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## EDUCATION

### University of Illinois Chicago - Chicago, Illinois

PhD Candidate - Public Administration | Anticipated May 2024

- Dissertation: "Collaborative Governance and the Public Purse: Public Financial Management in the Network Context"
- Committee: Dr. Deborah A. Carroll (Chair), Dr. Kate Albrecht, Dr. Kelly LeRoux, Dr. Justin Marlowe, Dr. Michael Siciliano

### Northern Illinois University - DeKalb, Illinois

Master of Public Administration | May 2017

Bachelor of Arts in Economics | May 2014

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Articles

Michnick, J., Albrecht, K., Carroll, D., Kass, A., & Wetmore, B. (2022). Networked Supply Chains: Describing the costs of Lake Michigan Drinking Water. *Illinois Municipal Policy Journal*, 7(1), 29–48. <https://gfrc.uic.edu/research/networked-supply-chains-describing-the-costs-of-lake-michigans-drinking-water-by-jason-michnick-kate-albrecht-deborah-a-carroll-amanda-kass-and-brooke-wetmore/>

### In-Progress Papers

Carroll, D.A., Albrecht, K., Kass, A., **Michnick, J.**, & Wetmore, B. (2023) *Splashing Around in Illinois: Assessing the Determinants of Residential Drinking Water Rates*. (Revise and Resubmit with Public Budgeting and Finance)

Carroll, D.A., & **Michnick, J.** (2023) *Social Equity and Investment in Community Redevelopment*. (In preparation for submission to Journal of Social Equity and Public Administration)

## In-Progress Papers (cont.)

**Michnick, J.**, Albrecht, K., Carroll, D., Huang, D., Khalaf, C., Medwid, L., & Wetmore, B. (2023) *Authority and Accountability in Collaborative Water Systems: A Comparative Case Study of Intergovernmental Organizations in Northeastern Illinois*. (In preparation for submission to Public Administration Review)

## Conference Papers

**Michnick, J.** (2023, October 27) Supply Chains, Influence, and the Cost of Water in the Lake Michigan Drinking Water Network [Conference Presentation]. Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Conference, Denver, CO, United States.

**Michnick, J.**, Albrecht, K., Carroll, D., Huang, D., Khalaf, C., Medwid, L., & Wetmore, B. (2023, April 21) *Authority and Accountability in Collaborative Water Systems: A Comparative Case Study of Intergovernmental Organizations in Northeastern Illinois* [Conference Presentation]. Urban Affairs Association Conference, Nashville, TN, United States.

**Michnick, J.** (2023, April 14) *Intergovernmental Organizations as Vectors for Regional Policy Diffusion: The Effectiveness of Non-Binding Climate Pledges* [Conference Presentation]. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.

**Michnick, J.**, Carroll, D., Albrecht, K., Kass, A., & Wetmore, B. (2022, September 23) *Fiscal Interdependence and Collective Action: A Network Study of Urban Water Systems* [Conference Presentation] Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Conference, Miami, FL, United States.

Carroll D., & **Michnick, J.** (2023, June 28) *Social Equity and Investment in Community Redevelopment* [Conference Presentation]. Public Management Research Conference, Utrecht, Netherlands.

Skuzinski, T., Albrecht, K., **Michnick, J.** & Velandia-Hernandez, C. (2023, April 21). Infrastructure Governance and Constitutive Institutions: The Role of Institutional Imaginations in Intermunicipal Water Collaboration [Conference Presentation]. Urban Affairs Association Conference, Nashville, TN, United States.

Medwid, L., Huang, D., Albrecht, K., Carroll, D.A., Khalaf, C., **Michnick, J.**, & Wetmore, B. (2023, April 20). Procedural Transparency and Affordability in Municipal Ordinances Related to Water Service Provision in Northeastern Illinois [Conference Presentation]. Urban Affairs Association Conference, Nashville, TN, United States.

Skuzinski, T., **Michnick, J.**, Albrecht, K., Velandia-Hernandez, C., & Siciliano, M. (2022, March 17). *Punctuations and frictions in collaborative water governance: Evidence from the Chicagoland region* [Conference Presentation]. Diel Wright Symposium - American Society for Public Administration Conference, Jacksonville, FL, United States.

