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EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D., School of Public Affairs and Administration, University of Kansas
Dissertation Title: "Accountability Remade: The Diffusion and Reinvention of Offices of Inspector General"
Dissertation Chair: Chuck Epp
- 1996 J.D., School of Law, University of Kansas
- 1991 B.A., American Studies, Brandeis University

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2020- present Assistant Professor (tenure track), School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
- 2017- present Adjunct doctoral faculty, The Graduate School, City University of New York
- 2014- 2020 Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of Public Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
- 2017- 2020 Faculty member for the Masters in Emergency Management, Department of Security, Fire, and Emergency Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
- 2003-2004 Northwestern Polytechnical University, English Department, Xi'an, People's Republic of China

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Forthcoming Binns, Chelsea A., & Kempf, Robin J. *Safety and Security in Hotels and Home Shares*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing.

2020 Kempf, Robin J. *The Power of Accountability: Inspectors General at the State and Local Levels*. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas.

Refereed Journal Articles

Forthcoming Kempf, Robin J., Sampath, Vijay S., Lu, E. Y., & Shapiro, D. An empirical assessment of the impact of state and local offices of inspector general on corruption control. *Public Integrity*.

2018 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.

2018 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.

2017 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.

2015 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.

2013 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.

Encyclopedia Entries

2018 Feldman, Dan, Eichenenthal, David, and Kempf, Robin. J. (2018). Offices of Inspector General in the United States. *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*. Edited by Farazmand, Ali. New York, NY: Springer.

Book Reviews

- 2017 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>.
- 2016 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.

Manuscripts in Submission

- 2019 Kempf, Robin J., & Chelsea Binns. Background Checks: The Theories Behind the Process. (Received a revise and resubmit from *Security Journal*. Palgrave MacMillan).
- 2020 Kempf, Robin J., Elias, Nicole, & Rubin-DeSimone, A. Transgender and gender non-binary healthcare coverage in state Medicaid programs: Recommendations for more equitable approaches. (Under review at Journal of Health and Human Services Administration, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Section on Health and Human Services Administration (SHHSA).)

Other Publications

- 2020 Feldman, D., & Kempf, R. (2020, May 19). Opinion: Why inspectors general matter so much, and what makes Trump's attack on them such a threat. *New York Daily News*. <https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-why-inspectors-general-matter-so-much-20200519-stwjkitnzbzpm7dbwjt5lxhzq-story.html>.
- 2020 Kempf, Robin J., Jonas, A., Plasencia, K., Silberberg, P. G., & Vayner, I. (2020, May 4). Opinion: Inspectors general should have a seat at the table in the implementation of the CARES Act. Washington DC: *Oversight Project*. <https://oversightproject.org/2020/05/04/opinion-inspectors-general-should-have-a-seat-at-the-table-in-the-implementation-of-the-cares-act/>.
- 2017 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>.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2015 Dissertation Honors, School of Public Affairs and Administration, University of Kansas

- 2013 Comprehensive Exams Honors, School of Public Affairs and Administration, University of Kansas
- 2004 “Most Devoted Foreign Teacher,” English Department, Northwestern Polytechnical University
- 1993 Kahrs, Nelson, Fanning, Hite, & Kellogg Honors Scholar, School of Law, University of Kansas
- 1991 Dorothy Haas Siegel Music Award Recipient, Brandeis University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016-2017 Cycle 47 Professional Staff Congress of the City University of New York (PSC-CUNY) Research Award, “Managing Jurisdictional Issues of Accountability Organizations” (\$6,000)
- 2015-2016 Cycle 46 Professional Staff Congress of the City University of New York (PSC-CUNY) Research Award, “Organizational Structure and Bureaucratic Independence: Offices of Inspectors General and Political Influence” (\$1,647.60)
- 2013-2014 Fellow for Doctoral Research, Institute for Policy & Social Research, University of Kansas
- 2010-2014 Graduate Fellow, Office of Graduate Studies and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Kansas

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 With Rubin-DeSimone, A., and Elias, N. (May 2020). Spring Virtual Conference, *American Society for Public Administration*.
- 2019 With Binns, C. “New Research and Trends in Background Checks.” (September 2019). Annual Training Conference, *Association of Inspectors General*, West Palm Beach, Florida.
- 2016 “The Diffusion and Reinvention of Offices of Inspector General.” (September 2016). *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.
- 2015 With Cabrera, Jessica C. “The Independence of Offices of Inspectors General in Political Environments.” (October 2015). Annual Training Conference, *The Association of Inspectors General*, Detroit, Michigan.

