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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Assistant Professor, Public Service and Administration from September 1, 2019  
Bush School of Government, *Texas A&M University*

Post-Doctoral Researcher, School of Governance 2017-2019  
*Utrecht University*, Netherlands

Carlos Cantu Post-Doctoral Fellow, Political Science 2016  
Project for Equity, Representation & Governance, *Texas A&M University*

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station 2016  
*Fields*: Public Administration & Public Policy, Comparative Politics, Political Economy

M.P.A. Public and Economic Policy, London School of Economics & Political Science 2010

B.A. Political Science and Economics, Texas A&M University, College Station 2008

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Public Management, Bureaucratic Politics, Policy Feedback, Social Policy, Social Capital

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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(† *Open access publication*; ★ *Graduate student co-author*)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

Compton, Mallory E., Matthew Young, Justin Bullock, and Robert Greer. Accepted.  
“Administrative Errors and Race: Can technology mitigate inequitable administrative outcomes?” *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory*: muac036

†Compton, Mallory E., Scott Douglas, Lauren Fahy★, Joannah Luetjens★, Paul 't Hart, and Judith van Erp. 2022. “Walk on the bright side: What might we learn about public governance by studying its achievements?” *Public Money & Management* 42(1): 49-51.

†Compton, Mallory E. 2021. “Serving the Unemployed: Do more generous social insurance programs provide better quality service?” *Korean Journal of Policy Studies* 36(3):1-11.

Nesbit, Rebecca, Laurie Paarlberg, and Mallory E. Compton. 2020. “Who is My Neighbor?: The Effect of Racial In-Group Representation and Residential Isolation on Volunteering,” *Politics, Groups & Identities* 8(5):918-936.

†Compton, Mallory E., Johanna Luetjens\*, and Paul 't Hart. 2019. "Designing for Policy Success" *International Review of Public Policy* 1(2): 119-146.

Meier, Kenneth J., Mallory E. Compton, Miyeon Song, John Polga-Hecimovich, and Cameron Wimpy. 2019. "Bureaucracy and the Failure of Politics: Challenges to Democratic Governance" *Administration & Society* 51(10): 1576-1605.

Compton, Mallory E. and Christine S. Lipsmeyer. 2019. "Everybody Hurts Sometimes: Pocketbook and Sociotropic Policy Preferences in Context," *Journal of Politics* 81(2): 539-551.

†Compton, Mallory E. 2018. "Less Bang for Your Buck? How Social Capital Constrains the Effectiveness of Social Welfare Spending," *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 18(3): 215-245.

Compton, Mallory E., and Kenneth J. Meier. 2016. "Managing Social Capital and Diversity for Performance in Public Organizations." *Public Administration* 94(3): 609-29.

Meier, Kenneth J., Nathan Favero, and Mallory E. Compton, 2016. "Social Context, Management Strategies, and Organizational Performance: When Human Capital and Social Capital Serve as Substitutes," *Public Management Review* 18(2):258-277.

### Book

†Compton, Mallory E. and Paul 't Hart. (eds.) 2019. *Great Policy Successes*. Oxford (UK): Oxford University Press.

*Reviewed by:*

- McConnell, Allan. 2021. "Great Policy Successes" in *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice* 23(3): 389-90.

### Editor-Reviewed Articles & Chapters

†Compton, Mallory E. 2019. "Americans' Making of a Civic Generation" in *Great Policy Successes*. M. Compton and P. 't Hart, eds. Oxford (UK): Oxford University Press.

†Compton, Mallory E. and Paul 't Hart. 2019. "Looping to Success (and Failure): Second-order Mechanisms and Policy Outcomes" in *Making Policies Work: First and Second Order Mechanisms in Policy Design*. G. Capano, M. Howlett, and M. Ramesh, eds. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Compton, Mallory E., and Kenneth J. Meier. 2017 "Bureaucracy to Post-Bureaucracy: The Consequences of Political Failures" in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Business and Management*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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Under Review (*titles removed for work under review*)

- Paper on unemployment insurance policy preferences, with Andrew Philips, invited to resubmit

- Paper on bureaucratic errors and program complexity in public administration, with Matthew Young, Justin Bullock, and Rob Greer, invited to resubmit

#### Book Project

- *Unweaving a Nations Fabric: The dual face of social capital in American governance.* Co-authored volume with Kenneth J. Meier. Under contract with Michigan University Press.

