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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky. Dissertation Committee: Dr. Eugenia Toma (chair), Dr. Merl Hackbart, Dr. William Hoyt, Dr. David Wildasin, August, 2012
- Dissertation title: Voter Preferences and State and Local Tax Policy
- Master of Public Administration, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, 2006
- Bachelor of Arts in English and Philosophy, Middle Tennessee State University, 2002

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (August 2019 to present)

Instructor, Martin School of Public Administration and Public Policy, University of Kentucky (August 2019 to present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (August 2012 to July 2019)

Graduate Research Assistant, National Science Foundation Grant DUE-0830716: “Research, Evaluation, and Technical Assistance: Student Outcome Effects of the Appalachian Math and Science Partnership.” Eugenia Toma, Principal Investigator (January 2011 to August 2012)

Instructor, University of Kentucky (August 2010 to December 2010)

Graduate Research Assistant, National Science Foundation Grant DUE-0830716: “Research, Evaluation, and Technical Assistance: Student Outcome Effects of the Appalachian Math and Science Partnership.” Eugenia Toma, Principal Investigator (August 2008 to August 2010)

Graduate Research Assistant to Eugenia Toma, James W. Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky (August 2006 to August 2008)

Graduate Fellow, Program Review and Investigations Committee of the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky (May 2005 to May 2006)

Graduate Research Assistant to Eugenia Toma, James W. Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky (August 2004 to May 2005)

COURSES TAUGHT

<i>Courses</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Semesters Offered</i>
PAPA 530: Public Budgeting	Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville	Fall 2012 (two traditional sections), Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2016 (one hybrid section, one online), Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2023, Spring 2024
PAPA 412/420: Intro to SPSS/Quantitative Analysis (stats with SPSS)		Fall 2012, Spring 2013; Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015 (2 sections)
PAPA 510: Public Info Management		Spring 2013, Fall 2013
PAPA 499/555, Fighting Poverty in the United States		Spring 2014, Fall 2016
PAPA 411/420: Spreadsheet Applications/Quantitative Analysis (stats with Excel)		Summer 2015 (2 sections), Fall 2015 (2 sections), Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021 (2 sections), Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024
PAPA 599: Local Government Financial Management		Spring 2017
IS 375: Technology and Public Policy (co-taught with Ted Luhrs)		Fall 2017
PAPA 561: Biostatistics and Epidemiology		Spring 2018 (2 sections), Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019 (2 sections), Summer 2019 (3 sections), Fall 2019, Spring 2020 (2 sections), Summer 2020 (2 sections), Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Fall 2022 (2 sections), Spring 2023, Summer 2023 (2 sections), Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024 (2 sections)
PAPA 566: Health Care Financing		Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Summer 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Summer 2024
PA 695: Revenue Forecasting and Data Analysis		University of Kentucky

ECO 201: Principles of Microeconomics	University of Kentucky	Fall 2010 (2 sections)
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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Combs, A., Foster, J.M. (2021). The effects of homestead exemptions for seniors and disabled people on school districts. *AERA Open*, 7(1):1-13. ISI Journal Citation Reports ranking, 99/263 (Education and Educational Research)

Foster, J.M., Gonzalez, L.J., Lopes, C.J. (2019). Income inequality, ethnic diversity, and state minimum wages. *Social Science Quarterly** 100 (3): 825-837. Scimago journal ranking, 93/447 (Social Sciences, miscellaneous)

Combs, A., Foster, J.M., Toma, E.F. (2018). Local responses to school finance equalization: Wealth or place? *Public Finance and Management* 18 (3): 224-250.**.

Foster, J.M., & Fowles, J.T. (2018). Ethnic heterogeneity, group affinity, and state higher education spending. *Research in Higher Education*,* 59 (1), 1-28. Scimago journal ranking, 36/1,066 (Education).

Foster, J.M., & Fowles, J.T. (2016). Easy money: Tax exporting and state support for higher education. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 35 (2), 415-440. ISI Journal Citation Reports rankings, 3/47 (Public Administration), 21/347 (Economics); Scimago journal rankings, 9/118 (Public Administration), 45/1,001 (Sociology and Political Science)

Foster, J.M. (2014). Tax exporting and the business share of sales tax levies. *Public Budgeting and Finance**, 34 (4), 80-99. Scimago journal rankings, 49/118 (Public Administration), 330/919 (Economics, Econometrics, and Finance)

Foster, J.M. (2013). Voter ideology, economic factors, and state and local tax progressivity. *Public Finance Review** 41 (2), 177-202. Scimago journal rankings, 39/118 (Public Administration), 283/919 (Economics, Econometrics, and Finance)

