



WICHITA STATE
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HUGO WALL SCHOOL
OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Spring Public Finance Conference on Bridging Theory and Practice

May 1st to 2nd 2025

Wichita State University Hugo Wall School of Public Finance

In an era of complex fiscal challenges, the intersection of academic research and practical decision-making in public finance is more crucial than ever. The application of research insights to real-world fiscal issues enhances policy formulation, resource management, and community welfare. Connecting the knowledge and expertise of scholars with the experience and needs of practitioners strengthens the field, fostering informed strategies that support transparency, sustainability, and equity in public finance.

The conference is sponsored by the Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs at Wichita State University, University of Nebraska at Omaha - School of Public Administration, and Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). We seek proposals that examine these and other policy issues at the national and subnational levels in domestic and international contexts utilizing a variety of empirical methods. We are particularly interested in papers that provide practical insights for state and local government officers on addressing their current budgeting and financial management challenges. Proposals will be reviewed and competitively selected by a committee consisting of the following members

David Guo, Wichita State University
Zachary Mohr, University of Kansas
Xiaoheng Wang, Wichita State University
Zhiwei Zhang, Kansas State University

Possible areas include, but are not limited to:

- Tax policy and administration;
- Fiscal Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations;
- Infrastructure Financing and Development;
- Tax Incentives and Economic Developments;
- Fiscal sustainability;
- Behavioral and Experimental Public Finance;
- Transparency and Accountability in Public Finance;
- Public pension management and investment;
- Intersections between climate, disaster management, and budget policy;

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- Social equity in public budgeting and tax policy;
- Big Data and AI in Public Finance
- Federal budgeting challenges and reforms;
- Current developments in state and local finance;
- Current challenges in Municipal Bond Market

Deadline for proposals: Jan 15th, 2025

Proposals should include title, abstract, authors, and contact information for the submitting author. Abstracts should not be longer than two pages. Accepted participants will be notified by Jan 31st, 2025. The author(s) should have a full draft of the paper to share with the discussants two weeks prior to the presentation date.

Participants may be asked to serve as discussants. Travel reimbursement may be available to cover up to \$1,000 in travel costs for one author per paper. Meals will be provided.

Proposals should be submitted to Dr. David Guo (david.guo@wichita.edu)

Location & Schedule

The conference will take place at the Drury Plaza Hotel 400 W Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS 67202. The conference will begin at 12:00 pm on Thursday, May 1st and will end at 4:30 pm on Friday, May 2nd. Registration, Hotel and Travel Information will be available in early March 2025.