#### Paper Projects in Development

- “Appealing to a Higher Power: the burden of redressing administrative errors”
- “Electoral cycles in administrative performance”
- “Sources of Insecurity: A Conjoint Experiment on the Determinants of Policy Preferences,” with Andrew Philips
- “Tolerance in the Classroom: Testing Strategies to Increase Tolerance across Polarized Lines,” with Jessica Gottlieb, Brittany Perry, and Jing Zhang\*
- “The Public Service Performance Consequences of Natural Disasters: an examination of unemployment insurance processing,” with Thomas Stuart\*

### **ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

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#### Working Paper

Compton, Mallory E. 2011. “Industrial Energy Efficiency in Developing Countries: A Background Note,” Vienna: United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Economic Research Working Paper No. 03/2011.

#### Data Products

Compton, Mallory E. 2020. *Unemployment Insurance Administrative Errors Dataset 2002-2018*. Texas A&M University Bush School of Government. Version 16 January 2020.

Compton, Mallory E., Polly Calderon, and Kenneth J. Meier. 2013. National Nursing Home Survey. College Station, TX: Project for Equity, Representation and Governance, Texas

#### Popularizing

Compton, Mallory E. and Paul ’t Hart. 2019. “Despite Brexit, there is still plenty to learn from government successes” *Oxford University Press Blog*. <https://blog.oup.com/2019/09/despite-brexit-there-is-still-plenty-to-learn-from-government-successes/> (17 September 2019).

Compton, Mallory E. and Paul ’t Hart. 2019. “Forget blunders – here’s what we can learn from great policy successes” *Civil Service World*. <https://www.civilserviceworld.com/articles/opinion/forget-blunders-%E2%80%93-here%E2%80%99s-what-we-can-learn-great-policy-successes> (18 September 2019).

Compton, Mallory E. and Paul ’t Hart. 2019. “Against negativism: what we can learn from great public policy successes” *Centre for Public Impact*. <https://www.centreforpublicimpact.org/negativism-can-learn-great-public-policy-successes/> (5 September 2019).

Compton, Mallory E., and Christine S. Lipsmeyer. 2019. "In the US, Preferences for More or Less Generous Social Policies Are Personal." *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*. <http://bit.ly/2u7C17p>.

Compton, Mallory E. 2019. "Economic Insecurity is Rising, and Social Capital May be Making it Worse." *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*. <http://bit.ly/2GVZVdK>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

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(\* Conference canceled)

### Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2014-2018
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Conference	2020-2022
European Political Science Association Annual Conference	2017, 2020*, 2021, 2022
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2012-2017, 2020*, 2021, 2022
Public Management Research Conference	2017
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2013-2016

### Invited Talks

"Tolerance in the Classroom," to the Race and Ethnic Studies Institute, Texas A&M University, November 2021.

"Mistakes Happen," to the First Annual Data Workshop @TAMUPOLS, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, January 2020.

"Mistakes Happen: The Economic and Social Determinants of Unemployment Insurance Performance," to the Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy Conference at University of Warwick, June 2019.

"Occasional Watchdogs or Coalition Pork? Oversight and Policy in Coalition Government," to the Comparative Political Economy Workshop at University of Konstanz, July 2018.

"Bureaucracy in the Trump administration: Redefining a balance of power?," Pop-Up Lecture to the Utrecht University School of Governance, February 2017

"EITM in Practice: On the Determinants of Individual Preferences for Social Insurance," with Andrew Philips, to the EITM Summer Academy, University of Houston, June 2015.

"Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Optimizing Agent Choice," to the EITM Summer Academy at the University of Houston, June 2014.

### Invited Conferences

\*Conference on Coalition Politics, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, May 2020

“Dynamic Transformational Mechanisms in Policy Success and Failure,” to The Governance Design Network workshop, Florence, Italy, November 2017.

“Successful Public Governance,” to The Dahrendorf Workshop: Is European integration happening on the ground?, Hertie School, Berlin, June 2017.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, Bush School of Government & Public Service

### *Graduate Courses*

Social Welfare and Health Policy	Spring 2021
Public Management	Spring 2020-2022
Foundations of Public Service	Fall 2019-2022

### *Doctoral Advising*

*Member:* Francesco Bromo, Political Science, PhD pre-candidate  
*Member:* Jonghoon Lee, Political Science, PhD candidate  
*Member:* Brenna Armstrong, Political Science, PhD candidate  
*Member:* Thiago de Miranda Queriroz, Political Science, PhD candidate  
*Member:* Christy Phillips, 2022 (Analyst with Phillips, Fractor, & Company)

UTRECHT UNIVERSITY, School of Governance

Master’s Thesis Seminar in Public Governance	2019
Managing Global Problems	Spring 2018 & 2019
Achieving Successful Public Governance	Spring & Fall 2018
Public Administration and Organisations	Fall 2017 & 2018

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, Department of Political Science

Politics and Bureaucracy	Spring & Fall 2016
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## AWARDS & HONORS

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Silver Star Faculty Award, Public Service & Administration Dept.	2021, 2022
Research Fellow, Mosbacher Institute for Trade, Economics, and Public Policy	2021
ADVANCE NCFDD Faculty Success Fellow, Texas A&M University	2020
EITM UK Continuous Monitoring Survey Experiment Contest Winner	2014
EITM Summer Academy Scholarship, University of Houston	2014
Summertime for Advancement in Research (STAR) Award, Texas A&M	2015

## GRANTS

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T3: Texas A&M Triads for Transformation, for “Testing Strategies to Increase Tolerance Across Polarized Lines,” \$30,000	2020
APSA Annual Conference Travel Grant	2018
Professional Development Grants, Texas A&M:	
<i>College of Liberal Arts</i>	2012, 2013 & 2014
<i>Department of Political Science</i>	2012 & 2013
<i>Project for Equity, Representation, &amp; Governance</i>	2012
Prestage Cook Travel Award Grant, Southern Political Science Association	2013

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.	
Academic Visitor with the Center on Labor, Human Services & Population	2012
Overseas Development Institute, London, U.K.	
Research Intern, International Economic Development Group	Summer 2007 & 2009

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Faculty Success Program	2020
Educate-it Winter Course for Teaching, REBO, Utrecht University	2018
Quantitative Text Analysis, University of Essex Summer School in Social Science	2017
Grant Writing Workshop, Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts	2015
Spatial Econometrics, University of Essex Summer School in Social Science	2014
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Academy, Univ. of Houston	2014
Pooled Time Series Cross Sectional Data Analysis, University of Essex Summer School	2013
Maximum Likelihood Estimation, University of Essex Summer School in Social Science	2013
Dynamic Models, Concordia University, Montreal	2013
Hierarchical Linear Modeling for Longitudinal Data, ICPSR Workshop, Boulder, CO	2012
Analysis of Multilevel Models using Stata, ICPSR Statistical Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI	2012

## CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

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American Political Science Association  
European Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	
Advisor, Texas Lyceum Fellow	2021
Advisor, Bush School Pride Network	2021-
Member, MPSA Admissions Committee	2019-

### INVITED REVIEWER

*American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Electoral Studies, International Journal of Public Sector Management, International Public Management Journal, International Review of Administrative Sciences, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Administrative Research & Theory, Korean Journal of Policy Studies, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Policy & Society, Policy Studies, Policy Studies Journal, Public Administration, Public Administration Review, Public Management Review, Public Performance & Management Review, Publius, and State Politics & Policy Quarterly*