Foster, J.M., Toma, E.F., Troske, S. (2013). Can teacher professional development improve school outcomes and is it cost-effective? *Journal of Education Finance** 38(3), 255-275. Scimago journal rankings, 65/118 (Public Administration), 203/914 (Education)

Foster, J.M., Hager, G., Guinn, J., Graycarek, R. (2005) Planning for water projects in Kentucky: Implementation of Senate Bill 409 (Legislative Research Commission Research Report No. 329)

-* These journals are not ranked by ISI Journal Citation Reports

-**This journal is not ranked by ISI Journal Citation Reports or by Scimago. However, it is a peer-reviewed publication with an editorial board composed of public finance scholars who are recognized at either the national or international level.

EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

Foster, J.M., Plemmons, A., Butts-Wilmsmeyer, C. "A Property Tax Dashboard for Metro East Communities." (August, 2021 to May, 2022): \$11,270 (REALTOR Association of Southwestern Illinois)

Foster, J.M. (Investigator). Non-Competitive Contract. "Tax Burdens in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area: A Comparative Study." (August, 2016 to December, 2016): \$5,750 (Illinois Realtors)

Foster, J.M. (Investigator). Non-Competitive Contract. "A Comparison of Tax Burdens in Will County, IL, and Lake County, IN." (May, 2017 to July, 2017): \$2,875 (Illinois Realtors)

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Foster, J.M. (2024, March). *State funding, tuition-setting authority, and public university budgets*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Baltimore, MD.

Combs, A., Foster, J.M., Troland, E. (presenter). (2023, November). *The role of property assessment oversight in school finance inequality*. Presented at the Syracuse-Chicago Webinar Series on Property Tax Administration and Design.

Foster, J.M. (2022, October). *No man is an island: The impact of racial and ethnic amity on state higher education spending*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. Lexington, KY.

Foster, J.M. (2022, September). *No man is an island: The impact of racial and ethnic amity on state higher education spending*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Miami, FL.

Foster, J.M., Fowles, J.T. (presenter). (2021, March). *No man is an island: The impact of racial and ethnic amity on state higher education spending*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy. Online.

Combs, A., Foster, J.M., Troland, E. (presenter). (2019, November). *Can state oversight improve local property assessments? Evidence from education finance reform in Kentucky*. Presented at the annual meeting of the National Tax Association, Tampa, FL.

Combs, A. (presenter), Foster, J.M., Troland, E. (2019, November). *Can state oversight improve local property assessments? Evidence from education finance reform in Kentucky*. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Denver, CO.

Combs, A., Foster, J.M. (presenter), Troland, E. (2019, October). *Can state oversight improve local property assessments? Evidence from education finance reform in Kentucky*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, DC.

Combs, A., Foster, J.M. (presenter) (2019, October). *The effects of homestead exemptions for seniors and disabled people on school districts*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, DC.

Combs, A. (presenter), Foster J.M., Troland, E. (2019, March). *Does state intervention in local property assessments impact school finance equalization? Evidence from Kentucky*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy. Kansas City, MO.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), Toma, E.F. (2018, October). *Should school aid to school districts include a matching component? Effects of state matching aid on school district revenues in Kentucky*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Washington, D.C.

Combs, A. (presenter), Foster J.M., Toma, E.F. (2017, November). *Why localities differ in their response to state finance reforms*. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference. Chicago IL.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), Fowles, J.T. (presenter). (2017, October). *Ethnic fractionalization, group affinity, and the privatization of higher education costs: An analysis with campus-level data*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Washington, D.C.

Combs, A., Foster, J.M., Toma, E.F. (presenter). (2017, March). *Local response to school finance equalization: The importance of place*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy. Washington, D.C.

Foster, J.M. (2016, October). *Tax exporting, state expenditures and intergovernmental redistribution: The case of Medicaid*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. Raleigh-Durham, NC.

