachelor of Science, Finance and Banking Sciences (2004), Banking and Financial Sciences Department, College of Economics and Administrative Sciences, The Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan.

RESEARCH & TEACHING AREAS

- Public Finance
- Quantitative Methods
- Research Methods and Design
- Public Procurement
- Public Administration Theories
- American Public Administration
- Women in Public Administration

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aug 16- Present

Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science and Public Administration
Mississippi State University, Starkville MS.
Courses: Research Methods for Public Affairs
Intro to Public Procurement
Public Administration

Aug 15- July 16

Assistant Professor

Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs
Department of Political Science
Miami University, Oxford OH.
Courses: Public Administration
Public Budgeting and Financial Management
Women in Public Administration

Aug 14 – July 15

Postdoctoral Scholar

Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs
Department of Political Science
Miami University, Oxford OH.
Courses: Seminar in Reinventing Government
Women in Public Administration

Aug 11 – May 12

Instructor of Record

Urban Studies and Public Administration Department
School of Public Service
Old Dominion University, Norfolk VA.

June 13- Aug 14

May 12- Aug 12

May 11- Aug 11

May 10- Aug 10

May 09- Aug 09

Teaching Assistant

Finance and Accounting Department
Strome College of Business
Old Dominion University, Norfolk VA.

Courses: Introduction to Financial Management
Intermediate Financial Management
Principles of Managerial Accounting

Aug 08 – May 13

Teaching and Research Assistant

Urban Studies and Public Administration Department
School of Public Service
Old Dominion University

Courses: Introduction to Public Procurement
Public Sector Contract Planning and Formation
Social Entrepreneurship

Sep 04 – June 06

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant

Banking and Financial Sciences Department
College of Economics and Administrative Sciences
The Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan

Courses: Research Methods and Design in Finance
Principles of Finance
Principles of Public Finance and Financial Management

Aug 04 – Jan 07

Senior Financial Analyst

Jordan Mortgage Refinance Company
Amman, Jordan

PUBLICATIONS

- Al Rjoub, S.A.M and **Abutabenjeh, S.** (2009). Price Limits and Stock Returns Volatility in Jordanian banks. *International Journal of Monetary Economics and Finance*, Vol. 2, No. 2, pp.144–165.
- Juita-Elena Yusuf, Lenahan O'Connell, and **Sawsan Abutabenjeh.** (2011). Paying for Locally Owned Roads: A Crisis in Local Government Highway Finance. *Public Works Management & Policy*, Vol. 16, 3, pp. 250-269.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.**, Calida, N., and Jaradat, R. A. (2012). Collective Reflection on the PhD Student's Journey: Shades of "Techniques" and "Epistemic Pluralism". *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, Vol. 34, 2, pp. 274–278.
- Calida, B., Jaradat, R., Keating, C., & **Abutabenjeh, S.** (2016). Governance in systems of systems: A systems – based model. *International Journal of System of Systems Engineering*, Vol. 12, No. 1, pp.50-63.
- Jaradat, R., Campbell, S & **Abutabenjeh, S.** (2016). How to Find Systems Thinkers. Proceedings. of the 2016 American Society of Engineering Education Conference, New Orleans LA, 10.18260/p.25489.

- **Abutabenjeh, S.,** Gordon, S., & Mengistu, B. (2017). International Trade Protectionist Instruments and In-State Preferences: A Link. *Journal of Public Procurement*, Vol.17, 1, pp. 000-000. (in press).
- **Abutabenjeh, S.** Gordon, S., & Mengistu, B. The Impacts of In-State Procurement Preference Policies on the South Carolina Economy. *Journal of Public Procurement* (under review).
- Jaradat, R., Frank, A., and **Abutabenjeh, S.** The Role of System of Systems in Collaboration, Integration, and Logistics: A Value-Chain Based Paradigm of Supply Chain Management. *Decision Sciences* (under review).
- **Abutabenjeh, S.,** and Gordon, S. The Value of Procurement Certification (Manuscript is in progress).
- **Abutabenjeh, S.,** Gordon, S., Cotterrell, P. Cooperative Purchasing Programs in the United States. (Manuscript is in progress).
- **Abutabenjeh, S.,** and Alkadry, M. Fraud in Public Procurement (Manuscript is in progress).
- **Abutabenjeh, S.,** Swanson, A. Women and Public Procurement (Manuscript is in progress).

Technical Report

- **Abutabenjeh, S.,** & Gordon, S. (2015). The Value of Procurement Certification Report. Published by The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.,** & Gordon, S., & Cotterrell, P. Cooperative Purchasing Programs in the United States (Report is in progress).

