

## Call for Papers

### *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration Symposium*

# Experimental and Behavioral Approaches in Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Research

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The *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration* (JBPA) symposium on the nonprofit and voluntary sector invites manuscripts using experiments and/or behavioral theory to address important questions and inform theories with evidence in the nonprofit and voluntary sector. Studies using experimental methods, including laboratory, field or survey experiments are especially relevant to this issue.

Nonprofit organizations cover a wide range of activities and vary greatly in size. However, due to unobserved factors that are not easily controlled in non-experimental research, many studies in the nonprofit and voluntary sector research field have produced ambiguous results with respect to the direction of the causal relationship.

A number of often discussed issues in the nonprofit sector can be answered through experimental studies. Examples include nonprofits' rationales to create rainy day funds, why nonprofits enter into a partnership with corporations and why not, what makes nonprofit managers to allocate more or less budget on administrative functions, and whether donors are indeed discouraged by seeing large amount of overhead costs, among many other topics. Against this background, we cordially invite you to submit proposals that broadly fit the symposium theme, including behavioral and/or experimental manuscripts with theoretical or empirical contributions to the following topics:

- Human Resources Management
- Financial Management
- Board Governance
- Charitable Giving
- Volunteer Behavior or Management
- Voluntary action

- Advocacy and Lobbying
- Collaboration
- Community Engagement
- Collective Action
- Nonprofit Marketing & Communications

Symposium guest editors will be responsible for selecting potential manuscripts for the symposium based upon abstract submissions. Full manuscripts for selected papers will then be submitted to the guest editors. Next, selected papers will undergo double-blind peer-review at JBPA. To be considered for this symposium issue of JBPA, please submit an abstract of up to 500 words to Mirae Kim at [mkim141@gsu.edu](mailto:mkim141@gsu.edu), no later than November 1, 2018. An invitation to submit an abstract is not a guarantee of publication.

### **Timeline:**

November 1, 2018 Abstract submission deadline

December 1, 2018 Authors notified of invitation to submit a full manuscript

March 15, 2019 Full manuscripts due

Please note that final manuscripts will be submitted by the guest co-editors to JBPA for double-blind peer review with final decisions regarding publication being made by JBPA editors. The submitted papers will need conform to JBPA's guidelines for paper submissions: <http://www.journal-bpa.org/index.php/jbpa/about/submissions>.

### **About JBPA:**

*Journal of Behavioral Public Administration* ([www.journal-bpa.org](http://www.journal-bpa.org)) is a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary open access journal that focuses on behavioral and experimental research in public administration, broadly defined. The journal welcomes behavioral and experimental work that advances theory, applied research about nudge tactics or other practical reforms, replications of previous experimental work, and studies with null findings (provided they are well designed and sufficiently powered). Given its multidisciplinary orientation, *JBPA* welcomes articles from across the behavioral sciences, including economics, public policy, political science, psychology, sociology, law, communication, and even biology - provided they have relevance for public administration theory or practice.

*JBPA* encourages submissions of both basic scholarly and applied work conducted by academics or practitioners. Likewise, *JBPA's* readership includes not only behavioral scientists with an interest in public administration but also policy-makers and practitioners in the public and nonprofit sectors. Submission types include research articles, research letters, perspectives and practices, and research syntheses.

**Research articles** are up to 4,000 words, excluding appendices.

**Research letters** are up to 2,000 words in length, excluding appendices. They include applied trials (e.g., nudge tactics by government agencies), replications, or other empirical studies that can be presented in a more concise format.

**Perspectives and practices** are submissions that focus on theoretical perspectives on behavioral public administration, or that discuss practical issues involved in applying behavioral science in government or nonprofit settings. These submission are up to *4,000 words* in length.

**Research syntheses** are up to *8,000 words* and include meta-analyses or systematic reviews that seek to integrate and learn form a body of previous empirical work related to behavioral public administration.