

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND/TRAINING**

University of North Texas, Denton, TX August 2016  
**Ph.D. in Public Administration**  
*Dissertation Title: “An Analysis of the Economic and Institutional Factors Affecting Recovery by State and Local Governments from Hurricanes.”*

Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX May 2012  
**Master in Interdisciplinary Studies**  
Concentrations: Education, Philosophy and Public Administration

Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA May 2008  
**Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science**

### **RELEVANT TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor**  
*Department of Public Leadership at UNT Dallas, Dallas, TX*  
2019-Present

**Adjunct Professor**  
*Department of Public Leadership at UNT Dallas, Dallas, TX*  
2019

**Instructor/Research Fellow**  
2013 – 2016

#### **Course Taught**

1. Instructor, PLDR 5400 “Managerial Financial Resources.” University of North Texas, Dallas: Spring 2019; Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022; Spring 2023; Fall 2024
2. Instructor, PLDR 5370 “Strategic Planning for Nonprofit and Public Organizations.” University of North Texas, Dallas: Spring 2019; Fall 2019; Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022; Spring 2023; Fall 2024
3. Instructor, PADM 5550 “Performance Measures.” University of North Texas, Dallas: Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022; Spring 2023; Spring 2024

4. Instructor, PLDR 5300 "Data Analytics and Research Methods." University of North Texas, Dallas: Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022
5. Instructor, PLDR 5550 "Program Evaluation." University of North Texas, Dallas: Fall 2019 , Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022; Fall 2024
6. Instructor, PLDR 5354 "Public Private Partnerships" University of North Texas, Dallas: Summer 2020; Summer 2023; Summer 2024
7. Instructor, PLDR 5030 "Manage Human Resources" University of North Texas, Dallas: Spring 2024
8. Instructor, PLDR 5355 "Administrative State" University of North Texas, Dallas: Summer 2021; Summer 2022; Summer 2024
9. Instructor, PLDR 5020 "Managing Public Organizations" University of North Texas, Dallas: Summer 2023;
10. Instructor, PADM "Intergovernmental Relations." University of North Texas, Dallas: Fall 2019
11. Instructor (TF), PADM 4130 "American Intergovernmental Relations." University of North Texas, Denton: Spring **2015**.
12. Instructor (TF), PADM 4450 "Public Policy Analysis." University of North Texas, Denton: Fall **2014**.
13. Instructor (TF), PADM 3410 "Financial Aspects of Government." University of North Texas, Denton: Fall **2013**; Spring **2014**.
14. English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher, Cheongju, South Korea: Fall **2009**; Spring **2010**.

#### **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH/CREATIVE ENDEAVORS**

##### *Publications*

1. **Lightbourne, J.E.**, Sillah, A., Nukpezah, J. (2023). "Gentrification and Nonprofit Activities for Neighborhood Development in Baltimore, Maryland and Houston, Texas". *Journal of Public Management and Social Policy*.
2. Bland, R., **Lightbourne, J.E.**, & Andrew, S.A. (2016). Financial resiliency: Can local governments financially prepare for natural disasters. Chapter 9 in The future of disaster management in the U.S. edited by Amy LePore, 195-208. Washington, D.C.: American Society for Public Administration.
3. Andrew, S.A., **Short, J.E.**, Jung, K., & Arlikatti, S. (2015). Intergovernmental cooperation in the provision of public safety: Monitoring mechanisms embedded in interlocal agreements." *Public Administration Review* 75, 401-410.

##### *Working Papers*

1. **Lightbourne. J.E.**, Jung, K., & Andrew, S.A. "Gaining Sight of Blight: A Spatial Analysis Identifying the Cause of Urban Blight."
2. **Lightbourne. J.E.**, Henry, D., & Sillah, A. "The Role of Nonprofit Organizations in the Affordable Housing Crisis."

3. **Lightbourne, J.E.** & Robledo, H. "Saving Our Youth: An Analysis Addressing Homelessness in School Districts."
4. **Lightbourne, J.E.** & Villegas, C.A. "An Overview of Financial Resource Allocation during a Natural Disaster."
5. **Lightbourne, J.E.** "Reducing the Overlap: Governance Strategies for Financing Public Health."