Foster, J.M. (2016, October). *Tax exporting, state expenditures and intergovernmental redistribution: The case of Medicaid*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Seattle, WA.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), Gonzalez, L.J., Lopes, C.J. (2015, November) *Labor law and population heterogeneity*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association. New Orleans, LA.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), & Toma, E.F. (2015, November) *Fiscal centralization and employment in education*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association. New Orleans, LA.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), & Toma, E.F. (2015, November). *Fiscal centralization, school district employment, and property values*. Presented at the annual meeting of the National Tax Association. Boston, MA.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), & Toma, E.F. (2015, October). *The effects of school finance equalization on education employment and aggregate property values*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Washington, D.C.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), & Toma, E.F. (2015, February). *Fiscal centralization and school district payrolls: Analysis with district-level panel data*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy. Washington, D.C.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), & Fowles, J.T. (2014, March). *Ethnic homogeneity, group antagonism, and state financial support for higher education*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy. San Antonio, TX.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), & Fowles, J.T. (2013, October). *Ethnic homogeneity, Group antagonism, and state financial support for higher education*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Washington, D.C.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), Howell, M., Toma, E.F. (2013, October). *Fiscal centralization and state and local government payrolls*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Budgeting and Financial Management. Washington, D.C.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), & Fowles, J.T. (2013, April). *Easy money: Tax exporting and state financial support for higher education*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Social Science Association. Denver, CO.

Foster, J.M. (presenter), & Fowles, J.T. (2013, March). *Easy money: Tax exporting and state financial support for higher education*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Policy and Finance. New Orleans, LA.

Foster, J.M. (2012, October). *Tax exporting and the business share of state and local sales tax levies*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. New York, NY.

Foster, J.M. (2010, October). *Citizen ideology and state and local tax progressivity*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Budgeting and Financial Management. Omaha, NE.

Barret, N., Butler, J.S., Foster, J.M., Toma, E.F. (presenter). (2010, March). *Student outcomes and teacher professional development*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association. Richmond, VA.

Foster, J.M., Hibpshman, T., Toma, E.F. (presenter), Troske S. (2010, January). *Looking in all the right places: Data collection for evaluation of the Appalachian math and science partnership*. Presented at the annual meeting of the National Science Foundation.

Foster, J.M. (2008, October). *The elimination of federal deductibility of state and local taxes: Possible effects on state tax structures and revenues*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Chicago, IL.

Foster, J.M. & Toma, E.F. (2007, October). *Fiscal centralization and state and local government payrolls*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Washington, D.C.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Foster, J.M., & Toma, E.F. (presenter). (2015, April). *The effects of fiscal centralization on education employment and aggregate property values*. Prepared for the College of Education, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, CO.
- Foster, J.M. (presenter) & Fowles, J.T. (2014, April). *Ethnic homogeneity, group antagonism, and state financial support for higher education*. Prepared for the Higher Education Collaborative Seminar Series, College of Education, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (IN APPROXIMATE ORDER OF COMPLETENESS)

- Combs, A., Foster, J.M., Toma, E.F., Troland, E. *The role of property assessment oversight in school finance inequality*. Revise and resubmit.
- Foster, J.M. *Rising diversity and state appropriations to public universities: An analysis with campus-level data*. Manuscript in preparation.
- Foster, J.M. *State funding, tuition-setting authority, and public university budgets*. Manuscript in preparation.

- Foster, J.M. *School finance equalization, minimum local tax rates, and the flypaper effect*. Manuscript in preparation.

MAJOR SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY

- Sabbatical and Review Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (July 2021-present)
- University Parking and Transportation Committee (July 2021-present)
- University Curriculum Council, Undergraduate Programs Committee Chair (August 2019 – July 2021)
- University Curriculum Council, Undergraduate Courses Committee Member (October 2018 – August 2019)
- Faculty Senate Representative for the University Homecoming Committee (January 2019 – July 2021)
- University Curriculum Council, Undergraduate Courses Committee (October 2018 – August 2019)
- Faculty Senate, Member (July 2018 – July 2021)
- Pi Alpha Alpha Faculty Adviser, Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis (July 2018 – August 2020)
- Faculty Search Committee, Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis (October 2017 – March 2019; October 2020-April 2021)
- English Undergraduate Program Review Committee, (August 2017 – December 2017)
- Administration of the online Master of Public Administration Orientation website for incoming students, Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis (July 2017 – present)
- Temporary Member of the Faculty Senate Welfare Council (January 2017 – April 2017)
- Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards Committee, (March 2016-August 2020)

- Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (October 2013-May 2016; July 2018 – August 2019; August 2020-present)
- MPA comprehensive exam grader, Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis (October 2012-present)
- Community Outreach Committee Member, Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis (October 2012 – November 2012)
- International Programs and Activities Committee Member, Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis (September 2012 – November 2012)
- Strategic Planning Committee Member, Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis (August 2012 – November 2012)
- Interdisciplinary Courses Committee Member (August 2012 – November 2012)
- Curriculum Review Committee Member (August 2012 – November 2012)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY

Referee for: *National Tax Journal, Public Budgeting and Finance, Public Finance and Management, AERA Open, Educational Policy, International Journal of Public Administration, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Sociological Forum*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
- American Society for Public Administration
- Association for Education Finance and Policy