GRANTS

- **Abutabenjeh, S.,** & Gordon, S. (2015). The Value of Procurement Certification. The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, awarded (\$5,000).
- **Abutabenjeh, S.,** Gordon, S., & Cotterrell, P. (2016). Comparative Analysis of Cooperative Purchasing Programs. National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) Value Point, awarded (\$100,000).
- **Abutabenjeh, S.** (2016). Public Procurement Certification. Miami University College of Arts and Science Summer Research Grants, awarded (\$5,000).
- **Abutabenjeh, S.,** Gordon, S., & McCue, C. (2016). The Relationship between Finance and Procurement in the Public Sector. GSBPP Acquisition Research Program, applied for (\$100,000).

POTENTIAL GRANT

- **Abutabenjeh, S.,** Gordon, S., & Mengistu, B. (2015). A Comparative Study of the Impact of State Preference Policies in Procurement. National Association of State Procurement Officials (\$50,000).

CONFERENCES

- Yusuf, J., **Abutabenjeh, S.** and L. O'Connell. (2009). The State of Transportation Finance since ISETA: A 15-year Analysis. Paper presented in poster session at *the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Conference*, Washington DC.
- Yusuf, J. and **S. Abutabenjeh.** (2009). Evaluation of Entrepreneurial Assistance Programs: The State of the Research. Paper presented at *the Mason Entrepreneurship Research Conference*, Arlington Virginia.
- Williams, A., Taylor, J., Kenter, R., **Abutabenjeh, S.**, and Bishu, S. (2010). Nonprofit Accountability; Negotiating the Network. Paper presented at *International Research Society for Public Management*, Berne Switzerland.
- Yusuf, J., L. O'Connell, and **Abutabenjeh,S.** (2010). An Unfunded Mandate by Any Other Name? State-Local Ownership and Financing of Roads. Paper presented at the *Annual Western Social Science Association Conference (Public Finance and Budgeting)*, Reno Nevada.
- Yusuf, J., L. O'Connell, and **Abutabenjeh, S.** (2010). State-Local Ownership and Financing of Roads Post-ISTEA: No Longer Business as Usual? Paper presented at *The Southeast Conference on Public Administration (SECOPA)*, Wilmington North Carolina.
- Melkie, G., **Abutabenjeh, S.**, and Morris, J. (2010). Are There Economic Gains from Privatization of Public Services? Paper is presented at *The Southeast Conference on Public Administration (SECOPA)*, Wilmington North Carolina.
- Calida, B., Jaradat, R., and **Abutabenjeh, S.** (2011). Shifting Governance Symbols: the "Myth of Control" from a Systems View. Paper presented at the *24th Public Administration Theory Network Conference (PAT-NET): Mythologies of Governing: Symbols, Stories, and Narratives*, Norfolk Virginia.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.** and Jaradat, R. (2011). Imaginations Cross Disciplines: Public Administration and Engineering Management. Paper presented at the *24th Public Administration Theory Network Conference (PAT-NET): Mythologies of Governing: Symbols, Stories, and Narratives*, Norfolk Virginia.
- Bishu, S., **Abutabenjeh, S.**, and Alkadry, M. (2011). Public Procurement and Economic Development. Paper presented at *The Southeast Conference on Public Administration (SECoPA)*, New Orleans Louisiana.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.**, and Jaradat, R. (2011). The Role of Imagination in the Organization: Public Administration and System of Systems (SoS) Perspectives. Paper presented at *The Southeast Conference on Public Administration (SECoPA)*, New Orleans Louisiana.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.**, Alkadry, M. and Jaradat, R. (2012). Fraud in Public Procurement. Paper presented at the *American Society for Public Administration Conference (ASPA 2012)*, Las Vegas Nevada.
- Bishu, S., **Abutabenjeh, S.**, and Alkadry, M. (2012). Public Procurement and Economic Development. Paper presented at the *American Society for Public Administration Conference (ASPA 2012)*, Las Vegas Nevada.

