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Continuing Faculty

Lachezar (Lucky) Anguelov finished his Ph.D. at Florida State University (FSU) in 2016. He received his MPA, and MS in international affairs at FSU, and an honors BA in political science/international studies from York University (Glendon College) in Toronto, Canada. Lachezar also serves on the board of the Evergreen Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), and actively presents research at the ASPA, Midwest Political Science Association, and Southern Political Science Association annual conferences. Lachezar is published in the Review of Policy Research, and Political and Military Sociology journals. He is also the co-author of "Trustworthiness of Public Service" book chapter in Public Administration Reformation: Market Demand from Public Organizations. Lachezar was born in Bulgaria and moved to Canada in his early teens; subsequently he was in Tallahassee before moving to Olympia. His current research interests are in the areas of contract oversight and management capacity in local government service delivery; citizen participation and trust in public sector performance; and the use of policy instruments to resolve institutional collective action dilemmas in international and comparative settings.

Mike Crow (he/him/his) is the Director of the Master of Public Administration (MPA), The Evergreen State College. He teaches courses in public finance, policy analysis and urban management. His research on local public finance, social policy and community development has appeared in journals such as the American Journal of Political Science, Publius, and Public Administration Review, and he serves on the editorial board for Urban Affairs Review. He earned his Ph.D. in political science at Indiana University in 2004, specializing in methodology and public policy.

Meghan Doughty earned her B.A. in History and Literature from Seattle University in 2010; MSc in Human Rights from the London School of Economics in 2013 and her Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy at American University. She also served as an AmeriCorps Volunteer in Sitka, AK from 2010-2012 and as a Research Assistant at the National Institute of Justice in the tribal crime and justice portfolio from 2015-2017. Her research focuses on public administration's effect on vulnerable populations and gender violence policy.

Cali Ellis received her Ph.D. in Public Policy and Political Science from the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor in 2015. She has a BA in economics from Bates College and an MPP from the University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. She previously worked at the RAND Corporation, the Homeland Security Directorate of the Michigan National Guard, and the Michigan Governor's Office. Her main research interests are in quantitative analyses of international security, homeland security, and intelligence. She is an author of Why Leaders Fight (Cambridge University Press, 2015) and has published in the Journal of Applied Security Research (2008), PS: Political Science & Politics (2012, 2014), Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (2013), International Interactions (2015), Enterprise Development and Microfinance (2015), and Michigan War Studies Review (2013, 2014, 2015).

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Amy Gould has been an Evergreen Faculty member since 2005. She earned her B.A. in Planning, Public Policy and Management from the University of Oregon in 1997; M.S. in Public Affairs from the University of Oregon in 2000; Ph.D. in Political Science from Northern Arizona University in 2005. As a former practitioner of public administration in transportation, her research and publications include management style and leadership, trust within public service, conformity, social differences, public policy, project management, Office of the U.S. President, religion, and gender studies. in how we shape public spaces to build and sustain communities. She is co-author of one book (Transformational Public Service: Portraits of Theory in Practice) and editor of two (Government is Us: Public Administration in an Anti-Government Era and Government is Us, 2.0) as well as author and contributor to many articles published in academic and trade journals. She serves on editorial boards of journals, reviews manuscripts for journals and publishers, and served in leadership positions in related professional organizations. Locally, she volunteers in local organizations and engages in pro bono research projects that often have work for students looking for research experience.

Cheryl Simrell King served two terms as the Evergreen MPA Director. She is in her third decade of teaching in MPA programs. Prior to her PhD in public affairs, she trained as an experimental psychologist and worked as a regulatory and strategic marketing researcher before pursuing a full-time academic career. Like most Evergreen MPA faculty, she is a generalist and teaches across the MPA curriculum. Most of her scholarship and community-based work is in the area of citizen engagement and transformational practices to improve governance and government. In particular, she is interested in how we shape public spaces to build and sustain communities. She is co-author of one book (Transformational Public Service: Portraits of Theory in Practice) and editor of two (Government is Us: Public Administration in an Anti-Government Era and Government is Us, 2.0) as well as author/coauthor of many articles published in academic and trade journals. She serves on editorial boards of journals, reviews manuscripts for journals and publishers, and served in leadership positions in related professional organizations. Locally, she volunteers in local organizations and engages in pro bono research projects that often have work for students looking for research experience.

