Jack Mewhirter

Associate Professor

Baker School of Public Policy and Public Affairs

University of Tennessee-Knoxville

# Academic Appointments

**2024+** Associate Professor

Baker School of Public Policy & Public Affairs

University of Cincinnati

**2016-24** Assistant (2016-21) + Associate Professor (2021-24) + Graduate Director (2023-24)

School of Public & International Affairs (51%)

School of Environment and Sustainability Studies (49%)

University of Cincinnati

# Education

**2016** PhD, Political Science (Public Policy), Florida State University

**2014** MS, Political Science, Florida State University

**2010** BA, Political Science, New College of Florida

# Peer-Reviewed Journal articles and Chapters

# \*\* Denotes papers authored with graduate and/or undergraduate students

**2025 Mewhirter, Jack,** Danielle McLaughlin. Brian Calfano. “Mind the (Collaborative) Gap: Rewards and Punishments in Public Evaluations of Policy Actors’ Collaborative Choices.” *Policy Studies Journal.*

**Mewhirter, Jack,** James E. Wright II, Jill Nicholson Crotty, and Sean Nicholson Crotty. “Bridging the Gap: Advancing Policy Process Theory through the Study of Policing Subsystems.” *Policy Studies Journal.*

*\*\** **Lackey, Madison,** Jack Mewhirter**,** Danielle McLaughlin and Brian Calfano. “Leveraging Community Engaged Research Approaches to Reveal Inclusive Governance Processes**. “** In Siddiki and Ambrose (eds.). *Handbook of Inclusive Governance.*

**2024 Mewhirter, Jack**, Danielle McLaughlin and Brian Calfano. 2024. “Manifesting Symbolic Representation through Collaborative Policymaking”. *Policy Studies Journal.*

Uttermark, Matthew, **Jack Mewhirter**, Rebecca Sanders, and Danielle McLaughlin. 2024. “Blame Attribution, Partisanship, and Federalism: Evidence from a Panel Study.” *Public Opinion Quarterly.*

**2023** Lubell, Mark and **Jack Mewhirter**. 2023. “The Ecology of Games Framework: Complexity in Polycentric Governance”. In Weible and Sabatier (eds.), *Theories of the Policy Process.*

**\*\***Welch, Ryan, **Jack Mewhirter**, James Wright II and Jeongmin Oh. “Evaluating the Determinants of Support for Police Militarization among Officers”. *Politics & Policy.*

**2022 \*\***McLaughlin, Danielle, **Jack Mewhirter**, and Mark Lubell. 2022. “The Spread of Conflict in Polycentric Governance Systems”. *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory.*

Lubell, Mark, Matthew Hamilton, **Jack Mewhirter**, Francesca Vantaggiato, and Ramiro Berardo. 2022. “Methodological Approaches to Studying Polycentric Governance with the Ecology of Games Framework”. In Weible and Workman (eds.), *Methods of the Policy Process.*

**\*\*Mewhirter, Jack**. Mustafa Sagir, and Rebecca Sanders. 2022. “Towards a Predictive Model of COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy among American Adults.” *Vaccine.*

**2021 \*\***Angst, Mario, **Jack Mewhirter**, Danielle McLaughlin, and Manuel Fischer. 2021. “Who joins a forum – and who does not? A broad perspective on participation in Swiss water governance forums”. *Public Administration Review.*

**\*\***McLaughlin, Danielle, **Jack Mewhirter**, James E Wright II, and Richard Feiock. 2021. "The Perceived Effectiveness of Collaborative Approaches to Address Domestic Violence: The Role of Representation, ‘Reverse-Representation’, Embeddedness and Resources " *Public Management Review*: 1-25.

**\*\***Mclaughlin, Danielle, **Jack Mewhirter** and Rebecca Sanders. 2021. **“**The Belief that Politics Drive Scientific Research & Its Impact on COVID-19 Risk Assessments.” *PLOS One.*

\*\***Mewhirter, Jack** and Danielle McLaughlin. 2021. “The Pitfalls Associated with More Intensive Engagement in Collaborative Forums”. *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*.

**2020** Lubell, Mark, **Jack Mewhirter**, and Ramiro Berardo. 2020. "The Origins of Conflict in Polycentric Governance Systems." *Public Administration Review* 80(2): 222-233.