- **Abutabenjeh, S.**, Vellalos, J., Gordon, S., and Gokhale, S. (2012). Politics in State and Local Government Design and Construction. Paper presented at the *70th Annual MPSA Political Science Conference*, Chicago Illinois.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.** (2012). An Empirical Examination of the Impact of State Preference Policies in Procurement. Paper presented at the *5th International Public Procurement Conference (IPPC5)*, Seattle Washington.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.** (2013). Government, Money and Fraud. Paper presented at the *Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Conference*, Washington DC.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.**, and Jaradat, R. (2014). Tool to Navigate the Public Procurement Problems Domains. Paper presented at the *72nd Annual MPSA Political Science Conference*, Chicago Illinois.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.** (2015). Gender and Public Procurement: Where Are We? Paper presented at the *75 Annual ASPA 2015 Conference*, Chicago Illinois.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.**, Gordon, S, & Hall, N. (2015). Objectively Debating the Merits of Preferential Procurement Policies. Paper presented at the *NCMA's World Congress*, Dallas Texas.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.**, & Gordon, S. (2015). The Value of Procurement Certification. Paper presented at the *NIGP Forum*, Kansas Missouri.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.**, & Gordon, S. (2016). Procurement Certification. Paper presented at *ASPA Conference*, Seattle Washington.
- **Abutabenjeh, S.**, & Gordon, S, & Cotterrell, P. (2017). Cooperative Purchasing Programs in the United States. Paper will be presented at *ASPA Conference*, Atlanta Georgia.
- Nukpezah, N., & **Abutabenjeh, S.** (2017). Cash Management Practices in Mississippi: Opportunities for Virtual Metropolis. Paper will be presented at *ASPA Conference*, Atlanta Georgia.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Workshop: "Team Building for Local Officials", Dr. Philip A. Russo, Dr. Bryan Marshall, Dr. Mark Morris, **Dr. Sawsan Abutabenjeh**, and Dr. Amanda Gillespie. Ohio Leadership Academy, October 24, 2014 & February 12-14 2015. Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy, OTA Office, Blacklick Ohio.
- Workshop: "Technology and Local Government", Dr. Mark Morris and **Dr. Sawsan Abutabenjeh**. Ohio Leadership Academy, October 24, 2014 & February 12-14 2015. Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy, OTA Office, Blacklick Ohio.

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

- Member, Local Planning Committee, Public Administration Theory Network Conference; PAT-Net 2011.
- Conference Reviewer, 33rd National ASEM Conference, Agile Management, Virginia Beach Virginia, Oct 17-20, 2012.
- Member, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) International, Hampton Roads Chapter and Old Dominion University Student Chapter.
- President, Women in Transportation (WTS) Student Chapter at Old Dominion University (2012-2014).

Service to Old Dominion University

- Member, Public Service Week Planning Committee, Old Dominion University (2010-2011).
- Member, Preparing Future Faculty Steering Committee, Old Dominion University (2013-2014).

Service to the Department at Miami University

- Organizer, the Visiting Fellow in Public Leadership "Mark Cannon" Event. Mr. Cannon visited Miami as a part of the Ohio Public Leaders Fellowship program (2014).
- Supervised seventeen students during the Luncheon Seminar Series by Mark Cannon (2014).
- Supervised graduate students during travel to and attendance at the American Society of Public Administration Conference (2015) in Chicago.
- Judge, The debate on "How Best Do We Deal with Economic Inequality" (2015).
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee (2015-2016).
- Member, Public Administration Major Committee (2015-2016).
- Member, Public Administration and Public Policy Committee (2015-2016).
- Member, Colloquium Committee (2015-2016).
- Coordinator, Visiting Fellow in Public Leadership (2015-2016).
- Coordinator, Pi Sigma Alpha (2015-2016).

Service to the Department at Mississippi State University

- Member, Fifth Year Program (Current).
- Member, M.P.P.A. Core Committee (Current).
- Member, Pi Alpha Alpha (Current).

Service to the Community

- Member, the Economic Development Team for Franklin, Virginia (2010-2011).
- Member, Miami University Child Development Center Parent Committee.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recipient, Excellence Award for graduating 1st in class, Bachelor of Science, Finance and Banking Sciences & Master of Business Administration, Banking and Financial Sciences Department. Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan
- Dean's Honor List, 2002-2004 Administrative Sciences College, Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan.
- Recipient, 2010 Urban Studies and Public Administration Department Fellowship, College of Business and Public Administration, Old Dominion University.
- Recipient, 2009 Student Success Award, Old Dominion University.
- Recipient, 2011, 2012 & 2014 Jesse and Sue Hughes International Scholarship, College of Business and Public Administration, Old Dominion University.
- Recipient, 2012 Academic Scholarship, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP).
- Recipient, 2013 The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Hampton Roads Chapter Scholarship.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
- Western Social Science Association.

- The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing.
- The American Society for Public Administration.
- Midwest Political Science Association.
- American Political Science Association.
- Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

REFERENCES

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- **Dr. Mohamad Alkadry, Associate Professor and MPA Coordinator**, Department of Public Administration, School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University, 11200 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, FL 33199. Voice: (305) 348-4338; Email: malkadry@fiu.edu
- **Dr. Stephen B. Gordon, Professor of Practice**, Program Director, Procurement & Contracts Management, University of Virginia, School of Continuing and Professional Studies. Voice: (615) 268-9468; Email: sbg3u@virginia.edu.
- **Dr. Berhanu Mengistu, Professor**, School of Public Service, 2084 Constant Hall, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529. Voice: (757) 683-3961; Email: bmengist@odu.edu