## Conference Papers (cont.)

Albrecht, K., **Michnick, J.**, & Skuzinski, T. (2022, March 19). *Triangulating network knowledge, position, and performance: Insights from water governance systems* [Conference Presentation]. American Society for Public Administration Conference, Jacksonville, FL, United States.

Slade, A., **Michnick, J.**, & Wilbur-Mujtaba, A. (2022, April 2). *Determining Budget Prioritization Through Qualitative Analysis: The Case of the 2021 Chicago Budget* [Conference Presentation]. Chicago Ethnography Conference, Madison, WI, United States.

Skuzinski, T., Albrecht, K., **Michnick, J.**, & Velandia-Hernandez, C. (2022, April 14). *Infrastructure Governance and Institutional Grammar: A conceptual framework and application to drinking water systems in Chicagoland* [Conference Presentation]. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.

## Grant Funded Technical Reports

Carroll, D.A., Albrecht, K., Medwid, L., Khalaf C., **Michnick, J.**, Huang D., Wetmore, B., & Li. J. (2023) *Water rate setting in the Lake Michigan service area*. Chicago, IL: Government Finance Research Center. 1-176. <https://gfrc.uic.edu/our-work/featured-projects/water-rate-setting-study/>

Carroll, D.A., **Michnick, J.**, & Diaz, D. (2022) *Joint Powers Authority/Agency Feasibility Study*. Government Finance Research Center. 1-15.

Carroll, D.A., Kass, A., **Michnick, J.**, & Wetmore, B. (2022) *Research Primer: Water Rate Setting in Illinois*. Government Finance Research Center. 1-13. <https://gfrc.uic.edu/research/research-primer-water-rate-setting/>

## Other Publications

Albrecht, K., & **Michnick, J.** (2022) Water for you and me, or water for us? Regional collaboration in drinking water systems. Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration. <https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/news/article/water-for-you-and-me-or-water-for-us-regional-collaboration-in-drinking-water-systems>

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- **Award for Best Teaching Simulation (2022) - Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration**
- Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society for Public Administration (MPA 2017)
- Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars
  - Tanzania 2015 - Role of NGO's in Developing Countries
  - Kenya 2016 - Strathmore University's Master in Public Policy and Management

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Research Assistant - University of Illinois Chicago

### **Government Finance Research Center | June 2021 - Current**

- **Water Rate Setting in Illinois:** Multi year research project on water rate setting across Illinois funded by State of Illinois
- **City Fiscal Condition:** Data collection for National League of Cities annual report
- **Tax Exempt Municipal Bonds & Affordable Housing Development:** Consulting local nonprofit on use of tax exempt bonds for affordable housing
- **Grant Review and Scoring:** Reviewing and scoring grant applications for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

### **Networks and Governance Lab | January 2021 - June 2022**

- **Interlocal Agreements for Public Safety:** Coding 250 interlocal agreements on public safety in State of Iowa
- **Water Governance in Northeastern Illinois:** Mixed method research on regional governance of water systems in Northeastern Illinois funded by Illinois Innovation Network

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor**

Northern Illinois University | Fall 2019

- CLCE 100 - Introduction to Community Leadership and Civic Engagement (in person)

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

University of Illinois Chicago | Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

- PPOL 210 - Intro to Public Policy (synchronous online)
- PPOL 230 - Nonprofit Organizations in Civil Society (asynchronous online)
- PPOL 300 - Urban Public Policy & Metropolitan Governance (synchronous online)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Executive Director**

TANZANIA DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT | FEBRUARY 2019 - SEPTEMBER 2023

- First Executive Director for nonprofit seeking to professionalize and grow organization
- Primary point of contact for partner organizations and staff in Tanzania

### **Economic Development Planner**

CITY OF DEKALB, ILLINOIS | JUNE 2016 - FEBRUARY 2019

- Tax Increment Financing Administration
  - Annual budget exceeding \$8m
  - \$20m in public-private development
- Served as the staff liaison to nine different internal and external boards and commissions
- Assisted with the City's annual budget preparation and Community Development Block Grant programs

## SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### **Board of Directors**

TANZANIA DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT | OCT 2016 - FEB 2019

DEKALB COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION | 2018

DEKALB COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU | APRIL 2017 - DEC 2018