**\*\***Hamman, Seth T. Jelena Vićić, **Jack Mewhirter**, Richard J. Harknett, and Philip White. 2020. "Deciphering Cyber Operations." *The Cyber Defense Review* 5(1): 135-152.

**2019 Mewhirter, Jack**, Eric A. Coleman, and Ramiro Berardo. 2019. "Participation and Political Influence in Complex Governance Systems." *Policy Studies Journal* 47(4): 1002-1025.

**Mewhirter, Jack,** and Ramiro Berardo. 2019. "The Impact of Forum Interdependence and Network Structure on Actor Performance in Complex Governance Systems." *Policy Studies Journa*l 47(1): 159-177.

**\*\*Mewhirter, Jack**, Danielle M. McLaughlin, and Manuel Fischer. 2019. "The Role of Forum Membership Diversity on Institutional Externalities in Resource Governance Systems." *Society & Natural Resources* 32(11): 1239-1257.

**2018 Mewhirter, Jack**, Mark Lubell, and Ramiro Berardo. 2018. "Institutional externalities and actor performance in polycentric governance systems." *Environmental Policy and Governance* 28(4): 295-307.

* One of *EPG’s* “Highly Cited Articles” published in 2018.

**2017** Lubell, Mark, **Jack Mewhirter**, Ramiro Berardo, and John T. Scholz. 2017. "Transaction costs and the perceived effectiveness of complex institutional systems." *Public Administration Review* 77(5): 668-680.

* Selected for publication in *Public Administration Review*’*s* virtual issue of “Highly Cited *PAR* Articles”.

Delehanty, Casey, **Jack Mewhirter**, Ryan Welch, and Jason Wilks. 2019. "Militarization and police violence: The case of the 1033 program." *Research & Politics* 4(2): 2053168017712885.

* Altmetric public attention score 2350: Placing it in the top 0.01% of articles ever scored in any field.

# Policy Papers

**2022 “**The Future of Flood Insurance”. Prepared for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Submitted September, 2022.  **Funded: $299,3000.00**

**“**Countering Foreign Interference”. Prepared for the Department of Homeland Security. Partial submission completed in September, 2022.  **Funded: $550,000.00**

**2021** “Racial Disparities in Southwest Ohio” Prepared for Beech Acres Parenting Center. Submitted December, 2021. **Funded: $28,620.00**

**2020** “Cities for CEDAW Gender Audit Report”. Prepared for the City of City Cincinnati & the Cincinnati Gender Equality Task Force. Submitted June, 2020. **Funded: $40,000.00**

“The State of Equity in Cincinnati and Hamilton County”. Prepared on behalf of Praxis Matters for All in Cincinnati. Submitted April, 2020. **Funded: $10,000**

# Publications In Popular Media

**2020** “Yes, Americans will give up civil liberties to fight the coronavirus” (with Rebecca Sanders). *The Washington Post*. September 28, 2020. [Link](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/09/28/new-survey-yes-americans-will-give-up-liberties-fight-coronavirus/).

**2017** “Does military equipment lead police officers to become more violent? We did the research” (with Ryan Welch). *The Washington Post*. June, 2017. [Link](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/06/30/does-military-equipment-lead-police-officers-to-be-more-violent-we-did-the-research/).

# External Research Grants

**2021 Funding Source**:National Science Foundation

**Title**:Public Health and Civil Rights Trade-Offs During the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Award Amount**: $199,251.00

**Role**: Co-PI

**Status**: Closed

**2018 Funding Source**:National Security Agency

**Title**: The Dynamics of Cyber Operations: An Experimental Model

**Award Amount**: $156,659.89

**Role**: Co-PI

**Status**: Closed

**2017 Funding Source**: Collaborative Funding Effort (City of Cincinnati, Taft Research Center, University of Cincinnati, The Women’s Fund, among others)

**Title**: The Cincinnati Gender Audit

**Award Amount**: ~$40,000

**Role**: Lead Researcher

**Status**: Closed

# Invited Talks and Workshop participation

**2025 Institution:** Harvard University

**Date:** January, 2025

**Workshop:** One Health Policy, Education, and Science Grant Workshop

**Institution:** NCState University: School of Public and International Affairs

**Date**: January, 2025

**Title:** “Leveraging Community Engaged Research Approaches to Reveal Inclusive Governance Processes

**2022 Institution**: Ohio State University: School of Environment & Natural Resources

**Date**: November 4, 2022

**Title**: “Assessing the Impact of Diversity on Collaborative Venue Success”

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**2021 Institution**: Indiana University: School of Public and Environmental Affairs