- 2015 “Tips and Tricks for the Academic Job Search.” (January 2015). *University of Kansas, Institute for Policy & Social Research, Research Fellowship Program*
- 2014 “Variations among State and Local Offices of Inspectors General.” (October 2014). Annual Training Conference, *Association of Inspectors General*, Newark, New Jersey.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Panels Organized

- 2019 “Government Accountability: From Theory to Practice.” (November 2019). 2019 Conference, *Northeast Conference on Public Administration*, Brooklyn, New York.

Papers presented

- 2019 “The Effectiveness of Offices of Inspector General.” (November 2019). 2019 Conference, *Northeast Conference on Public Administration*, Brooklyn, New York.
- 2019 With O’Leary, Rosemary; Getha-Taylor, Heather; and Grayer, Misty. “What the Collaborative Governance Research Agenda on Trust Can Learn from the Literatures of Law, Conflict Resolution, and Psychology.” 2019 Conference, *International Research Society for Public Management*, Wellington, New Zealand. (April 2019).
- 2019 “Assessing Offices of Inspector General.” 2019 Annual Conference, *American Society for Public Administration*, Washington, DC. (March 2019).
- 2018 “Using Literature in Public Administration Classes.” 2018 Conference, *Northeast Conference on Public Administration*, Baltimore, Maryland. (November 2018).
- 2018 “The Public Value of Traditional Accountability Efforts.” 2018 Conference, *International Research Society for Public Management*, Edinburgh, Scotland. (April 2018).
- 2018 With Lu, Elaine Yi; Shapiro, David; and Sampath, Vijay. “Subnational Offices of Inspectors General and Anti-Corruption: A Panel Study of the Impact of OIGs on Public Corruption in the US.” *American Society for Public Administration*, Denver, Colorado. (March 2018).
- 2017 “The Public Value of Pluralism in the Context of Accountability.” Annual Meeting, *American Political Science Association*, San Francisco, California. (September 2017).
- 2017 With O’Leary, Rosemary; Getha-Taylor, Heather; and Grayer, Misty. “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. (March 2017).

- 2016 With Graycar, Adam. "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. (June 2016).
- 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. (June 2016).
- 2016 With Cabrera, Jessica. "Political Pressures on OIG Independence." *American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference*, Seattle, WA. (March 2016).
- 2015 With Cohen, Steve. "Managing Overlapping Jurisdictions of Government Accountability Organizations." *The Northeast Council of Public Administration Conference*, Arlington, VA. (October 2015).
- 2015 "Designing Accountability: The Institutionalization of Offices of Inspectors General." Annual meeting, *Law & Society Association*, Seattle, Washington. (May 2015).
- 2014 "Examining the Diffusion of State and Local Offices of Inspector General." *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois. (April 2014).
- 2012 With Romzek, Barbara; LeRoux, Kelly M.; Johnson, Jocelyn; and Piatak, Jaclyn S. "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. (November 2012).
- 2012 With Romzek, Barbara; LeRoux, Kelly M.; Johnson, Jocelyn; and Piatak, Jaclyn S. "Hierarchical Differences within Service Delivery Networks: The Role of Street-Level Workers in Shaping Informal Accountability." *American Political Science Association*, New Orleans, Louisiana. (August 2012).
- 2012 With Romzek, Barbara; LeRoux, Kelly M.; Johnson, Jocelyn; and Piatak, Jaclyn S. "Hierarchical Differences within Service Delivery Networks: The Role of Street-Level Workers in Shaping Informal Accountability." *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois. (April 2012).
- 2012 "Organizational Structure and Bureaucratic Independence: Offices of Inspectors General and Political Influence." *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois. (April 2012).
- 2011 With Johnston, Jocelyn; LeRoux, Kelly M.; Romzek, Barbara; Blackmar, Jeannette; and Jaclyn Schede. "Beyond Structure: Informal Accountability in Networks," *National*

Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration Conference. Kansas City, Missouri. (October 2011)

