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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Public Administration - May 2017

Fields of Specialization: Organization Theory and Public Management; International Security

Department of Public Administration and International Affairs Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

M.P.P., Public Policy – May 2012 Martin School of Public Policy and Administration University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

B.A. (magna cum laude), Business Administration and Economics (Double Major) – May 2009

Stead Department of Business Administration and Economics Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA

Advanced Certificate, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research – June 2016 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

### **EMPLOYMENT**

D'Aniello Family Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF), Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY. June 2017 – Present.

External Researcher, International Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington, DC. September 2016 – Present.

Research Associate, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. August 2012 – May 2016.

Policy Research Intern, Council of State Governments (CSG), Lexington, KY. May 2011 – August 2011.

Graduate Research Assistant, Hazard Mitigation Grants Program, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. August 2010 – July 2012

Financial Analyst, GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation, Cedar Rapids, IA. May 2009 – July 2010.

# **RESEARCH AREAS**

Organization Theory and Public Management; Policy Implementation; Strategic Planning; Government Contracting and Public-Private Partnerships; Civil-Military Relations; National Security and Defense Policy; Homeland Security and Cybersecurity; Veterans Affairs; Research Design and Methods

#### **PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Armstrong, Nicholas J., Zachary S. Huitink, Matthew A. Hidek, Rosalinda Maury, Fitore Hyseni, and Nathaniel Birnbaum. *Implementation Review of Presidential Executive Order 13518—the Veterans Employment Initiative*. Syracuse, NY: Institute for Veterans and Military Families. January 2017.

Keefe, Joshua, Paige Donegan, and Zachary S. Huitink. *Advancing Veteran Success in Higher Education: Case Highlights of Student Veteran Support Programs at Four Colleges and Universities*. Syracuse, NY: Institute for Veterans and Military Families. September 2016.

Huitink, Zachary S. Advancing Veteran Success in Higher Education: Case Highlights of Vocational Accelerator Programs at Del Mar College, Tarrant County College, and Wake Technical Community College. Syracuse, NY: Institute for Veterans and Military Families. May 2016.

Huitink, Zachary S., and David M. Van Slyke. *Beyond Business as Usual: Improving Defense Acquisition through Better Buying Power*. Washington, DC: IBM Center for the Business of Government. November 2015. \*Lead Author.

Huitink, Zachary S., David M. Van Slyke, and Trevor L. Brown. "Contracting in Pursuit of Public Purposes," in James Perry and Robert Christensen (eds.). *The Handbook of Public Administration, 3E.* San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, February 2015. \*Lead Author.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding MPP Student, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration University of Kentucky. May 2011, May 2012.

Harley W. Howell Outstanding Graduate in Business Administration and Economics, Stead Department of Business Administration and Economics, Coe College. May 2009.

Outstanding Senior Honor's Thesis, Stead Department of Business Administration and Economics, Coe College. May 2009.

#### **GRANTS**

Investigator, "Developing an Enterprise Approach to Federal Policy Governing U.S. Military Veterans." IBM Center for the Business of Government. August 2017 – February 2018. Principal Investigator: Nicholas J. Armstrong, Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF), Syracuse University. \$20,000.

Investigator, "Advancing Leading Practices in State Veterans Services: A Comprehensive Assessment." New York State Health Foundation. July 2017 – June 2018. Principal Investigator: Nicholas J. Armstrong, Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF), Syracuse University. \$235,215.

Research Assistant, "Evaluating Consolidation and the Threat of Monopolies in Industrial Sectors." Naval Postgraduate School. May 2017 – May 2018. Principal Investigator: Andrew C. Hunter, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). \$120,000.

Research Assistant, "Use of Incentives in Performance-based Logistics Contracting." Naval Postgraduate School. May 2016 – May 2017. Principal Investigator: Andrew C. Hunter, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). \$120,000.

Investigator, "A Formal Review of USO Program Evaluation Efforts." The United Service Organizations. November 2015 – March 2016. Principal Investigator: Nicholas J. Armstrong, Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF), Syracuse University. \$26,045.

Investigator, "Partnerships for Fulfilling Arctic Responsibilities (Study of Alternative Strategies to Acquire Icebreaker Ships)." Principal Investigator: Sean C. O'Keefe, Syracuse University. Arctic Circle Shipping Task Force and the University of Alaska. March 2015 – November 2015. \$20,000.

Co-Principal Investigator, "Beyond Business as Usual: Improving Defense Acquisition through Better Buying Power." Co-Principal Investigator: David M. Van Slyke, Syracuse University. IBM Center for the Business of Government. December 2013 – November 2015. \$20,000.

Co-Principal Investigator, "Discretion, Incentives, and Defense Acquisition Reform." Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Syracuse University. Co-Principal Investigator: David M. Van Slyke, Syracuse University. July 2013 – September 2013. \$2,000.

# **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

O'Keefe, Sean C., David M. Van Slyke, Trevor L. Brown, and Zachary S. Huitink. "Partnerships for Fulfilling Arctic Responsibilities." Presented at the August, 2015 Summit on the Alaskan Arctic, Anchorage, AK.

Huitink, Zachary S. 2015. "Product Complexity and Competition for Government Purchases: Theory and Evidence from US Federal Information Technology Acquisition." Presented at the June, 2015 Public Management Research Conference (PMRC), University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Campus, Minneapolis, MN.

### **COMPUTING SKILLS**

Microsoft Office Applications (advanced proficiency), STATA (intermediate proficiency), Atlas.ti (elementary proficiency), Qualtrics (elementary proficiency)