**Date**: January 25, 2021

**Title**: “Assessing the Determinants and Impacts of Police Militarization”

**Institution**: Florida State University: Department of Political Science

**Date**: January 25, 2021

**Title**: “Assessing the Determinants and Impacts of Police Militarization”

**2020 Institution**: University of Connecticut: Department of Public Policy

**Date**: June 26, 2020

**Title**: “Beyond Thoughts and Prayers: Strategies to Eradicate Anti-Black Police Violence”

**2019 Institution**: Florida State University: Department of Political Science

**Date**: March 10, 2019

**Title**: “The Spread of Conflict in Polycentric Governance Systems”

**2018 Institution**: Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology

**Date**: September 17, 2018

**Title**: “Conflict-Carryover in Complex Governance Systems”

**Institution**: Florida State University: Askew School of Public Administration and Policy

**Date**: August 27, 2018

**Title**: “The Cincinnati Gender Audit… and the Projects that Emerged from It.”

**2017 Institution**: Future University in Egypt

**Date**: October 10, 2017

**Title**: “Participation and Political Influence within Complex Water Governance Systems”

**2016 Institution**: Department of Geography: University of Cincinnati

**Date**: September 23, 2016

**Title**: “Political Networks and Actor Satisfaction in Complex Governance Systems”

**2015 Institution**: University of California, Davis: Department of Environmental Science and Policy

**Date**: September 11, 2015

**Title**: “System Level Networks and Forum Level Influence”

# Symposiums Developed & Hosted

**2023 Title**: Methodological Diversity in Public Policy Research

**Date**: May 8-9, 2023

**Location**: Charles Phelps Taft Research Center at the University of Cincinnati

**Key-Speakers**: Saba Siddiki (Syracuse University); Michael Jones (University of Tennessee, Knoxville); James E. Wright II (Florida State University)

**2019 Title**: Leveraging Newly Available Data to Inform Contemporary Policing Debates

**Date**: November 15, 2019

**Location**: Charles Phelps Taft Research Center at the University of Cincinnati

**Key-Speakers**: Ryan Welch (University of Tampa); James E. Wright II (Florida State University)

**2017 Title**: Methodological Pluralism in Social Science Workshop

**Date**: May 14-15, 2017

**Location**: Charles Phelps Taft Research Center at the University of Cincinnati

**Key-Speakers**: Ryan Bakker (University of Georgia); Mary Hawkseworth (Rutgers)

# Teaching & Graduate Advising

**The University of Cincinnati**

MPA and MPP Level Courses

* Research Design and Data Acquisition (2024, 2025)
* Data Driven Decision Making (2025)

Undergraduate Level Courses

* Solving Public Problems (2025)

**The University of Cincinnati**

PhD and MPA Level Courses

* Graduate Colloquium (2023)
* Quantitative Research Methods (2016, 2022, 2023)
* Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (2017, 2019, 2020)
* Policy Implementation and Evaluation: Theory and Methodology (2017)
* Directed Independent Study: Machine Learning (2019ab)
* Directed Independent Study: Policy Processes (2017, 2021)
* Directed Independent Study: Publishing Practices (2018)
* Directed Independent Study: Applied GIS Research (2021)
* Directed Independent Study: Spatial Analysis (2018)
* Directed Independent Study: Multilevel Models (2021)

Undergraduate Level Courses

* Quantitative Research and Data Analysis (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
* Environmental Studies 2 (2018, 2019, 2020)
* Environmental Politics (2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
* Environmental Justice (2020, 2021, 2023)

Graduate Advising

* Danielle McLaughlin, PhD Candidate (Dissertation Chair)
  + Defendant and Graduated: Summer 2021
* Jelena Vicic, PhD Candidate (Dissertation Committee Member)
  + Defended and Graduated: Fall 2021
* Laura Wulker, MA Student (Thesis Chair)
  + Defended and Graduated in Spring 2020