- 2011 With Johnston, Jocelyn; LeRoux, Kelly M.; Romzek, Barbara; Blackmar, Jeannette; and Jaclyn Schede. "Beyond Structure: Informal Accountability in Networks." *American Political Science Association*, Seattle, Washington. (September 2011).
- 2011 With Johnston, Jocelyn; LeRoux, Kelly M.; Romzek, Barbara; Blackmar, Jeannette; and Jaclyn Schede. "Informal Accountability Dynamics within Service Delivery Networks." *Public Management Research Conference*, Syracuse, New York. (June 2011).
- 2011 With Johnston, Jocelyn; LeRoux, Kelly M.; Romzek, Barbara; Blackmar, Jeannette; and Jaclyn Schede. "Beyond Structure: Informal Accountability in Networks." *International Research Symposium on Public Management*, Dublin, Ireland. (April 2011)
- 2011 With Johnston, Jocelyn; LeRoux, Kelly M.; Romzek, Barbara; Blackmar, Jeannette; and Jaclyn Schede. "Beyond Structure: Informal Accountability between Networks." *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois. (April 2011)
- 2011 With Johnston, Jocelyn; LeRoux, Kelly M.; Romzek, Barbara; Blackmar, Jeannette; and Jaclyn Schede. "Beyond Structure: Informal Accountability in Networks." *American Society for Public Administration Conference*, Baltimore, Maryland. (March 2011)

Discussant

- 2018 Masters of Public Administration Student Panel. Northeast Conference of Public Administration Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland. (November 2018).
- 2017 Masters of Public Administration Student Panel. Northeast Conference of Public Administration Annual Conference, Burlington, Vermont. (November 2017).
- 2017 Panel on Organizational Accountability. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California. (July 2017).

CAMPUS OR DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2015 "Political Control and Independence: Offices of Inspector General." Research Brown Bag Lunch, Department of Public Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York. (January 2015).
- 2014 "Accountability Remade: The Diffusion and Reinvention of Offices of Inspectors General." University of Kansas, Institute for Policy & Social Research, Research Fellowship Program, Lawrence, Kansas. (May 2014).

2010 “Political Influences on Federal Offices of Inspector General.” Doctoral Research Symposium, Department of Public Administration, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. (December 2010).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Masters Courses Taught

Independent Study: Fall 2020

Organizational Management & Behavior: Fall 2020

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

Masters Courses Taught

Ethics, Integrity, and Accountability: Fall 2015 (two sections, one on-line); Spring 2015; Fall 2014.

Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Corruption: Spring 2019; Spring 2018 (on-line); Spring 2017 (on-line); Fall 2015; Fall 2014.

Health Care Fraud, Waste, and Abuse: Fall 2019; Fall 2018 (two sections, one on-line); Fall 2017 (on-line); Fall 2016 (on-line).

Independent Study: Fall 2019; Fall 2018 (two sections); Fall 2017; Fall 2015.

Organizational Theory: Fall 2019; Spring 2019; Spring 2018 (two sections, one on-line); Fall 2016 (two sections, one on-line); Spring 2016 (on-line); Spring 2015 (two sections).

Other Teaching Activities

Mentor to Segun Olaniyi, Graduate Fellow for John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Office of Student Research and Creativity. Fall 2018 to Spring 2019. Topic: Evaluating New York State’s Approach to Addressing Fraud in Home Health Care.

Co-Chair of Jessica C. Cabrera’s dissertation committee, City University of New York Graduate Center. Spring 2015 to present. Topic: Complaint Handling in Offices of Inspector General.

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

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Hard Choices in Public Policy: Fall 2013; Spring 2014.

Graduate Courses Taught

Ethics in Public Administration: Spring 2013.

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

Undergraduate Courses Taught

American and British Culture: Fall 2003 (2 sections), Spring 2004 (2 sections).

Audio-Visual English: Fall 2003.

Comparative Public Policy: Fall 2003.

Public International Law: Fall 2003.

Research and Writing: Spring 2004.

GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2013 | Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Rosemary O'Leary, School of Public Affairs and Administration, University of Kansas. |
| 2010-2012 | Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Barbara S. Romzek, School of Public Affairs and Administration, University of Kansas. |
| 1995-1996 | Research Assistant to Dr. Robert L. Glicksman, School of Law, University of Kansas. |

SERVICE

To the profession

Associate Member, Editorial Review Board, *Public Integrity*.

Manuscript review for:

Public Administration Review

Public Integrity

Review of Public Personnel Administration

Open Journal for Social Sciences

To John Jay College of Criminal Justice

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

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 Department of Public Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Member, Grade Appeals Committee, Fall 2018 to Spring 2020.

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.

Other service

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

SPECIAL TRAINING

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

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

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

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 Sholom, 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 Nonprofit Association, the Missouri Nonprofit Association, and the Nebraska Nonprofit Association.
- 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 fundraising dinner.

AFFILIATIONS

Professional Associations

Section of Women in Public Administration, 2019 to present

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