

Melissa A. Walker, Associate Professor

Contact

Joined faculty in 2006; specialist in nonprofit management and finance; Ph.D. in social policy and public management , University of Chicago, 2005; M.P.A., Harvard University, 1992; B.A. in sociology, Northwestern University, 1976.

Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy (Social Policy and Public Management), University of Chicago, 2005.

Dissertation: "Substance Abuse Treatment: An Organizational Perspective"

Master of Public Administration, Harvard University, 1992

Bachelor of Arts (Sociology), Northwestern University, 1976

Primary Teaching Areas and Experience

Teaching Areas: Financial Management of Nonprofit Organizations, Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Human Resource Management

Associate Professor (2006 – Present), Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, Wichita State University (Financial Management of Nonprofit Organizations, Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Human Resource Management)

Visiting Assistant Professor in Public Administration (1994 – 2006), Roosevelt University (Resource Management in Nonprofit Organizations, Introduction to Public Service in U.S., Research Methods, Practicum and Thesis)

Lecturer in School of Social Service Administration (2001-2006), University of Chicago (Financial Management of Nonprofit Organizations, Evaluation of Social Programs and Social Policy, Organization Design and Strategy)

Publications

"Program Characteristics and the Length of Time Clients are in Substance Abuse Treatment"; Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research (June 2008).

Research

Primary Investigator: Sales Tax Exemption and Nonprofit Organizations in the 50 States (2008). Compiled and analyzed

national data regarding sales tax exemption of nonprofit organizations. Paper will be presented at the annual ARNOVA (Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action) conference (November, 2008).

Primary Investigator: Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid Waivers (2007-2008). Developed and analyzed national data regarding HCBS funding of community-based services for the chronically ill persons with developmental disabilities or severe mental illness. Paper presented at the annual conference (November, 2007) of APPAM (Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management).

Principal Investigator: Nonprofit Organizations in Wichita and Sedgwick County, Kansas (2006-2007). Created and analyzed first-ever database of nonprofit organizations located in Wichita and Sedgwick County. Public presentation of results took place on November 2, 2007.

Significant Practitioner Experience

Organizational development: Provided program evaluation, capital budgeting and performance appraisal assistance to agencies serving the homeless (1997-1998). Interviewed and surveyed grantees of the Crossroads Fund (1996). Evaluated pilot technical assistance project for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (1995). Advised the development of youth service networks funded by the Chicago Community Trust (1994).

Fundraising: Developed and implemented first foundation fundraising campaign for Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (1987-1991). Planned and executed capital campaign for Rainbow House domestic violence shelter (1989-1990).

Marketing: Developed marketing and distribution strategy for educational videotapes made by youth trained by Community Television Network (1990-1991).

Academic and Professional Activities:

Papers

“Community-based delivery of mental health and developmental disability services.” Paper presented at annual conference of Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (November, 2007).

“Nonprofit Organizations in Wichita and Sedgwick County, Kansas.” Presentation to joint session of Hugo Wall School Nonprofit Executives Seminar and Nonprofit Chamber of Service (November, 2007).

“Sales Tax Exemption in the 50 States.” Paper presentation at annual conference of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (November, 2008).

Reviewer

Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research (2007-Present)

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly (2008)

Member

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action

Public Service Activities

Member: Task Force to End Chronic Homelessness (2008-09). Two-year appointment to advise county and city officials regarding implementation of plan to address homelessness.

Presentations

Human Resource Management, Mini-MPA, Hugo Wall School (2007-2008)

Strategic Management, Mini-MPA, Hugo Wall School (2007-2008)

Financial Management in NPOs, Nonprofit Executives Seminar, Hugo Wall School (2008)

How to Survive in an Era of Contracting, Nonprofit Executives Seminar, Hugo Wall School (2006)

Consulting Activities

Cultural Arts Plan, Center for Urban Studies, Hugo Wall School (2007-2008). Assist in assessment of cultural arts organizations for the City of Wichita.

Full Vita

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