Doreen Swetkis is the recent past Evergreen MPA Director; serving in this capacity from 2015-2019. Previously, she was a visiting professor at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University (Ohio) and received her doctorate from the Levin College in 2009. She has taught several courses in public administration, nonprofit administration, urban studies, and statistics. Doreen has several years of experience as a practitioner in the non-profit sector, including serving as the associate director of development & research for a Cleveland fair housing organization. Doreen is published in the Journal of Genetic Psychology, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Housing News Service, and the Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory. She is also the co-author of The 21st Century American City: Race, Ethnicity and Multicultural Urban Life (2013 and 2019 editions). Doreen currently volunteers for the Housing Justice Project and sits on the board of Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services.

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Eric S Trevan, PhD is an advocate for local and Tribal economies, entrepreneurship and innovation, small business and economic development. He has worked in leadership positions with a variety of national policy efforts, local and Tribal government, regional economic development, research and government relations. He currently serves as a Member of the Faculty for The Evergreen State College in their Masters of Public Administration program. Additionally, he is the immediate past Chairman of Gun Lake Investments and the immediate Past President of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. Eric is a Tribal citizen of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians, Gun Lake Tribe.

Visiting Faculty

Yoichiro Tsuzuki graduated with a Master's of Business Administration in Accounting from Kobe University of Commerce (Currently University of Hyogo) in 2003. He began his teaching career as a lecturer in 2007 and was promoted to his current position of associate professor at the University of Hyogo in 2010. He teaches Governmental Accounting and his research interest is in applying business accounting theory in the governmental field.

Adjunct Faculty

Peter Boome is an Upper Skagit Tribal member, an attorney, mediator, and artist who has lived and worked in Indian country for over 40 years. He works as a public defender in drug deferment court, and conducts mediations and facilitations throughout Indian Country. Peter earned his BA and MES from Evergreen and his JD from the UW School of Law. In addition to practicing law, Peter teaches courses under the umbrellas of Law, Business, Environmental studies, Cultural studies, Art, and Political studies. Peter owns and operates his own business based on his award winning, internationally renowned Coast Salish Art. His work has shown at institutions such as the National Museum of the American Indian both in NY and Washington DC., the Heard Museum in Phoenix, the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis, the Autry Museum in Los Angeles, The Burke Museum and the WA History Museum where his work is part of the permanent collection.

John Fortugno led Washington State's Homeland Security Institute, where he oversaw training for over 28,000 emergency responders. John creates programs which help state agencies, local governments, nonprofits and tribes respond to emergencies. He has over 30 years of response and leadership experience, including as a Special Agent for the Navy Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), as a Federal Executive Fellow in Washington DC, in embassy posts in Asia and Europe, as a non-profit board member, and while serving as interim Vice President of Pierce College. He has degrees from the University of California, Evergreen, University of Southern California, and the US Naval War College, as well as training certifications from the Emergency Management Institute. John has worked in recruitment and mentor training for Big Brothers Big Sisters, in native-plant restoration efforts, and in improving education opportunities for WA's female prisoners.

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Dr. Karen A. Johnson (she/her/hers) is an inspiring, authentic, servant leader with decades of experience influencing, coaching, and mentoring others to achieve inclusive excellence. She received her doctorate from Old Dominion University. She has taught courses in the prevention of sexual harassment, discrimination complaints processing and conflict resolution, as well as facilitated numerous workshops and seminars on leadership, equity and inclusion in the workplace and self-care. Karen has several years of experience as both a manager in the non-profit sector and executive leader in federal and state government, including serving as the Chief Administrative Officer for the James E. Van Zandt veterans medical center in Altoona, Pennsylvania. She currently serves as the Equity & Inclusion Administrator for the WA Department of Corrections, supporting others in building an equity-driven, inclusive workplace culture. She has an extensive portfolio of community service and is a 2018 participant in the Leadership Women America program. Her life work is to advance liberty and justice for all.

