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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., New York University, 1991

M.P.A., New York University, 1985

B.A., Cornell University, 1981

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

2015-2017. Coordinator, MPA Program, Political Science Department.

2013-present. Professor, Political Science Department, College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University

2012-2013. Professor, Public Policy Department, College of Education and Public Service, Saint Louis University

2006-2013. Chair, Public Policy Studies Department, College of Education and Public Service, Saint Louis University

1997 – 2012. Associate Professor, Public Policy Studies Department, College of Education and Public Service, Saint Louis University

1993-2008. Director, MPA Program, Public Policy Studies Department, College of Education and Public Service, Saint Louis University

1991 – 1997. Assistant Professor, Public Policy Studies Department, Saint Louis University

AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Public Administration: e-government, e-governance, civil society, policy process, reinventing government, public budgeting, local governance, public administration pedagogy, nonprofit management, comparative public administration

State and local politics: elections, campaign financing, policy making

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Cropf, R. (2017) *E-Government for Public Managers: Administering the Public Sphere*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Cropf, R. & Bagwell, T. (2016). *Ethical Issues and Citizen Rights in the Era of Digital Government Surveillance*. Hershey, PA: Information Science Reference.

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Papers and Presentations

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Cropf, R., Tranel, M., McBride, A. "Missouri Civic Health Index." Applied Research Seminar, Public Policy Research Center, University of Missouri—St. Louis, March 2014.

Cropf, R., Loutzenhiser, K.,

Cropf, R. "The Season of Stuff," Presented at Missouri Votes Conservation in St. Louis, MO, December 2010.

Nyirenda, J. & **Cropf, R.** "The Prospects for eGovernment and eGovernance in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Case-Study of Zambia." Presented at the annual meeting of Americas' Conference of Information Systems in San Francisco, CA, August 2009.

Cropf, R., Giancola, J. & Loutzenhiser, K. "Using Student-written Case Studies to Foster Engaged Learning in Public Affairs Programs." Presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration in Seattle, WA, October 2007.

Kohler, J., **Cropf, R.** & Loutzenhiser, K. "Using Case-Studies to Connect with the Adult Learner in Undergraduate and Graduate Public Administration Programs." Presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration in Minneapolis, MN, October 2006.

Cropf, R. "Cuba: Mass Organizations and Civil Society." Presented at the 18th Conference of Cuban Research Network in Havana, Cuba, June 2006.

Adams, D. & **Cropf, R.** "Analysis of Tax Increment Financing Outcomes in a County in Missouri." Presented at International Conference on Social Science Research, Orlando, FL, December 2005.

Cropf, R. & Kohler, J. "Creating an Accelerated Joint BA-MPA Degree Program for Adult Learners." Robert A. Cropf and Jennifer Kohler. Presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration in Washington, D.C., October 2005.

Adams, D., **Cropf, R.** & Coffin, S. "Tax Increment Financing in St. Louis County, Missouri." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2005.

Cropf, R. & Casaregola, V. "Virtual Town Halls." Presented at Walter J. Ong Colloquium, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, September 2003.

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Cropf, R. & Casaregola, V. "Information Networks and Community Knowledge Structures." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New York City, September 1994.

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Cropf, R. & Wendel, G.D. "Municipal Debt and the Politics of Development." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1993.

Cropf, R. & Casaregola, V. "Community and Information Networks." Presented at the General Assembly of the World Future Society, Washington, D.C, July 1993.

Other Non-Refereed Publications:

"How to fix America's debt problem," *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://www.stlbeacon.org/voices/in-the-news/113590-how-to-fix-americas-debt-problem>.

"Solving the U.S. debt puzzle," *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://www.stlbeacon.org/voices/in-the-news/113315-solving-the-us-debt-puzzle>.

"Can the 'super committee' fix the budget," *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://stlbeacon.org/voices/in-the-news/112206-inner-optimist-on-budget-super-committee>.

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"What happens if we don't raise the debt ceiling?" *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://stlbeacon.org/voices/in-the-news/111523-what-happens-if-we-dont-raise-the-debt-ceiling>.

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"Debate budget; don't destroy credit," *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://www.stlbeacon.org/voices/in-the-news/107316-debate-budget-dont-destroy-credit>.