### *Reports*

1. Habte, B., Hathaway, A., & **Lightbourne, J.E.** (September 2018). "Reserve Practices in Southern States." *Georgia State University's Center for State and Local Finance*, Atlanta, GA.
2. Hathaway, A., & **Lightbourne, J.E.** (September 2018). "Budget Maneuvers in Southern States." *Georgia State University's Center for State and Local Finance*, Atlanta, GA.
3. Shelton, K., Fulton, W., Villegas, C., Krause, M., Zhang, M., Tischler Bise Consultants, & **Lightbourne, J.E.** (September 2018). "Collaborations and Overlapping Services in Harris County Law Enforcement." *Kinder Institute for Urban Research*, Houston, TX.
4. Villegas, C., Wowk, K., Shelton, K., & **Lightbourne, J.E.** (July 2018). "Rethinking Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Funding in the Wake of Hurricane Harvey." *Kinder Institute for Urban Research*, Houston, TX.
5. Villegas, C., Wowk, K., Shelton, K., Patterson, G., & **Lightbourne, J.E.** (November 2017). "Funding Primer: Harvey Relief and Recovery." *Kinder Institute for Urban Research*, Houston, TX.
6. Wu, J., Zhang, M., Villegas, C., Love, S., Patterson, G., **Lightbourne, J.E.**, Shelton, K., Wowk, K. "Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund Needs Assessment Phase 1." *Kinder Institute for Urban Research*, Houston, TX.
7. **Lightbourne, J.E.** (April 2017). "Consolidation or Collaboration? Common Solutions to Reduce Overlapping Services in Local Government." *Kinder Institute for Urban Research*, Houston, TX.
8. Kinder Staff, Center for Retirement Research-Boston University, & **Short, J.E.** (August 2016). "The Houston Pension Question: How the City's Pension Liability Grew and the Options for Reform." *Kinder Institute for Urban Research*, Houston, TX.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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1. **Lightbourne, J.E.**, Frison, L., LaSha' Fincher. An Exploration of the Impact of Affordable Housing on Maternal Health. Urban Affairs Association Conference. New York City, NY April 24-27.
2. **Lightbourne, J.E.** Could Affordable Housing be the Issue? An Explanation of the Growing Homeless Youth Population. Urban Affairs Association Conference. Nashville, TN April 26-29, 2023.
3. **Lightbourne, J.E.**, & Hector, R. "Saving Our Youth: An Analysis Addressing Homelessness in School Districts." Urban Affairs Association Conference. Washington, D.C. April 12-14, 2022.
4. **Lightbourne, J.E.**, & Schaller, D. "Stressed Out: Measuring the Impact of Food Insecurity on Housing Stability." Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMP). March 2-5, 2022.
5. **Lightbourne, J.E.** "TIF-for LIHTC: An Economic Analysis of Fiscal Tools to Develop Local Governments." Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. October 1-3, 2021.
6. **Lightbourne, J.E.**, & Moore, N.J. "Saving Our Youth: An Analysis Addressing Homelessness in School Districts." Urban Affairs Association Conference. Washington, D.C. April 2-4, 2020.

7. Moore, N.J., & **Lightbourne, J.E.** "*A Reflection Analysis of Homeless Women in Dallas*", 50<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of the Urban Affairs Association (UAA), Washington, D.C. April 2-4, 2020.
8. Moore, N.J., & **Lightbourne, J.E.** "A Blind Eye to Black Women: A Quantitative Analysis of Homelessness among African American Women." UNM McNair Scholars Research Conference, Albuquerque, NM October 3-5, 2019.
9. **Lightbourne, J.E.**, Sillah, A., Valero, J. "Gentrification: Improving Communities Instead of Erasing Them." Urban Affairs Association Conference. Toronto, Canada. April 3-7, 2018.
10. **Lightbourne, J.E.**, Hathaway, A., Hildreth, B., Franklin, E., Habte, B. "An Evaluation of Transparency Practices across States." Western Social Science Association Conference. San Antonio, TX. April 4-7, 2018.
11. **Lightbourne, J.E.** "Funding Public Finance and Budgeting Research: Sources and Strategies for Obtaining Grants." Association of Budgeting and Finance Management (ABFM). Washington, D.C. September 28-October 1, 2017.
12. **Short, J.E.** "An Analysis of the Economic and Institutional Factors Affecting Recovery by State and Local Governments from Hurricanes." Urban Affairs Association Conference. San Diego, CA. March 16-19, 2016.

#### **GRANTS RECEIVED**

Center for Socio-Economic Mobility, *Assessing the Role of Collaborative Networks in Mitigating Food Insecurity and Enhancing Housing Stability in the Southern Sector*, \$15,000

#### **GRANTS SUBMITTED- NOT FUNDED**

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Hispanic Serving Institutions *Research Centers of Excellence Funding Opportunity* in the amount of \$3,644,418.
- Department of Code and Compliance (COD) of the City of Dallas *Urban Blight* sponsored project related proposal amounting to \$49,500 as the Principal Investigator.
- Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity *Homeowners and Related Services* research proposal of \$186,721 as the Principal Investigator
- Center for Socio-Economic Mobility, *Impact of Affordable Housing on Maternal Mortality Rates* as the Principal Investigator, \$15,000

#### **GRADUATE RESEARCH SUPERVISED**

##### **2019-2020**

- *A Reflection Analysis of Homeless Women in Dallas* by Neema Moore
- *A Blind Eye to Black Women: A Quantitative Analysis of Homelessness among African American Women* by Neema Moore

##### **2020 – 2021**

- Dallas County Promise: The Motivations and Barriers to Enrolling in Dallas College by Eduardo Perez, Diana Flores, Jazmin Rose, and Genoveva Lobos Gomez

## **2021-2022**

- Saving Our Youth: An Analysis Addressing Homelessness in School Districts by Hector Robledo
- Stressed Out: Measuring the Impact of Food Insecurity on Housing Stability by David Schaller

## **2023 – 2024**

- The Racial Wealth Gap: Impacts of Education, Employment, and Home Ownership by Cleophaeus Barefield, Brittany Sanders, and Marcus Turner, Jr.