Dariush Khaleghi (DK) has over 20 years of management, HR, and leadership experience. In addition to his key leadership roles at Intel Corporation, He also served as the Deputy and Interim Director of the WA State Human Rights Commission, Chief HR, IS, and Strategic Planning for the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Dir. of Operations for the DSHS Economic Services Administration. He was the recipient of the WA Prestigious Governor's Leadership Award in 2007. He currently is a leadership, management, HR and organizational behavior faculty at Evergreen. DK is also an HR, Leadership and Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program faculty at UW Tacoma's Professional Development Center (PDC). Additionally, DK serves as leadership development faculty for the Washington Banking Association (WBA) and the OR State Department of Human Services and the Department of Health leadership development academies. He graduated from UW in business administration with a minor in psychology. DK holds an MS in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from PSU and an MBA from the Pacific Lutheran University. He is an International Coaching Federation (ICF) certified leadership coach. His mission is to help managers and supervisors differentiate themselves through leadership excellence.

Barbara Leen is an immigration attorney at Microsoft Corporation, where her practice concentrates on business immigration and global mobility. Prior to joining Microsoft, she worked in Washington, DC focusing on federal immigration law and policy. She served as a Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Civil Division's Office of Immigration Litigation where she practiced immigration law before the U.S. Courts of Appeal. She also served as Counsel to the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in the DOJ. While there, she completed a temporary assignment as counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary. She joined EOIR after serving as Counsel to Senator Dianne Feinstein on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. Prior to her service in the U.S. Senate she served as an Attorney Advisor to DOJ's Office of Legal Policy and an Associate General Counsel in EOIR's Office of the General Counsel. She began her legal career with the DOJ as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Philadelphia and Atlanta Immigration Courts through the Attorney General's Honors Program. She is a graduate of the George Washington University and the University of Connecticut School of Law.

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Dr. William S. Moore is currently the Director for K-12 Partnerships for the Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges (SBCTC). Since 1990 he has helped lead higher education assessment work in the state, most recently focusing his efforts on college readiness in mathematics and high school/college articulation issues. Over the last decade Dr. Moore has led several collaborative K-16 statewide initiatives, including the Transition Math Project, the Re-Thinking Precollege Math project, and the ongoing Bridge to College initiative. Dr. Moore has a master's in counseling psychology from the University of Texas and an interdisciplinary Ph.D. from the University of Maryland focused on higher education, organizational change, and college student development. His core “through-lines” of interest in higher education have been the influence of student beliefs and personal epistemologies on their approaches to learning and the challenges of promoting and assessing deep and lasting learning in college.

Mike Ruth Mike has an MS in Geology from George Washington University and a BA from University of Virginia. Mike is a Certified GIS Professional (GISP). From 2001 to 2018, Mike worked for the Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri) Inc as a project manager in Esri's Professional Services division. He has consulted on more than 100 GIS projects for various customers, including state and federal government agencies, local cities and municipalities, international organizations (including several United Nations agencies) and major non-profit organizations. Starting in 2010, Mike started Esri's non-profit professional services practice. In that role, Mike has provided mapping and GIS consulting to international Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO's) in 20 countries in Africa, Asia, South America, and Europe. He was the Product Innovation Manager at the SPOT Image Corporation, where he also developed the GeoTIFF format for satellite and aerial imagery. He started his mapping career working for the Earth Satellite Corporation in the 1980's doing field mapping work as a Staff Geologist. Since leaving Esri in 2018 Mike has been doing ad hoc GIS consulting locally (e.g. Thurston County Food Bank) and internationally (e.g. The Jane Goodall Institute) in addition to teaching at Evergreen.

