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### APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, 2018-present

### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Affairs, Indiana University, 2017  
Fields: Public Finance and Policy Analysis; minor in Statistical Science

M.A., Applied Economics, Johns Hopkins University, 2012

B.A. *summa cum laude*, Economics and History, University of Florida, 2009

### PUBLICATIONS

Singla, A., **Spreen, T. L.**, Shumberger, J. (2023). Decree or democracy? State takeovers and local government financial outcomes. *Public Administration Review*. Advance online publication.

**Spreen, T. L.** & Martínez Guzmán, J. P. (2022). Information sharing and state revenue forecasting performance. *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 42(4), 54-73.

Sun, Q. & **Spreen, T. L.** (2022). State regulation and hospital community benefit spending in Medicaid expansion states. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 47(4), 473-496.

Wang, Z., **Spreen, T. L.**, & Yang, L. K. (2022). A replication of “Trade shocks and the provision of local public goods” (American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 2017). *Public Finance Review*, 50(3), 336-376.

**Spreen, T. L.** & Gerrish, E. (2022). Taxes and tax-exempt bonds: A literature review. *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 36(4), 767-808

Homonoff, T., **Spreen, T. L.**, & St.Clair, T. (2020). Balance sheet insolvency and contribution revenue in public charities. *Journal of Public Economics*, 186.

**Spreen, T. L.**, Afonso, W. B., & Gerrish, E. (2020). Can employee training influence local fiscal outcomes? *American Review of Public Administration*, 50(4-5), 401-414.

**Spreen, T. L.**, House, L. A., & Gao, Z. (2020). The impact of varying financial incentives on data quality in web panel surveys. *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*, 8(5), 832-850.

**Spreen, T. L.** (2018). The effect of flat tax rates on taxable income: Evidence from the Illinois rate increase. *National Tax Journal*, 71(2), 231-262.

Gerrish, E. & **Spreen, T. L.** (2017). Does benchmarking encourage improvement or convergence? Evaluating North Carolina’s fiscal benchmarking tool. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 27(4), 596-614.

**Spreen, T. L.** & Cheek, C. M. (2016). Does monitoring local government fiscal conditions affect outcomes? Evidence from Michigan. *Public Finance Review*, 44(6), 722-745.

**Spreen, T. L.** (2013). Recent college graduates in the U.S. labor force: Data from the Current Population Survey. *Monthly Labor Review*, 136(2), 3-13.

## **UNDER REVIEW**

“A Model of Emergency Call Risk with Implications for Tasks Assigned to Police and Other Agencies” with Brooklyn Hitchens, Greg Midgette, Lauren Porter, and Peter Reuter. Revise and resubmit.

“Industrial Automation and Local Public Goods” with Ziyuan Wang and Lang (Kate) Yang. Submitted.

“Temporary Property Tax Relief and Residential Home Sales” with Colton Keddington. Resubmitted.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Flypaper Effects in State and Federal Research Spending” with Aichiro Suryo Prabowo.

“Income Taxation and Occupational Choice” with Brad Heim.

## **REPORTS AND REVIEWS**

**Spreen, T. L.**, Palmer, J. L., & Johnson, C. L. (2015). *The opportunities and challenges of benchmarking Indiana’s local governments*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University Public Policy Institute.

**Spreen, T. L.** (2011). A commentary on socioeconomic data. Review of *Interpreting Economic and Social Data: A Foundation of Descriptive Statistics*, by O. W. Winkler. *Monthly Labor Review*, 134(8), 36-37.

**Spreen, T. L.** (2010). Ranks of those unemployed for a year or longer up sharply. *Issues in Labor Statistics*, October 2010. Washington, DC: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, 2022

Lincoln Institute Scholar, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2021

Michael Curro Award, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, 2017

## **GRANTS**

Reuter, P. (PI), Hitchens, B. K., Midgette, G., Porter, L. C., & **Spreen, T. L.** (Co-PIs). “Improving Baltimore Policing and Police Community Relationships.” Abell Foundation (\$15,000), Arnold Ventures (\$369,832) and University of Maryland (\$15,000). October 2021-December 2022. Total awards: \$399,832.

**Spreen, T. L.** (PI). Race and Social Justice Research Seed Grant. University of Maryland School of Public Policy. June-August 2021, \$2,000.

**Spreen, T. L.** (PI) & Martínez Guzmán, J. P. (Co-PI). Teaching Innovation Grant. University of Maryland Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost. June-August 2020, \$12,000.

**Spreen, T. L.** (PI) & Martínez Guzmán, J. P. (Co-PI). Research and Scholarship Award. University of Maryland Graduate School. June-August 2019, \$9,000.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

2022 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Maryland Municipal League, Public Management Research Association, Indiana University, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

- 2021 National Tax Association, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Public Finance Consortium, University of Florida
- 2020 University of Maryland, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- 2019 National Tax Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
- 2018 National Tax Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
- 2017 University of Maryland, University of Kentucky, National Tax Association, Naval Postgraduate School, University of Georgia, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Congressional Budget Office, Public Management Research Association, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- 2016 National Tax Association (poster), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
- 2015 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Central Indiana Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants
- 2014 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- University of Maryland: Public Economics (undergraduate, 1 section)  
 Public Finance & Budgeting (graduate, 10 sections)  
 State, Local, & Non-Profit Financial Management (graduate, 3 sections)
- Indiana University: Financial Management (undergraduate, 4 sections)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Manuscript Review**

*Applied Economics* (1), *International Journal of Public Administration* (1), *International Review of Administrative Sciences* (1), *International Tax and Public Finance* (1), *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy* (1), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* (2), *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* (2), *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management* (1), *Journal of Public Policy* (1), *Local Government Studies* (5), *Monthly Labor Review* (2), *National Tax Journal* (1), *PLoS One* (2), *Public Administration Review* (3), *Public Budgeting & Finance* (7), *Public Finance Review* (2), *Public Management Review* (1), *Public Opinion Quarterly* (1), *Public Performance & Management Review* (1), *Research Handbook on Public Financial Management* (1), *Social Science Computer Review* (1)

### **Dissertation Committees**

Aichiro Suryo Prabowo, Policy Studies, University of Maryland  
 Qingqing Sun, Policy Studies, University of Maryland  
 Dylan Baker, Policy Studies, University of Maryland  
 William Greenwalt, Policy Studies, University of Maryland

### **Internal Activities**

MPP/MPM Admissions Committee  
 Chair, 2022-present  
 Member, 2019-2021  
 Scholarship Committee, 2021-present

Ph.D. Committee, 2020-present

Ph.D. Student Professional Development Seminar Organizer, 2020-present

**External Activities**

DC-Area Public Finance and Budgeting Seminar Organizer, 2018-2020

Public Management Research Association Conference Review Committee, 2019

Conference Discussant

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2022, 2018

National Tax Association, 2017

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Postdoctoral Associate, Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida, 2017-2018

Indiana University

Associate Instructor, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, 2015-2017

Economic Research Associate, Indiana Business Research Center, 2015

Research Assistant, Indiana University Public Policy Institute, 2012-2015

Economist, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 2009-2012