"The season of stuff," *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://www.stlbeacon.org/voices/in-the-news/107112-the-season-of-stuff>.

"Lessons from the 2010 election," *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://www.stlbeacon.org/voices/in-the-news/106867-lessons-from-2010-election-by-cropf>.

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"No on Proposition A," *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://www.stlbeacon.org/voices/in-the-news/105512-no-on-prop-a-by-robert-cropf>.

"Two criteria by which to judge tax plans," *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://www.stlbeacon.org/voices/in-the-news/100311>.

"Clean energy legislation would support green jobs," *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://www.stlbeacon.org/voices/in-the-news/12390>.

"Health care reform can pay for itself in the long run," *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://www.stlbeacon.org/voices/columnists/10709>.

"What's good about the city earning tax?" *The St. Louis Beacon*, <http://www.stlbeacon.org/voices/in-the-news/10401>.

"Growing Missouri's economy a nice, bright green," *The St. Louis Beacon*, http://www.stlbeacon.org/in_the_news/growing_missouri_s_economy_a_nice_bright_green.

"Tax change could devastate Missouri's economy and penalize the poor," *The St. Louis Beacon*,
http://www.stlbeacon.org/in_the_news/tax_change_could_devastate_state_economy_and_penalize_the_poor.

"Does CWIP protect consumers from higher bills?" *The St. Louis Beacon*,
http://www.stlbeacon.org/missouri_issues/does_cwip_protect_consumers_from_higher_bills_or_simply_delay_the_reckoning.

"How much is Obama's stimulus worth to Missouri?" *The St. Louis Beacon*,
http://www.stlbeacon.org/in_the_news/how_much_is_obamas_stimulus_worth_to_missouri.

"The economic storm was years in the making." *The St. Louis Beacon*,
http://www.stlbeacon.org/voices/in_the_news/economic_storm_was_years_in_the_making.

"Is the Internet improving the quality of politics?" *The St. Louis Beacon*,
http://www.stlbeacon.org/issues_politics/election_analysis/internet_is_it_improving_the_quality_of_american_politics.

External Grant Activity:

Wyman Center Proposal. 2011. Submitted \$978,129 grant proposal to Wayman Center to create a Center on Youth Development to be housed in the Department of Public Policy Studies. Submitted with Scott Cummings (Public Policy Studies) and Michael Vaughn (Social Work). Not funded.

BNSF Foundation Future of Rail Grant. 2011. Received \$45,000 to create a state-of-the-art on-line graduate course on the future of U.S. rail transportation. Submitted with Don Stump (English) and James Scott (Film Studies).

Evaluation of Corporation for Public Broadcasting's Community Information Network Grant Awarded to St. Louis Community Development Corporation. 2001 and 1999. Conducting an evaluation of the Community Information Network (CIN) as part of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's Community Information Network's \$25,000 grant. Funded both years.

Evaluation of OMBWatch Grant to FOCUS St. Louis. 1999. Conducted an evaluation of the use of OMBWatch Nonprofit and Technology Pilot Project grant (\$5,300). Funded.

Mayor Bosley's Advisory Committee on Reorganizing City Government. 1995. Co-principal investigator with George Wendel a \$30,000 grant proposal for studying and making recommendations on reorganizing municipal government in the city of St. Louis.

Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPC) Project LIFE. 1996. Wrote the Department of Public Policy's part of the \$815,000 grant proposal. Not funded.

HUD Community Renaissance Fellows. 1996. Co-wrote the Department of Public Policy's part of the \$3.1 million grant proposal. Not funded.

Internal Grant Activity:

Recipient of the Saint Louis University Beaumont award (\$5,000) in 2004 and 2005 and a summer research award in 2006.

Professional Service:

Member, editorial board of International Journal of Electronic Government Research

Member, editorial board of International Journal of Information Communication Technologies and Human Development

Member, editorial board of Advances in Knowledge Communities and Social Networks Book Series

Memberships in Professional Societies

American Society for Public Administration.

Association for Information Systems

Information Resources Management Association

World Future Society

Awards and Honors

Who's Who in America 2009-2010 edition

Saint Louis University Graduate Student Association Mentor's Award 2002