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### CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, 2018-present

### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Affairs, Indiana University Bloomington, 2017  
Fields: Public Finance and Policy Analysis; Minor: Statistical Science

M.A., Applied Economics, Johns Hopkins University, 2012

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Economics and History, University of Florida, 2009

### PUBLICATIONS

**Spreen, T. L.** (2018). The effect of flat tax rates on taxable income: Evidence from the Illinois rate increase. *National Tax Journal*, 71(2), 231-262.

Gerrish, E. & **Spreen, T. L.** (2017). Does benchmarking encourage improvement or convergence? Evaluating North Carolina's fiscal benchmarking tool. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 27(4), 596-614.

**Spreen, T. L.** & Cheek, C. M. (2016). Does monitoring local government fiscal conditions affect outcomes? Evidence from Michigan. *Public Finance Review*, 44(6), 722-745.

**Spreen, T. L.** (2013). Recent college graduates in the U.S. labor force: data from the Current Population Survey. *Monthly Labor Review*, 136(2), 3-13.

### WORKING PAPERS

"Bad Medicine? The Effect of the Illinois Income Tax Increase on Municipal Borrowing Costs." Revise & resubmit.

"Benchmarking Fiscal Outcomes: The Role of Employee Training" with Whitney Afonso and Ed Gerrish. Under review.

"The Impact of Varying Financial Incentives on Data Quality in Web Panel Surveys" with Lisa House and Zhifeng Gao. Under review.

"Income Taxation and Occupational Choice" with Brad Heim.

"Nonprofit Death Spirals: Balance Sheet Insolvency and Contribution Revenue in Nonprofit Organizations" with Travis St.Clair.

"Tax-Induced Program Participation: Do Families Use Food Stamps to Offset Income Taxes?"

### REPORTS AND REVIEWS

**Spreen, T. L.**, Palmer, J. L., & Johnson, C. L. (2015). *The opportunities and challenges of benchmarking Indiana's local governments*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University Public Policy Institute.

**Spreen, T. L.** (2011). A commentary on socioeconomic data. Review of *Interpreting Economic and Social Data: A Foundation of Descriptive Statistics*, by O. W. Winkler. *Monthly Labor Review*, 134(8), 36-37.

**Spreen, T. L.** (2010). Ranks of those unemployed for a year or longer up sharply. *Issues in Labor Statistics*, October 2010. Washington, DC: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Michael Curro Award, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, 2017  
Summer Fellowship, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University Bloomington, 2016  
Best Paper in Public Finance, Association of SPEA Ph.D. Students 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 2015  
University Scholar, Warrington College of Business Administration, University of Florida, 2008  
Florida Academic Scholars Award, Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, 2006-2009

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2018 National Tax Association (scheduled), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (scheduled), Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (scheduled)
- 2017 University of Maryland, University of Kentucky, National Tax Association, Naval Postgraduate School, University of Georgia, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Congressional Budget Office, Public Management Research Association, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- 2016 National Tax Association (poster), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
- 2015 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Central Indiana Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants
- 2014 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Indiana University Bloomington: Financial Management (undergraduate, 4 sections)

## **SERVICE**

Reviewer, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Monthly Labor Review*, *Public Budgeting & Finance*

Conference Discussant, National Tax Association

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Postdoctoral Associate, Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida, 2017-2018

Indiana University Bloomington

Associate Instructor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, 2015-2017

Economic Research Associate, Indiana Business Research Center, 2015

Research Assistant, Indiana University Public Policy Institute, 2012-2015

Economist, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 2009-2012