Larry Seaquist is a former state legislator representing the 26th Legislative District (Gig Harbor-Bremerton), Larry served eight years in the Washington State House of Representatives, four as Chair of the House Higher Education Committee. Alarmed by our growing crisis of homelessness and racial inequity, Larry continues to assist state and local citizen and government organizations create practical strategies to reduce homelessness and increase education and opportunity for all. He also encourages next generation candidates to run for office. A former US Navy warship captain and Pentagon strategist, Larry commanded four warships, including the battleship USS IOWA. Ashore in the Pentagon, he helped develop budget and national security strategy. Following his Navy career, Larry worked for more than a decade with the Director-General of UNESCO to design and demonstrate locally led peacebuilding and community development strategies in at-war and at-risk countries in the Middle East, Central and South Asia, and Latin America.

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Lianna Shepherd received her B.A. from the University of Idaho in 2009 with a focus on journalism and history. She received her MPA from Evergreen in 2017 with a concentration in public and non-profit administration. Her history working with nonprofits began in 2010 as an AmeriCorps VISTA member working for a small organization in Dallas Texas. More recently, she works as the Director of Development for Peace Community Center in Tacoma. Lianna is a member of the board of directors at Oasis of Hope Center and on the marketing committee for the South Sound Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Kathe Taylor is Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), where she leads a division that provides direction for all of the subjects taught in K-12 public schools. She has held K-12 and higher education teaching, administrative, and policy positions in several states. She started her career as a high school teacher in Jefferson, GA, then moved to Maryland, earning her M.A. and Ph.D. in Adult Development and Learning from the University of Maryland. She served as Campus Ombudsperson and Executive Assistant to the President of Longwood College in VA for four years before moving to WA to teach in the Master in Teaching program at Evergreen. She moved on to higher education policy work with the (then) Higher Education Coordinating Board, returning to Evergreen in administrative capacities. She served the Washington State Board of Education as Policy Director for five years before moving to OSPI to lead the early learning assessment initiative. She is the co-author of a book on assessment entitled, "Children at the Center." She plays Irish and old-time fiddle and volunteers when she can as a mediator for the Thurston County Dispute Resolution Center.

Martin Thies attended Whitman College and holds a doctorate from Duke University, where he specialized in the twentieth century novel and literary theory. He has worked as an auditor and manager in several state agencies, currently for the Washington State Health Care Authority. He also served two terms as Chair of the Intercity Transit Authority. Thies has taught and consulted internationally for the Institute of Internal Auditors, which establishes internal audit standards and ethics for the practice of internal audit.

Faith Trimble is the founder of The Athena Group, a consulting network that provides powerful guidance to people who are working on some of the most pressing issues of our time. She has more than two decades of experience in facilitation, planning, project management, public participation, and policy research. Faith has managed and facilitated hundreds of contentious or complex public policy projects, meetings, retreats, and summits for the general public and among elected and executive leaders. She has worked with communities and government entities in WA, OR, CA and HI to help them articulate their values and priorities and use them as the foundation for long-range planning and short-term action. Faith served as President of the United Way of Thurston County, and has served on the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce, and the board of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Faith has a bachelor's degree in International Studies from the University of Washington and a master's degree in Public Administration from Evergreen. She also is a certified project management professional (PMP).

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Elaine Vradenburgh is a multi-media storyteller, community engagement strategist, and educator. She has carried out her work in a variety of ways — as a fundraising, marketing, and communications professional for Olympia-based nonprofit organizations; a community-based learning coordinator in Portland and Albuquerque high schools; and an adjunct faculty at Evergreen. Elaine is the founder and curator of Window Seat Media, a nonprofit that works with organizations in the South Puget Sound to amplify stories on the margins through community - driven oral history projects. Elaine received her Master's in Interdisciplinary Studies: Journalism, Anthropology, and Folklore from the University of Oregon in 2008 and a BA in Cultural and Community Studies from Evergreen in 2001.