**Florida State University**

Undergraduate Level Courses

* Introduction to Public Policy (2015, 2016, 2016)
* Environmental Policy (2014)

# Service at the School, College & University Level

**The University of Cincinnati**

School Level

* Center for Transportation and Energy Policy Member: Fall 2024+
* Graduate Committee Member: Fall 2024+
* Tenure and Promotion Committee Member: Fall 2024+
* Building Development Committee Member: Fall 2024+

College Level

**The University of Cincinnati**

Department Level

* Political Science Advisory C1ommittee Member: Fall 2020-current
* Graduate Placement Director: Spring 2020-current
* Undergraduate Advisor: Fall 2016-current
* Methods Subfield Committee Member: Fall 2016-current
* MPA Subcommittee Member: Fall 2018-current
* Graduate Committee Member: Fall 2017-curent
* Undergraduate Committee Member: AY 2016-17
* MPA Director Search Committee Member: Fall 2017, Fall 2018
* MPA Faculty Search Committee Member: Fall 2022
* Co-Creator/Participant in PhD/MPA Methods Bootcamp: 2019-current

College Level

* UC Center for Field Research Steering Committee (Role=Chair): Fall 2021-current
* Environmental Studies Committee to Achieve Department Status: AY 2020-21
* Environmental Studies Advisory Committee Member: Fall 2019-current
* Environmental Justice & Advocacy Task Force Member: Spring 2019-current
* Subcommittee on Program Development Member: Spring 2019-current

University Level

* Data Analysis Preferred-RFP Team Member: AY 2016-2017
* UC Undergraduate Scholarly Showcase Judge: Spring 2018, 2019, 2020
* Faculty Sponsor for Sustainable Oceans Alliance: AY 2017-2018

# Conference Participation (2015-2023)

**2023** Conference on Policy Process Research (Denver, CO)

American Political Science Association (Los Angeles, CA)

**2022** American Political Science Association Conference (Montreal, CAN)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL)

State Politics and Policy Conference (Tallahassee, FL)

**2021** Methods of the Policy Process Workshop (online)

Southern Political Science Association Conference (online)

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (online)

**2020** North American Meeting of the Peace Science Society (online)

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Conference (online)

European Consortium for Political Research Conference (online)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL)

* Cancelled due to COVID-19

**2019** Local Governance and Sustainability Conference at SPSA (Austin, TX)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL)

Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop 6 (Bloomington, IN)

CyCon US (Washington, DC)

Georgia Area Human Rights Network Conference (Atlanta, Georgia)

**2018** European Social Network Conference (Zurich, CH)

Local Governance and Sustainability Conference at SPSA (New Orleans, LA)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL)

**2017** International Association for the Study of the Commons Conference (Utrecht, NL)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL)

Local Governance and Sustainability Conference at SPSA (New Orleans, LA)

**2016** Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL)

Local Governance and Sustainability Conference at SPSA (New Orleans, LA)

**2015** American Political Science Association Conference (San Francisco, CA)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL)

# Internal Grants, Travel Grants, Awards & Honors

**2023** Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Lecture Grant ($9.500)

Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Research Support Grant ($1497.00)

**2022** Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Summer Research Fellowship ($6000)

**2019** Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Research Support Grant ($1337.00)

Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Domestic Travel Grant

**2018** Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Lecture Grant ($7616.00)

Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Domestic Travel Grant

**2017** Charles Phelps Taft Research Center International Travel Grant

Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Domestic Travel Grant

**2014** George W Pruet, Jr. Award for Best Graduate Paper

National Science Foundation/Polnet International Travel Grant

**2012** Center for the Study of Democratic Performance Research Grant ($900)

# Professional Membership & Service

**Membership**: Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, International Association for the Study of the Commons , The American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association,

**Reviewer for:** *National Science Foundation, Public Administration Review, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Policy Studies Journal, Public Management Review, Global Environmental Policy, Political Research Quarterly, Society and Natural Resources, Publius, Policy Sciences, Vaccine, Communication, Journal of Public Policy, Frontiers in Sustainability, Sustainability*, *Planning Theory, State and Local Government Review*

# Statistical Software

**Proficient in:** Stata, R, UCINET, Gephi

**Familiar with:** ArcGIS, Pajek, Pnet, Sienna, Python