Call for Papers

Journal of Behavioral Public Administration Symposium

Taking "Behavioral" in Behavioral Public Administration Literally

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Behavioral Public Administration is an interdisciplinary field that takes insights from many social sciences. The purpose of this symposium is two-fold:

1. To showcase Behavioral Public Administration research that takes 'behavioral' literally by focusing on revealed behavior as the explanatory or explained variable, and
2. To explore the different meanings of "behavioral" across the disciplines that contribute to Behavioral Public Administration and how these could be infused to the study of Behavioral Public Administration.

We especially welcome substantive research papers on taking the term "behavioral" in Behavioral Public Administration literally—what affects behaviors and what do behaviors affect?

We are also interested in summary papers that enlighten readers to how a specific area of science or social science views the term "behavioral," for example, the psychology of decision-making, behavioral sociology, behavioral genetics, political behavior, behavioral ethics, and so on, and what insights that field can provide to Behavioral Public Administration. Summary papers are encouraged to synthesize how theories and methodologies of areas of science can help inform and advance the study of public administration from a behavioral perspective. These papers will be part of JBPA's 'Perspectives & Practices' format for theoretical perspectives or 'Research Syntheses' format if a meta-analysis or systematic review.

About JBPA:

The *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration* (www.journal-bpa.org) is a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary open access journal that focuses on behavioral and experimental research in public administration, broadly defined. The journal welcomes behavioral and experimental work that advances theory, applied research about nudge tactics or other practical reforms, replications of previous experimental work, and studies with null findings (provided they are well designed and sufficiently powered). Given its multidisciplinary orientation, *JBPA* welcomes articles from across the behavioral sciences, including economics, public policy, political science, psychology, sociology, law, communication, and even biology --provided they have relevance for public administration theory or practice. *JBPA* encourages submissions of both basic scholarly and applied work conducted by academics or practitioners. Likewise, *JBPA*'s readership includes not only behavioral scientists with an interest in public administration but also policy-makers and practitioners in the public and nonprofit sectors. Submission types include research articles, research letters, perspectives and practices, and research syntheses.

Research articles are up to 4,000 words, excluding appendices.

Research letters are up to 2,000 words in length, excluding appendices. They include applied trials (e.g., nudge tactics by government agencies), replications, or other empirical studies that can be presented in a more concise format.

Perspectives and practices are submissions that focus on theoretical perspectives on behavioral public administration, or that discuss practical issues involved in applying behavioral science in government or nonprofit settings. These submissions are up to 4,000 words in length.

Research syntheses are up to 8,000 words and include meta-analyses or systematic reviews that seek to integrate and learn from a body of previous empirical work related to behavioral public administration.