## **SERVICE SEGMENT**

### **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

## **2019-2020**

Urban SERCH Institute, Faculty Affiliate

Faculty Alliance, Member

Faculty Alliance Library Committee, Co-Chair

## **2020-2021**

Urban SERCH Institute, Faculty Affiliate

Faculty Senate, Member

Faculty Alliance Library Committee, Member

## **2021-2022**

Urban SERCH Institute, Faculty Affiliate

Faculty Senate, Member

University Curriculum Committee

LAS Curriculum Review Committee

Faculty Alliance Library Committee, Chair

## **2022-2023**

Urban SERCH Institute, Fellow Urban SERCH Institute, Faculty Affiliate

Faculty Senate, Member

LAS Curriculum Review Committee

## **2023-2024**

Urban SERCH Institute, Faculty Affiliate

Faculty Senate, Member

LAS Curriculum Review Committee

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference

- Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Ad Hoc Committee on Fundraising, Milwaukee, WI: September 2020-Present.
- Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

Association of Budgeting and Financial Management

- Presented: **Lightbourne, J.E.** "TIF-for LIHTC: An Economic Analysis of Fiscal Tools to Develop Local Governments." Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. October 1-3, 2021.
- Chaired panel

Conference of Minority Public Administrators

- Served as the Co-Chair of the Best Paper Awards Committee in 2021, which culminated in selecting deserving papers for awards in 3 categories.

## **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

1. Member, Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CPC) Committee, Dallas, TX: July 2021-2022.
  - a Selected by staff member from the City of Dallas' Urban Design and Planning Department.
  - b Responsible for guiding the city's long-term development and land use policies. The committee's purpose is to ensure that land use decisions promote sustainable growth, economic development, and a high quality of life for all residents. By analyzing current land use trends, evaluating community needs, and considering future growth, the

committee helps shape policies that balance residential, commercial, and public spaces, while preserving environmental resources and enhancing the city's overall infrastructure.

2. Member, Chair, Joppy Momma's Farm, Dallas, TX: May 2021-Present.
  - a Purpose to eradicate food insecurity in federally declared food deserts by providing fresh, locally grown produce to underserved communities. The farm promotes sustainable agriculture, community engagement, and education on healthy eating practices, aiming to improve access to nutritious food for all residents.
  - b The role of the board chair at Joppy Momma's Farm involves leading the board in governance, strategic planning, and fundraising efforts. The Chair ensures that the farm's mission is effectively carried out, oversees the execution of key initiatives, and fosters collaboration among board members, staff, and community partners.
3. Director, City of Dallas Housing Finance Corporation, Dallas, TX: March 2020-Present.
  - a Appointed by District 3 Councilmember Casey Thomas
  - b Serves to facilitate the development and availability of affordable housing for low- to moderate-income residents. Its purpose is to provide financial support, including bonds and tax incentives, to developers and homeowners, ensuring that housing projects align with the city's goals of expanding affordable housing options and addressing housing disparities.
  - c The role of the Director of the Housing Finance Corporation involves overseeing the corporation's operations, managing financial resources, and ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements. Worked closely with developers, city officials, and community stakeholders to implement strategies that promote affordable housing development and address the city's housing needs.
4. Volunteer, Paul Quinn College's We Over Me Farm, Dallas, TX: September 2019-September 2021.
  - a Goal is to transform the local food landscape by providing fresh produce to the surrounding community, particularly in areas classified as food deserts. The farm also functions as an educational resource, promoting sustainability, healthy eating, and community empowerment. It embodies the university's commitment to social justice and economic revitalization by addressing food insecurity and supporting local food systems.
  - b As a volunteer, maintained farm operations, including planting, harvesting, and distributing produce.
  - c Helped establish a strategic plan and program evaluation to promote sustainable agriculture and raise awareness about the importance of healthy food access.

## LANGUAGES

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English (Native), Korean (Intermediate)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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My research interests explore the importance of interlocal collaboration in determining financial resiliency of local governments during emergency recovery. I am currently studying the association between urban blight and financial capacity of local governments. My research also examines different

types of interlocal agreements, specifically financial accountability clauses in local government contracting.

#### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Public finance, governmental budgeting, public management, governance, public policy, housing development, disaster preparation and mitigation, strategic planning